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Quick Hits

HPS has a new school plan

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Public School District has heard your voices.

Superintendent leelah Ahmed recently posted a message to families on her district Facebook page that kindergarten through 8th grade students in the portable classrooms on the Kosciuszko Middle School grounds will not be moving to the new building on Conant Ave.

The district recently took a survey about that plan, and Ahmed said that the feedback was fairly consistent: common thread that was shared by our parents is it is important to them to have a neighborhood school, and it was important to them that we continue to offer kindergarten through 8th grade" at Kosciuszko Middle School.

It gets better.

Ahmed said that federal funding will allow the district to build an addi-

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Census county shows Hamtramck's population increased by 28 percent

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's population exploded in the last 10 years.

The results of the 2020 US Census were recently released, and to the surprise of many, the city's headcount increased by 28 percent since the last census in 2010.

That percentage crease translates into 6,010 more people who live here.

To look at it from another perspective, we went from 22,423 people to 28,433.

"This is really good news," said Mayor Karen Majewski, in her weekly address to the community via the city's Facebook page. "We were woefully undercounted in 2010."



The 2020 Census results are out, and Hamtramck has plenty to celebrate. Our population increased by a little over 6,000 people. That means the city will qualify for more state and federal grants, and see more money for road repair. File photo

However, Majewski is population city's count.

"We know it's more than that," she said.

still skeptical about the ing the city with Census information against them. counts is that many immigrant families who live here don't fill out Census forms for fear that the

A huge challenge fac- government will use that

Census information, by law, is kept private, and is not shared with other go-

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Friends of former Kelly's Bar owner Brad Ruff paid their respects Tuesday evening after news of his death over the weekend was confirmed.

COAST of the TOWN

Kelly's bar owner killed by alleged drunk driver

By Charles Sercombe

Every once in a while, Toast has to deliver bad news.

This column is usually about the exciting, fun things happening in town.

But pardon us for making an exception, this time, to express our sorrow over the passing of Kelly's bar owner Brad Ruff.

Yes, Brad died.

He died while driving a motorcycle with his wife, Patti, on the back seat.

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Jaywalking ticket sparks accusations

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck police have suspended their crackdown on jaywalkers and other pedestrian law enforcement after the controversial arrest of a man on the southend last Saturday.

It's a complicated matter, and one that prompted a community meeting in city hall on Wednesday afternoon and later, that day, the city council held a special meeting to discuss the matter.

At the Wednesday afternoon meeting, about 20 people attended, mostly from the Yemeni-American community and most of whom were identified as community leaders. The man who was arrest-



The arrest of a man for disorderly conduct and jaywalking set off swift criticism of how the police department handled the matter. This screenshot comes from a recording posted on Facebook about the arrest.

ed, whose name has not been released by the police department, is a Yemeni-American. He was not at the meeting.

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Jaywalking ticket sparks accusations

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Police Chief Anne Moise gave some background information on the pedestrian enforcement program and showed a recording taken from a patrol car camera of events leading up to the arrest.

The officer did not have a body camera, so the police car recording does not show all of the encounters that followed or what was entirely said.

The recording started off showing an officer warn a person getting into their vehicle that they had just jaywalked across Jos. Campau, near Good-

As the officer was writing up a warning notice, another man appears in front of the vehicle, and attempts to walk across the street. That's when the officer yelled out for the man to stop, and instead go to the nearest cross walk.

That man, who was later arrested, shouted back to the officer: "That's f---- stupid."

That man leaves the scene without further incident.

After the officer finished with the warning ticket, he started to drive off when yet another person is warned not to cross the street where there is no crosswalk.

And that's where the man who shouted at the officer once again appears, out of view of the police recording, and is once again heard shouting obscenities at the of-

This is when the officer demands to see his identification. The man repeatedly asks for a reason, and insists he doesn't not have to produce an ID.

After some back and forth, the officer then announces to the man that he is under arrest for being disorderly. However, in another recording by a bystander, the officer does warn the man to present an ID, or be arrested for obstruction. The man still refused.

That recording was not shown to community members gathered at the Wednesday meeting.

The man was arrested without further incident, and he was also issued a ticket for jaywalking after being arrested.

That police recording of events prompted a lively discussion at the Wednesday meeting.

State Rep. Abraham Aiyash, whose district includes Hamtramck, and is a Hamtramck resident, offered some pointed criticisms, saying that the officer never told the man who was arrested that he was being issued a ticket for iavwalking.

The man had repeatedly asked the officer why he was asking for his ID and whether he had done something wrong. The officer did not respond to those questions, according to the police recording of events.

Aiyash pointed out, after watching the recording of the police camera recording, that the officer's continued demand to see an ID didn't make sense.

"This is not the Taliban," Aiyash said.

Aiyash said the officer's conduct was "unreasonable."

"The optics of the city looks terrible now," he added.

The arrest of the man recorded by a bystander, which the police recording does not show, was posted on various Hamtramck Facebook pages. That scene alarmed a number of residents, and there was swift criticism of the officers on the scene.

Details about the events leading up to the arrest had not been released to the public by the police department prior to Wednesday's meeting. Also prior to Wednesday's meeting, Chief Moise did not respond to an email from The Review asking for an explanation of events.

What also came to light in this incident was that had a grant to enforce pedestrian safety laws.

That surprised some elected officials and the public, who said they had no knowledge of the grant or the enforcement program.

City Manager Kathy Angerer explained that, back in October of 2020. the city council approved a small state grant for \$8,000, which required the city to kick in an additional \$2,000, to concentrate on pedestrian safety – including handing out warning tickets to violators of jaywalking, or even issuing regular tickets.

Hamtramck has dozens of pedestrian injuries from cars each year, and residents have been, technically, jaywalking across streets for decades.

In a note from the city administration to the city council about the grant, it was explained:

"This grant program provides the federal funding to assist law enforcement officers to implement a high visibility traffic enforcement program designed to protect pedestrians and to educate community members about illegal/ dangerous walking and driving behaviors and to enforce these traffic laws. ..."

At the time of the council's approval last October, there was no resistance to the grant. Councilmembers who approved the grant were: Ian Perrotta, Andrea Karpinski, Nayeem Choudhury, Fadel Al-Marsoumi, Mohammed Alsomiri and Mohammed Hassan.

Chief Moise said she stepped up enforcement this month because the grant was about to expire at the end of September, and the city was under a requirement to show that enforcement was made.

She said the department had lagged behind in the program because of the Covid pandemic, which greatly reduced the interaction of officers and the public for the past several months.

But that explanation only prompted pushback.

"To all of a sudden say we're going to enforce something is so tone deaf," Aiyash said.

Chief Moise admitted that the department failed to get the word out about the enforcement program.

"I take full responsibilitv." she said.

City Manager Angerer also agreed that the city needs to do a better job of messaging to the community.

Moise noted that the department had stepped up enforcement of pedestrian laws in areas of the city that the state had pinpointed as high-accident zones, which includes the intersection areas of Jos. Campau and Caniff, and Campau and Holbrook, as well as several areas on Campau in the south-

Quick Hits

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tion to Kosciuszko Middle school - meaning a third floor will be added on to the two-story building.

"We are so excited about this new developthe police department ment," Ahmed said in her

Facebook posting.

How is this being paid for?

Through a federal \$35 million grant from the CARES Act.

As for the plans for the building, located at Conant and Holbrook, it will still be put to use for other purposes. Details will be released soon.

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Second Front Page

Mayor: Mask up, Covid variants are now spreading

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is still stuck in the double digits.

We're talking about the number of new COVID-19 cases each week. In her weekly update on Covid. via the city's Facebook page, Mayor Karen Majewski once again reported that the number of new cases remains stubbornly high.

Last week, she said, there were 24 new cases, bringing the total for the past year-and-a-half to 2,820.

The good news is that there are no new deaths attributed to the disease. So, that means the number of deaths from Covid remains at 54 for the same period of time.

Why is Covid hanging around and, in fact, surg-

Blame it on the Delta variant, which now accounts for over 80 percent of the new Covid cases. And, also, blame it on the unvaccinated.



They account for 97 percent of new cases.

Hamtramck isn't the only place experiencing an uptick in cases. In the US, there are 100,000 new Covid cases per day. Yes, that's per day.

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is listing Wayne County has a hotspot for Covid, designating that there is "substantial risk" of becoming infected there.

Given those alarming statistics, health

cials are once again recommending to mask up - some even suggesting double masking, or N95 masks.

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"We need to be extra vigilant," Majewski said. "People are going back to masks."

Need to get a shot, but don't know where to turn?

Locally, it's just these two locations that have the vaccines, at least this week:

- CVS Pharmacy, Jos. Campau and Holbrook
- · Health First Medical Center, 9324 Conant, Suite A Moving on, the mayor

could hardly contain herself over the findings of the 2020 national Census count. reported Hamtramck

a 26.8 percent increase in its population, which translates to an additional 6.010 people who call Hamtramck home.

Officially, the city has a total population of 28,433 people. That jump in the population, percentage-wise, is the highest in Wayne County.

This means the city will be eligible for increased funding from various government grants.

"This is really good news," Majewski "We were woefully undercounted in 2010."

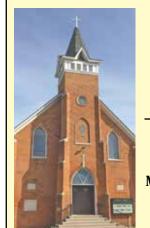
Majewski also gave a weekly update on the city's flooding issues. Majewski reminded residents that there is still time to apply to FEMA for money to replace appliances from the June flooding, or for repairs to structural damage to your residence.

And to make matters easier, FEMA representatives are in city hall this week to help residents fill out applications to get that FEMA funding.

The mayor makes her live Facebook address every Monday at 8:30 a.m., but it can be replayed at any time after that, since it is recorded.

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on July 13, and all councilmembers were present.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury was allowed to talk about his father, who had recently died of COVID-19 while visiting Bangladesh.

Choudhury said his step-mother had also just

He said his father was a "community servant."

"He helped so many folks" in the 1990s, who had just moved to Hamtramck to find a place to live, Choudhury said.

Choudhury said that his father was in Bangladesh to help repair a school in his village.

After that, a presentation was made on the city's water distribution system. The study, performed by Hennessey Engineers, said the city is "on par" with other similar-sized communities' abilities to provide water service.

Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasley asked what improvements could be made to the system.

Tiffany Neubig, of Hennessey, said the age of the system is a concern.

During public comment, Angela Fortino complained about the recent basement floodings, and the city's ability to handle the

crisis. She said the city should have been providing more information to residents

on resources for help. Nasr Hussain questioned why the city plans to replace sidewalk slabs in front of vacant lots and

businesses. He said the owners of those properties should pay for their own re-

The city has scheduled sidewalk slabs that need to be replaced in the following streets:

- Denton between Lumpkin and Joseph Campau
- · Alice between Lumpkin and Joseph Campau
- Lumpkin between Den-

ton and Holbrook

replacement.

St. Aubin between Denton and Holbrook

This plan was passed by the city council in response to complaints about an initial citywide replacement sidewalk proposal, where property owners would have paid for their slabs that need

Instead, of going with that plan, the council agreed to budget \$100,000 from a state road repair fund to begin the program, one small section of the city per year.

It was later explained to Hussain that people in the neighborhood still use sidewalks that are in front of vacant lots and businesses.

Another resident agreed with Hussain, saying the city should focus on sidewalk slabs where people Later in the meeting,

City Attorney James Allen explained that the city is required to maintain sidewalks, and that lawsuits involving trip and falls on sidewalks usually cost the city, on average, about

\$100,000 per lawsuit. The council later awarded a contract to Audia

Concrete to do the sidewalk project. The cost of the project came in at \$93,000.

The council unanimously agreed to the plan.

Kit Parks said that, when police officers step up patrols in neighborhoods, it leads to racial profiling.

"Police do make mistakes that could lead to significant trauma," Parks

From time to time, residents have asked for extra police patrols in their neighborhood - usually to

cut down on speeders. Farhana Islam also spoke out against "more police presence." Islam said young people do not "recognize" officers as "protectors and friends."

Mark Koroi, an attorney, said the police department needs a civilian oversight commission to help the department focus on the needs of the community.

In a public hearing for a zoning variance request for a residence at 3000 Holbrook Ave., Nasr Hussain asked what kind of business would be conducted there.

The owner of the building is requesting to have it rezoned to allow a business to operate. The city's Community and

Economic Development Director, Mara Braciszewski, said that there is already a tax service operating out of the building. She said she was not sure what the owner intended to do with the property.

The council later ap-

proved the request. Mayor Karen Majewski

announced suddenly that, in the council's vote to approve the consent agenda, there was not a unanimous vote in favor of that motion.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari had voted against the motion. Majewski said that, according to the council's rules, a vote on a consent agenda has to be unanimous, or otherwise the items in that agenda have to be voted on separately.

Almasmari had objected to allowing voting precinct

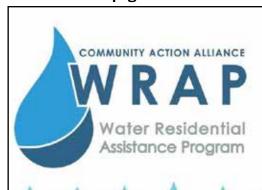
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Kelly's bar owner killed by alleged drunk driver

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They went through an intersection in a residential area in Eastpointe last Sunday, Aug. 15, around 7:30 in the evening, when a driver blew through a stop sign and crashed into them, according to a press release issued by the Eastpointe Police Department.

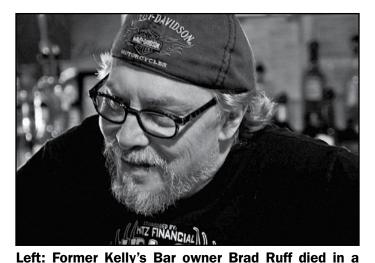
Brad, 64, was dead at the scene.

Patti, 58, survived, but has multiple broken bones in her left leg.

the driver who crashed into Brad and Patti has a prior drunk driving record, and that alcohol "is believed to be the contributing factor" in this acci-

One of the charges he faces is that he was driving with a high alcohol blood level.

Eric Jermaine Compton, 39, of Eastpointe is facing multiple felony charges, and is being held on a \$750,000 bond. Comp-Eastpointe police say ton initially fled the scene



motorcycle accident Sunday evening. His wife, Patti, on the right, was also injured in the crash but will survive. File photos

in a car that was following him, but police later arrested him without incident.

This is tragic on so many levels. Both Patti and Brad had just closed that previous Monday on the sale of their bar, located on Holbrook Ave.

They were both planning to retire somewhere out west, maybe Arizona.

Kelly's is one the last surviving dive bars in Hamtramck. Beers were cheap, and the bar enjoyed a reputation for its kitchen.

Burgers, hotdogs, Friday fish fries, you couldn't beat those good eats for the price.

During the pandemic, when bars were closed down, they did a bustling takeout business.

The bar was also known for hosting live music. We first became acquainted with Brad and Patti when their bar became the new home to local blues bands back in 2010.

That was after the former Attic Bar on Jos. Campau, known back then as the "Home of the Blues," closed down.

That scene moved on over to Kelly's, and blues musicians and their fans were welcomed with open arms by Brad.

"We kind of stumbled on it by accident," Ruff told The Review back then. "Now they (bar patrons) call it the new At-

Ruff looked like a blues cat, too: he wore his Kangol-style cap backwards, had a soul patch on his distinctive raspy voice.

He was a pretty good cook, and he was a consistent winner in the chili contests held by PLAV Post 10. His secret ingredient, he would tell anyone who asked: "Viagra."

Oh yeah, and he loved his motorcycle.

On Tuesday, evening, friends, former bar employees and patrons gathered outside the bar, which has been closed since it was sold, and held a vigil of sorts.

They took part of a fence from the bar's lot and wrote on it:

"We love you Brad, rest in punks."

Punks, you might won-

Kelly's was also home to the Punk Rock BBQ. The bar was also host to the annual Dead Last Car Club, held every August. That's where you could see the very best street rat rods - where the more rust, the better.

Back to Tuesday's gathering. There were a lot of remembrances shared.

Stacey MacLeod started the Punk Rock BBQ at Kelly's, and found Brad and Patti receptive right from the get-go.

"They did whatever I wanted," she said. "It turned into this love fest with us. It was like, come on be a weirdo."

Johnathan Nadeau said "never stopped working. He was one of

Nadeau met his fiancé, DeAnnah Kleitz-Singleton, at the bar.

DeAnnah said Brad was kind of like a mentor. "He invested in people," she

The new owner of the bar, who also owns Marble Bar near Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, has said that he plans to keep the dive bar look and feel of Kelly's, but will also make a few improvements, according to media reports.

Rest easy Brad. Know chin, and spoke with a that many here loved you. And Patti, our thoughts go out to you, with wishes for a speedy recovery.

> So, raise a beer and a shot for a final toast to Brad.

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants, and at other events throughout the city.

Notice of Public Hearing Zoning Board of Appeals City of Hamtramck

The City of Hamtramck ZBA will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 6:00pm 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: ZBA, 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 the Community and Economic Development Department at (313) 800-5233 ext. 818.

The subject of the hearing is:

11410 Mackay St seeks a non-use variance to extend the fence beyond the building line per Article 10 section 3.01 of the Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance:

X—3.01 b) "...Privacy fences constructed along a side lot line shall be permitted to extend from the rear lot line to the front building line."

11410 Mackay St seeks a non-use variance to allow a six-foot fence in place of a fourfoot nonconforming fence per Article 10 section 1.06 of the Hamtramck Zoning

X—1.06 a) Structural alterations, enlargement, or re-erection are permissible only if such changes shall not increase the degree of nonconformity of the fence.

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In Our Opinion

School district follows Common-sense precautions

Bravo, Hamtramck Public Schools.

That is, bravo for requiring students and staff to wear masks when school returns in a few weeks.

You'd think that decision would be a no-brainer, but there are other districts where this has become not only controversial, but also physically confrontational.

Some school board meetings in the country have erupted into shouting matches – and worse - by those opposed to requiring mask wearing in schools.

And it should be mentioned that, unlike other districts across the country, there has been no pushback from parents – as far as we can tell. Hamtramck parents are aware of the danger posed by not taking a

common-sense health approach to safeguard our students and teach-

The Covid crisis is still with us, and we could see another spike in cases as variants begin to appear and infect people. We won't be surprised if the district has to once again suspend in-person learning, if the new strains of Covid continue to spread like wildfire.

Worse, these strains appear to be targeting kids. As of now, you have to be at least 12 years old to get a vaccination - which means many younger students are left vulnerable.

Parents who choose to keep their students home and continue to learn via online can stick with that option.

But the district is re-

quiring a commitment from parents to make sure their students actually participate in their daily lessons. Last year, a number of parents complained that their students could not focus on their virtual lessons.

The district also became concerned about a number of students who seemed to drop away from logging in for lessons.

can understand We why.

Teaching and learning require being in a classroom. Why? Because that forces students to focus on their lessons.

Overall, though, the district and the students rose to the challenge last year, as this Covid pandemic crippled a lot of our normal routines.

Odds & Ends

Helping hand... There is yet more potential recourse for residents who suffered issues with the June 25-26 flood in town.

Governor Whitmer announced recently that low-income residents of Wayne and Washtenaw Counties who were impacted by that weather-related issue can soon apply for a one-time federal Disaster Food Assistance Program payment.

For those eligible, the one-time payment to spend on food comes out to \$430 for a household of two, for example, or \$782 for a household

A very short-lived period of in-person applications has already come and gone, but you can still apply online. Visit Michigan. gov/FoodAssistance.

If you are approved, a Bridge Card will be issued

with the funds on it. Once your card is approved, it can be used the very next day, the press release stated.

To apply, you will need to verify household size and total income. Applicants will not be asked to provide citizenship or alien status, the release assured.

No end date was given for the program.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

How to deal with property tax and keep your home

Bv Eric Sabree

Wayne County Treasurer

The Wayne County Treasury Department is continuing to make every effort to help residents avoid property tax foreclosures and to keep residents from having to leave their homes.

For the second year in a row, the treasurer's office successfully petitioned the 3rd Circuit Court to halt occupied property foreclosures, citing the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Residents now have until March 31, 2022, to get into a payment plan if they owe delinquent property taxes.

Our number one prior-

ity remains keeping people in their homes, and too many Wayne County taxpayers are still suffering significant economic hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Knowing that our recovery will take some time, we want to make some allowances in light of the pandemic.

While the foreclosure date has been moved until next March, all interest, penalties and fees will continue to accrue until the taxes are paid in full. To avoid foreclosure, residents are encouraged to pay taxes in full or enter into a payment agreement by March 31, 2022. I strongly urge taxpayto get into a payment plan as soon as possible. This will allow individuals to have the lowest down payments for all forfeited 2019 and prior years' taxes due.\

ers in need of assistance

To help build awareness about the deadlines and payment plans, I will continue to host monthly "Ask the Treasurer" meetings on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m., and I have asked community groups to help spread the word.

To sign up and get into a payment plan, visit this website: treasurer.waynecounty.com.

School Bell

Fun Fair

Kids are definitely ready to go back to school.

That was an impression one could assume by the turnout and enthusiasm of students and their parents attending Tuesday's "Family Fun Fair," which was sponsored by the HPS district.

Teachers and HPS staff from each school were on hand to welcome kids, and there was an overflow of other tables with various presentations set

The highlight for many students was getting free backpacks.

The event was held at the Hamtramck High School Community Cen-

Schools starts up on Sept. 7, and enrollment is ongoing.

The district is returning in-person learning this year, but parents can opt to continue with virtual learning for their students.

Scenes from last Tuesday HPS "Family Fun Fair."







Census county shows Hamtramck's population increased by 28 percent

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ernment agencies.

With that challenge in mind, the city organized a campaign, called Hamtramck Complete Count.

Virginia Skrzyniarz, who chaired the group, credited the city's successful count to a couple of things: social media, for helping spread the word and the importance of getting an accurate count; and, also, involving Hamtramck's ethnic community leaders.

"We worked smarter,

said.

A key message that was sent out, she said, was: more people who are counted results in more grant monies coming to the city for such things like road repairs and infrastructure improvements.

"I'm excited because people are going to see the benefits of being counted," Skrzyniarz said. Hamtramck has had

mixed results in past Census counts. In 2010, not harder," Skrzyniarz there was a drop in the

population count, but back in 1990, there was a much more concerted effort, which resulted in 4,000 more people being counted.

This latest increase by percentage is the highest recorded in all of Wayne County, and is also the second highest in the entire state.

In the weeks to come, we will take a deeper dive into what the Census revealed about Hamtramck.

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Guest Editorial

Inside a pandemic, we continue to fight an epidemic

As we continue fighting against a pandemic, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) forges ahead on battling the opioid epidemic in Detroit and Wayne County.

"The pandemic has taught us many things but one remains constant, people are still struggling with their addictions and for many people, it's gotten worse. Isolation, uncertainty, lots of misinformation, it is difficult for anyone, but if you're struggling with addiction, it's almost impossible to see that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that hope and recovery is possible," said DWIHN Interim CEO/President Eric

As the world recognizes Tuesday, August 31st as International Opioid Overdose Awareness Day, DWIHN is planning monthlong activities to continue to bring awareness and shed light on the issue of substance use disorder (SUD).

Tuesday, August 31st 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Drivethrough Narcan distribution event where anyone can come to the DWIHN offices from 12-4 p.m. and pick up a Narcan kit.

"Under the State Opioid Response (SOR) program, DWIHN has distributed almost 4,500 naloxone kits since 2019 and 43 lives



have been saved," said SUD Director Judy Davis. "These kits save lives and we encourage anyone who wants to come out and pick up a kit to do so."

If you would like to schedule a Narcan training, please log onto the DWIHN website and fill out the form:

https://www.dwihn.org/ SUD-narcan-training-request-form.

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use or needs mental health, disability or children's services, please call the DWIHN 24/7 Helpline at 800-241-4949. Here to Talk. Here to Help.

DWIHN is the largest and most diverse Community Mental Health system in Michigan, serving 75,000 adults with serious mental illness, substance use disorder, intellectual and developmental disabilities and children with serious emotional disturbance. For more information and to take a free mental health assessment, visit,

www.dwihn.org

Former school board president tapped to fill board vacancy

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck has a new district school board member, and he is familiar.

Former HPS Board President Evan Major was appointed last Friday to fill a vacant seat on the board.

board

Newly-elected

member Ramsey Hussain abruptly resigned last month, just six months into his new six-year term. This was the board's

second attempt to fill the vacancy. The board had met last Wednesday, but could not come to an agreement between two



Evan Major

candidates.

To help the board reach a decision, Friday's meeting was moderated by Dr. Rod Green, a former superintendent and currently a consultant for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Major said he wanted to rejoin the board to help tackle a number of pending issues – especially, the return of in-classroom learning for students.

He also cited his previous experience on the board, and said the board would not have to wait for him to become familiar with issues and procedural rules – something the other board members said that gave Major an

edge over the other candidates.

Major thanked those other candidates for applying for the position, and said that he is now "looking forward to collaborating with community leaders."

The appointment of Major will only last until the position is filled in the upcoming November General Election.

Major told The Review that, as of now, he does not plan to seek to fill out the remainder of the position's term in the November election.

FEMA is taking flood damage claims in city hall

By Charles Sercombe

Help is still available for those who are seeking federal financial relief from the June 25-26 flooding here in Hamtramck.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting a Disaster Recovery Center in Hamtramck City Hall that started this past Tuesday, and will continue through this Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FEMA representatives will help you fill out applications for financial help to replace appliances and repair damage to your household.

According to a press release issued by FEMA, the following assistance will be available:

Representatives from FEMA, as well as from other diverse agencies, both federal (U. S. Small Business Administration, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division) and state (Michigan State Police, other agencies) are on hand to explain the disaster assistance programs available, and also to serve other related functions.

The recovery centers provide places for aid applicants to discuss their cases in person, or to

submit documentation.

Disaster assistance is currently available for residents in Wayne and Washtenaw counties only in Southeast Michigan.

Although you won't be turned away, the agency's press release suggests that, before you visit the recovery center in person, you pre-register, if possible, either online at DisasterAssistance.gov, or by using the FEMA phone app, of by calling (800) 621-3362.

The phone line can be accessed seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The recovery center is

located in city hall's second floor. Those seeking assistance must wear masks to enter city hall. Can't make it this

week?

No problem, you can apply for help by going

apply for help by going online to: DisasterAssistance.gov

Or, you can call: (800) 621-3362.

Also, translators will be on site to help out.

Flood damage claims apply only to the June 25-26 event. The deadline to apply for assistance is Sept. 13.



By Charles Sercombe

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Conant Ave.

and a theft.

ported a break-in.

rested for fraud.

pect fled the scene.

Thursday, Aug. 12

ported

bery.

assault.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

This week's Crime Log cov-

cers responded to a home

alarm and found a rear door

open. Officers did not find

anyone inside, and they se-

arrested for being wanted on

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a warrant out of Warren.

At 3 a.m., a resident was

A Detroit resident report-

· A Hanley St. resident re-

A Detroit resident report-

A resident reported an

· A resident reported that

they were the victim of a mali-

cious destruction of property

· A sexual assault was re-

A resident in the 11400

· A Detroit resident was ar-

· A resident reported that a

man entered their residence

without permission. The sus-

· A hit-and-run accident oc-

curred at Jos. Campau and

Belmont. A separate hit-and-

run accident happened in the

A resident reported a rob-

· A resident reported a

3400 block of Norwalk St.

block of Jos. Campau Ave. re-

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· A hit-and-run crash happened at Jos. Campau and

Friday, Aug. 13 · At almost midnight, offi-

- · At about 4 a.m., a resident reported a domestic disturbance on Florian St.
- · A resident reported a theft.
- · A resident was ticketed for being disorderly.

Saturday, Aug. 14

- · An assault, and property damage, were reported in the 3100 block of Caniff Ave.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Casmere St. reported a theft.
- A robbery and domestic assault were reported in the 12000 block of Dyar St.
- At 3 a.m., a Grand Haven St. resident was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and for being wanted on warrants. A Detroit resident was also arrested at the scene for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, and for possessing "dangerous drugs."
- A resident from Indiana was arrested.
- · A Jos. Campau Ave. business owner reported an altercation.
- · A resident from Southfield was arrested for domestic assault.

Sunday, Aug. 15

· Two Danforth St. residents reported that items from their cars were stolen.

· Officers responding to a hit-and-run accident arrested a Detroit resident for being wanted on Hamtramck war-

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6 to be moved out of the former People's Community Center at 8625 Jos. Campau Ave.

It was explained to Almasmari that the building had been sold, and then subsequently purchased by the Hamtramck Public School District. The district told the city that the building was no longer considered safe enough to host the precinct.

Upon hearing that, Almasmari agreed to vote in favor of the consent agen-

Moving on, Councilmember Lasley proposed a directive to the police department to step up traffic patrols in neighborhoods.

Lasley said she was not

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proposing to increase the number of officers in the department, and that her proposal was not a 'longterm solution."

She said her proposal also calls for evaluating the stepped-up patrols to see if they are effective. If they are not, Lasley said, the city can "mothball" the program.

Police Chief Anne Moise gave a brief overview of the department's recent activity. She said that, since January 1 of this year, the department responded to over 5,000 calls for service.

since January, Moise said officers issued over 6,000 traffic tickets, including 1,500 for speeding.

Moise said that a majority of the speeding tickets occurred in residential ar-

"I'm very proud of the police department and the job they are doing," Moise said.

She added that this is "not an easy time" to be an officer and do police work.

Councilmember Mohammed Alsomiri proposed having all side streets swept once a year.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said that, in order for the plan to work, residents would have to move their cars when their street is scheduled for sweeping.

"This would take extreme education," Angerer said.

Public Services Director Rodney Johnson said that getting people to move their cars "is our biggest challenge."

Councilmember Almasmari questioned what the fine is for those who get ticketed for not moving their car. Angerer said that is up to the court.

Mayor Majewski asked if it is worth sweeping just once a year.

"Does it make any difference?" she asked.

Johnson said that it does help.

"A lot of our residential streets have a lot of dirt," Johnson said. "I think it's worthwhile."

All but Councilmember Lasley voted to go ahead with the program.

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rants. · At 2 a.m., a suspicious

- situation was reported in the 2600 block of Pulaski St.
 - · A resident in the 3000

block of Lehman St. reported that packages were stolen from their front porch.

· A Neibel St. resident reported that items were stolen from their residence.

Monday, Aug. 16

· At about 1 a.m., a resident of Warren was arrested for breaking into a house.

· A Detroit resident reported an assault.



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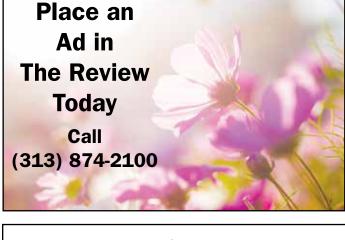
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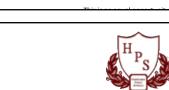
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