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Quick Hits

Citywide cleanup this Saturday **By Charles Sercombe**

Litter and Hamtramck

seem to go together. For a town that's only 2 square miles, the trash sure piles up mighty quick.

But we can all do something about it.

Like taking some time out during the week to at least pick up the litter from our own alley and

And if you have more time to spare, you can join the numerous clean-ups being organized throughout the year.

One of those clean-ups is happening this Saturday, May 14. You can do your civic duty by joining up with other volunteers for what's being called a "Centennial Hamtramck Clean Sweep."

It's being called a centennial clean-up because Hamtramck is celebrating its 100th anniversary of becoming an incorporated city this year.

(Note to city officials: You're going to need a bigger-than-usual birthday cake to handle all those candles.)

Volunteers are asked to meet up at 11 a.m. in Zussman Park (located in front of City Hall), and by all means, bring a friend.

To sweeten the deal, you'll have a chance to win prizes. Supplies and snacks will be provided. There is also a promise that "surprises" are part of the package.

Ummm, here's a suggestion for a "surprise:" free monthly parking pass-

Folks are encouraged to register with the city by calling Max Gilginas at (313) 800-5233, extension 326.



Crime Watch: With warmer weather, crime spikes up

By Charles Sercombe

The weather has finally warmed up, and people are out and about.

And the return of spring also heralds a spike in the number of crimes most of them of the misdemeanor variety.

We're talking about an uptick in reports of disorderly people, porch pirates stealing packages, unwanted house guests, reckless drivers, people fighting, thefts from yards, break-ins, stolen cars, runaways, noisy house pets (such as dogs barking), noisy people (parties, people arguing), scam utility sales people, fraud cases, hit-and-runs, people causing property damage, suspicious people, heck even suspicious cars... and the list goes

the relationship between heat and crime?

2017 study by research- tion, and police officers ers from Drexel Univer- everywhere have long sity, a private research university out of Philadelphia, which scientifically confirmed that crime increases from May through September.

Those are the warmer months for most of the



Now that warmer weather is here (cross your fingers), the incidents of street crime and property thefts have increased, which happens every year at this time. File photo

country, and the study also found that the hotter and more humid it gets, the more crime increases. This is especially true So, what is it about for domestic assault and other violent crimes.

There are more studies Look no further than a that back up this correlanoted that warm weather means more crime.

So why is that?

Again, various researchers have tackled that question, and it won't surprise you to know the an-

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Police chief offers safety tips for summer

By Charles Sercombe

We asked Hamtramck

city's spring newsletter to the community.

As warmer weather

gin to see more people enjoying outdoors. This means increased pedes-

· Drive slowly and safely, especially arounds parks and play-

Police Chief Anne Moise for some tips on com- trian and bicycle traffic. batting crime upticks in warmer weather, and here is what she has to offer.

approaches, we will be-

grounds. More children This information was are out playing during also published in the warmer weather. Be alert for children playing in and around the street. Maintain slower

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Retired Friendship House worker was known for her generosity

By Charles Sercombe

For 20 years, the clients at Detroit Friendship House could always count on Julia Vollmer to be there with a helping hand and a smile.

While she was an employee of the food shelter, located on Conant Ave., Julia was dedicated to the community, and to helping those less fortunate.

While Julia had plenty of compassion, she was no



"She was the perfect mixture of toughness and tenderness," said her Friendship House co-workers in a statement. "She never let anyone intimidate her or pull anything over on her. At the same time, she was everybody's mother."

The role of Friendship House, they said, "was her mission and ministry – her world revolved around it."

Julia died on May 8,

shortly after she had just retired from Friendship House after 20 years of service. She was 70 years

Her son, Jesse Vollmer, remembers his mother's tender side.

"She never put herself first," Jesse said. "If someone needed a dollar, she would give them her last. If she knew you were hungry, my mom would feed you Continued on page 2

Alley repaving keeps moving along this year **By Charles Sercombe**

The reconstruction of Hamtramck Dr. isn't the only road repair happing this construction season.

Once again, several city alleys will be repaved in the coming months. Thanks to a \$750,000

grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the following alleys will be torn up and repaved:

· East Jos. Campau -Belmont to Yemans

- · West of Conant -Comstock to Holbrook
- · North Holbrook Mc-
- Dougall to Charest North Holbrook -Latham to Jos. Campau
- · East Conant Yemans to Evaline
- East Lumpkin -Geimer to Wyandotte
- · East Lumpkin Wyan-
- dotte to Hewitt Two additional alleys

were added to this list, with prompting from City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan. There are two connecting alleys jus west of Jos. Campau, running from Caniff northward to Mackay.

That addition will cost over \$16,000.

The city's alley improvement project began several years ago, and has largely been financed by the city budget.

With the city in deficit spending, however, it is unclear if the project can continue in the coming years.

Councilmember eem Chowdhury welcomed the continuation of alleys repairs.

"We're always trying to improve our city," Chowdhury said. "This will bring better alleys, and streets, to our community. It's long overdue."

Many of Hamtramck's alleys are decades old, and in some cases may be the original asphalt that was laid down. Those alleys that haven't Continued on page 8



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Retired Friendship House worker was known for her generosity cont. from front page

with no questions asked." daughter-in-law. Sherry Vollmer, said that, while her own relationship with Julia was rocky at first,

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"Even as she lay extremely ill on an ER bed, her thoughts were of her job at Friendship House, Julia was always thinking and trying to make sure

she was and that's who we

(For more information about Julia's obituary, turn

her daughter would fill in and take care of things for her while she couldn't be there.... She was always worried about everyone else being taken care of before herself."

Like many people, Julia could be a complicated person - a mix of endless generosity but a person with a "killer way with words," said Sherry. "She could build ya up or cut ya down quick! But that's who

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Crime Watch: With warmer weather, crime spikes up

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swers, or at least the two main answers, are pretty

Here are some of the less self-control. reasons, which one can Google inquiry:

- There are simply more people outside and on the streets, and that includes those of the criminal persuasion.
- · If it's hot out, some folks like to drink more alcohol, and alcohol and violence too-often go handin-hand.
- · When it gets super-hot, say in the 90s and above, we all get ir-

ritable. That means folks have shorter tempers, which in turn can trigger

 If you live in a low-infind through a simple come area, chances are there are fewer air conditioning units, which means folks are getting less sleep and that, in turn, increases the irritability factor.

> Poverty, as well, adds to a general disposition of feeling down and low.

With climate change in the works, things could get worse. In other words, we may see longer warm days, and more extreme

heat days.

So, what to do?

Well, drink plenty of cold beverages, but lay off the booze. Can't afford an AC unit? Buy some fans - any little breeze can do

In general, if you feel anger coming on, take some deep breaths and walk away from trouble.

Also, keep on the lookout for suspicious behavior, and don't hold back reporting something to the police department no matter how trivial it may seem.

Police chief offers safety tips for **summer** Continued from front page

speeds and obey traffic signals. Never use cell signs/signals.

- Teach children to walk, not run, when should look both ways and not run out from becrosswalks whenever possible and always obey traffic signals
- Wear a helmet when riding a bike. Always obey all traffic signs and cleaning, it is a good time

phones or headphones when riding a bike.

- The speed limcrossing the street. They it throughout most of Hamtramck is 25 MPH. Please educate and retween parked cars. Use mind young drivers about responsible driving habits and the consequences associated with speeding and reckless driving.
 - · As you begin spring

to take photographs and record serial numbers of personal property, such as lawn equipment, televisions, computers and other like items. Save these in a secure location or with a trusted family member in the event of theft or damage.

 Be a good neighbor. Alert police to any suspicious or unusual activity in your neighborhood.

Strawberry Festival makes a return after two years of Covid

By Charles Sercombe

After two years of limited public events, no thanks to Covid, the St. Florian Strawberry Festival saw a welcomed return this past weekend.

Thousands of parishioners and festivals-goers didn't appear to be phased by the ongoing threat of Covid, and partied like they hadn't in, well, two years.

Once again, the Hamtramck firefighters, along with other invited fire de-

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Scenes from the St. Florian Strawberry Festival.

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New Library Quest: The next Michigan Library Ouest contest for teens will be taking place soon. Combining on line sleuthing with offscreen problem solving, it's a great way to keep them engaged during the summer. Plus there will be prizes to win!

Films by Qiu Jiongjiong: From May 13th to May 29th you will be able to stream a number of films by Qiu Jiongjiong, courtesy of National Museum of Asian Art. You can visit www.qiujiongjiong.eventive.org/films during the above dates.

Summer Reading: It will start in the second half of June. Our program will help your kids to learn and have some fun while the school is out. Full schedule of activities will be posted in the library and on our social media. Be sure to check it out since some events do require registration.

Jamestown: On May 13, 1607 the first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers

from Plymouth, England. Afternoon Story Time: Presented by the Hamtramck Federation of Teachers. Experience an exciting new tale

every Monday at 4 pm. Stock Exchange: On May 17, 1792, two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under the buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct

Friday Morning Movement: Tai chi (every week) sessions begin at 9:30 am and chair based yoga sessions (every first and third Friday) start at 10:30 am.

Volcano: On May 18, 1980 Mount St. Helen volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing stream and ash over 11 miles into the sky. This was the first major eruption since 1857.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages)

Homestead Act: President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act opening millions of acres of government owned land in the West to "homesteaders" at \$1.25 per acre.

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Mayor: Covid is again back up in Hamtramck, so take precautions

By Charles Sercombe

As a number of health experts have been warning, another Covid variant is making its rounds across the country.

And that includes Hamtramck.

In his weekly talk with the community through his Facebook page, Mayor Ameer Ghalib noted that there was a definite spike in new cases for the past week.

According to Wayne County health officials, there were 34 new cases for the past week, up to May 9.

Even the vaccinated are coming down with Covid, but many of those who are vaxxed have reported mild symptoms, such as a sore throat.

Ghalib stressed that "the takeaway from this report is, you should be careful because the numbers are increasing.'

And by being "careful," he said that means taking all the usual precautions we have all become accustomed to for the past two years: get vaccinated, mask up in public and keep your social distance.

As of this past Monday, there was a total of 4,787

Want to show your Ham-

If you're a Hamtramck-

an, of course you probably already do, on a near-daily

basis. But here's some-

thing to add to your Ham-

tramck swag: the city is selling city flags (yes, we

have our own flag) and city

They are available in city

We asked City Manager

Review: Let's start with

the city flag - how long

has there been a city flag,

and do you know anything

of the story behind it (it's

design/designer)? Was

the design updated at all?

to 1971, in preparation

of the city's 50th anni-

versary in 1972. Michael

Balabuch, a St. Lad High

School senior at the time,

designed it, and won the

contest held by the local

Review: Is there an of-

ficial size for the actual

city flag? Are the ones

that people can buy for

\$40 that same size then,

Angerer: There is not an

Review: When did the

Angerer: We purchased

and began selling flags in

2021, and pins in 2013.

city begin selling the flags

official size. The flag that is

for sale is 2x3 feet.

or not?

and pins?

chamber of commerce.

Angerer: The flag dates

Kathy Angerer to elaborate

on the promotion.

hall through the city clerk's

By Alan Madlane

tramck pride?

lapel pins.

Covid cases for the past two years, and the number of total deaths for this period remains at 73.

After the Covid update, the mayor talked about the just-updated rules for than that," he said. the city's parking meters. Ghalib said a number of business folks were unaware of the recent changes, which include:

- Meters are now in operation from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (instead of until 8
- In city parking lots, you have up to 30 minutes to pay for a parking space, which allows people to grab some items at local markets quickly without having to pay.
- The grace period to pay for a parking space on the streets, however, remains at five minutes.
- Two Eid holidays were added that do not require paid-for parking.
- Monthly parking passes are now \$25 (instead of the previous \$75), but as of now, you have to pay for a year's worth up front.
- The maximum number of hours you can park in one space increased from three hours to four.

The mayor reminded residents that the city

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contracted with the meter company two years ago, which ties the hands of city officials on making other changes.

"We cannot do more

Ghalib also said he visited with the people who work at the Wayne County Healthy Communities clinic in Hamtramck, and was "surprised by the number of services" it provides.

He also met with Hamtramck Public School District officials this past week, and talked about a number of topics, including the upcoming installation of speed humps around HPS schools.

The city and school district have joined together to supply the funding for the traffic safety devices.

To wrap up his talk, the mayor encouraged residents to attend the city's Centennial Clean Sweep being held this Saturday, May 14, starting at 11 a.m., where volunteers will meet up at Zussman Park, located across from city hall.

then spread out, and tackle the city's never-ending litter problem.

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chase.

to at least bring a little bit of extra cash into the city coffers, right? Has it been popular yet, or is word still just kind of getting out there still?

Angerer: People are buying them! We are not making a profit doing this. It is being made available for those that want to display a flag in their home, give a gift to a relative, or who otherwise enjoy supporting Hamtramck and sharing their community pride.

Review: Anyone famous order one yet? Are most of the orders coming from people within the city, or outside of it, or is it about even, would you say?

Angerer: Local elected officials and residents are the individuals who have purchased so far. I display one in my office!!

is that a new item? If so, who designed it?

Angerer: The pins were originally designed and purchased by former Councilman Robert Zwolak. He loved to give them out to visitors, to share in Ham-

Review: It's a good way

Review: The city pin -

tramck pride.

Former Police Chief Max

Angerer: They are sold at cost. We order in small batches so that we have them available as needed. The city is not supplementing the cost or making

Hamtramck pride.

Garbarino carried on the

tradition by ordering them

and selling them from the

police traffic office, start-

ing around 2013. We now

have them available at the

city clerk's office for pur-

Review: Who set the

pricing on these items?

Did any of this have to go

through city council, or

Review: What are the ways, and where are the places, these excellent items might be obtained?

a profit. It is to promote

Angerer: Flags and pins may be purchased Monday-Thursday, in person, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the city clerk's office. If someone wishes to order by mail, we are happy to accommodate their order.

Well, there it is. So what are you waiting for? Get your flag and pin now while

they last.



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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 March 8, and all councilmembers were pres-

The council approved a proclamation condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It read, in

"Ukraine's **Embassy** in London called Putin's order an 'unprovoked war,' adding that Russia is waging 'a war against Europe, a war against the whole world.'

"President Biden called Mr. Putin's attack 'unprovoked and unjustified,' saying that Russia has chosen a war 'that will bring a catastrophic loss of life and human suffering'."

The city's Building Department gave an overview of its yearly report.

The department said that there were 1,526 permits issued in 2021. Most of the permits were for residential dwellings.

There were 866 rental dwellings registered with the city. The city collected over \$259,000 in certification fees from rental dwellings.

Revenue from all sourc-

es for the department totaled over \$700,000.

Councilmember hammed Hassan said that permits translated into Bengali "have no meaning.'

City Manager Kathy Angerer said that the city relies on professional translators, but she will look into the matter.

Mayor Ameer Ghalib also said the that Arabic versions are not accu-

Angerer said she will seek corrections.

The city Beautification Commission gave yearly report. It said, in

"The major project of the Beautification Commission this year was the tree and flower planting at Sarah Garrett Park. Our primary partner was the Social Forestry Project, who helped us decide which trees to

buy from Christensen's Nursery, and we also coordinated with Casey Copp, who had done the initial work at the city, and with the Public Works Department, who dug holes and hooked up a water source for us to water the

"We also had a spring cleanup around Sarah Garrett Park, before the planting that drew many volunteers. As the commission only restarted in 2020, we have been formalizing governance and finance matters.

"Towards the end of 2021, we made more efforts into building infrastructure to recruit more commissioners and volunteers for events to expand the impact of the commission."

The city's Arts and Culture Commission was next up to present its yearly report.

Some of the highlights included: establishing a sub-committee to organize a pride festival and distributing LGBTQIA+ I resource list, getting grant money to repair the Pope Park statue, encouraging greening activities throughout the city; and continuing community cultural events.

Last up was the city clerk's yearly report. Highlights included the increase in registering over 1,500 new voters; about 37 percent of registered voters participated in elections; upgrades in election day procedures; changed the translation service for ballots printed in Bengali; and has a goal to have ballots also printed in Arabic.

During public comment, Bill Meyer said the city council should be aware that Hamtramck Public School District Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed is a "superintendent in exile."

He noted that she took a medical leave of absence last October and was scheduled to return to work in January. However, he said, the school board decided to "keep her away from her job."

He claimed the school board is investigating her for crimes.

(The board has not discussed the nature of the investigation.)

Meyer congratulated the council for working together, and now notices "no hatred."

A man complained that when he went to the income tax department the window was closed despite city hall being open. But when a clerk appeared, she was rude to him.



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ROWINSKI



Dorothy H. Rowinski. Grzegorzewski), 97, passed away Febru-

ary 22, in Deltona FL.

Mrs. Rowinski was a former resident of both Hamtramck and later White Lake. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry, of 69 years and her son Howard.

Dorothy recently sided with her daughter

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day, May 19, at 11 a.m.

Information, attendance at the memorial, messages of condolence and individual memories can be sent to drowkink@ ing a Rosie the Riveter aol.com. Arrangements in WWII, to watching the were handled by Elton Black of White Lake.

VOLLMER



Julia Mary Vollmer (nee Lagocki), 70, died May 8, 2022.

Julia was the wife of the late Charles; loving mother of Aaron, Charles (Lisa), Jesse (Beth), Leslie, Laureen (Brian), and Sherry (Chris) Edwards; grandmother of sixteen; great grandmother of eight. She is also survived by her siblings Emily, Ann, Barbara, Al, Jerry, Tom, and Ron.

Julia retired from Friendship House after more than 20 years of service. Her life's mission was to make sure the city was

Visitation is Friday, May 13, 2022, from 3 – 9 p.m. The funeral service is Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 9:45 a.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, 11851 Van Dyke, Detroit MI 48234.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Sometimes, credit is due to public officials who get it right

Sometimes it appears that improvements to the city come awfully slow.

Residents are always quick to point out the faults of our city, but rarely does anyone offer praise when it's due.

Maybe it's just human nature.

From time-to-time we like to spend a few minutes acknowledging the good work performed by city officials. The road reconstruction of Hamtramck Dr. is one of those moments.

Thanks to the work of local, county, state and federal officials, the federal government is funding the majority of the cost to repave this crumbling road.

As many motorists know, the street was a hazard to travel on because of the many potholes - some of which were massive.

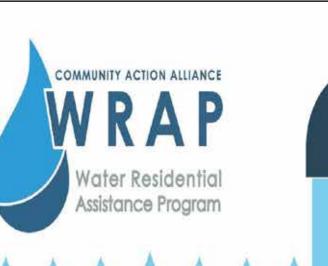
The road got beat up pretty fast after first being paved a number of years ago from the constant flow of heavy truck traffic servicing the GM

plant and other industries along the route.

The need for repair was known for many years, but funding was nowhere in sight.

The city couldn't afford the millions it took to make the repair and, in fact, could barely live within its yearly budget.

That's another issue for another time, but suffice it to say, here's thanks for a job well done in finally finding the money to make the repairs happen.







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Odds & Ends

Run for fun... You're about to notice a bunch of people march past you on the streets of Hamtramck.

Does it look fun? Well, why not join them?

It's the 13th annual Health Hike, coming up on Saturday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m., beginning at Zussman Park across from City Hall (you won't miss it), 3401 Evaline St.

It's a 5K course (about three miles, for you non-metrical types) that makes its way through most of the town.

And once again, it's free, and it's organized by the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition. They've partnered up with the City of Hamtramck, the Hamtramck Public Schools, and the Hamtramck Fire and Police Departments.

And some others more on them in a moment.

The first 350 early birds will get some swag, in the form of free backpacks and T-shirts, plus some foodstuffs and raffle tickets.

After the walk, stick around for some games, the raffle, and a free lunch, including a halal option.

Some businesses have chipped in or donated too: Maine Street Restaurant, Srodek's, the Fowling Warehouse. Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home, enviro-clean, TEC (Testing Engineer Services) and

Holy Cross Parish.

Other agencies who have gotten involved include Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, All Well-Being Success (AWBS), and Wayne County Healthy Communities.

Direct from the press release: "This year's planning committee has selected Violetta Kuzniar from Hamtramck Public Schools to lead the first group as Grand Marshal. Ms. Kuzniar has been an invaluable teacher, mentor, and friend to the students of Hamtramck Public Schools and has worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to ensure the safety and education of her students." The HDFCC was creat-

ed, and is run, by the Piast Institute since 2007, with the aim of giving youth and adults some alternatives to using drugs.

Reminder... The Hamtramck Music Fest is returning this August, and if you are a band or solo performer who would like to get on the festival schedule, well you better hurry up.

The deadline to apply for a spot is this Sunday, May 14.

Original artists of any genre from Michigan or

Windsor can apply at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZR738Q

This year's festival is Aug. 11-14. Over a dozen venues are taking part in the festival, and usually over 100 performers and bands participate.

If you'd like to volunteer to help out, email the fest

hamtramckmusicfest@ gmail.com

Polling... According to the online news site Deadline Detroit, former Detroit City Councilmember Sharon McPhail is in the lead of fellow Democrats, according to recent polls taken for the 13th Congressional District.

McPhail is polling at 20 percent.

That district includes Hamtramck, and it has an open seat.

State Sen. Adam Hollier, who represents Hamtramck, opted to not seek re-election in his current position, and instead focus on going to Washing-

So far, his chances are looking grim.

According to the polls, he's running in a weak fourth position, polling at 6 percent.

Polling in second, after McPhail, is John Conyers III (at 15 percent), followed by state Rep. Shri Thanedar (at 12 percent). Portia Roberson and

former state lawmaker Sherry Gay-Dagnogo are tied at fourth place (at 6 percent). Maybe Hollier should

have stuck with being the incumbent state senator running for re-election? Hey, politics is a crazy

mixed-up world. It's not for the tender-hearted. But who knows, the

least-likely horse to win the Kentucky Derby came in a shocking first place last Saturday at 80-1

Whoever wins the Aug. 2 Democratic Primary Election is pretty much guaranteed to win the November General Election. Place your bets soon!

Garage sailing... Have a bunch of clutter that's been building up, and you want to make some extra money?

Why not hold a garage

The city is making it easy for residents the weekend of May 21. That's when the city waives its garage sale permit fee, and it is encouraging residents to participate in a city-wide garage sale.

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Strawberry Festival makes a return after two years of Covid

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partments, returned their annual parade down Brombach to the church on Saturday before the festivities kicked off after Mass.

The weather was perfect throughout the weekend - in the 60s with plenty of sun.

You could even say it felt hot - something no one has said since winter finally wore out its welcome.

Saturday afternoon

featured Hamalso tramck's favorite party band, The Polish Muslims, who had the outside dance floor hopping for three hours.

Throughout the weekend. Polish dance troupes entertained those enjoying homecooked Polish meals in the church basement.

Hamtramck was once again alive with music, dance and food.

Take that Covid.







PUBLIC NOTICE of BUDGET HEARING BRIDGE ACADEMY EAST 9600 Buffalo St. Hamtramck and Bridge WEST 3105 Carpenter Rd, Detroit **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

is holding a Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., to present their proposed 2022-2023 School Budget to the public. The proposed budget will be posted on the academy web-sites; bridgewest.geeacademies.net bridgeeast.geeacademies.net Six days prior to the budget hearing. The public is invited to join.

School Bell

ECE

The Early Childhood students and staff are excited as they watch their butterflies emerge from their chrysalises.

Students have been learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and how important butterflies and bees are to our farming communities.

Everyone is excited for the upcoming field this Friday to the Detroit Zoo! It has been a long time since the pandemic hit that students have gone on a field trip.

Everyone will get free admission and a t-shirt paid by the district. We can't wait to see all the wonderful animals and enjoy the sunshine.

Teachers celebrated last week, Teacher Appreciation Week but the surprises keep coming. Acting Superintendent Nabil Nagi surprised all the staff with a gift certificate to Maine Street. Mrs. Smith, E.C.E. principal, keeps surprising the staff every day with munchies and praise.

One of the biggest surprises came to Miss Rakoczy, first grade teacher. She was awarded by the Meemic Foundation a Teacher Appreciation Grant of \$200. She can't wait to spend it on the students!

MSHDA



Rahiel Housey-Johnson

Mental health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Here at Hamtramck Public Schools, we recognize the importance of mental health and wellbeing.

We want our students, staff and families to know that they are seen and heard. We have school counselors available at each school throughout the district to support every child, as well as teachers and staff members who are advocate for all students.

Additional mental health resources can be seen here: https://bit. ly/3KXc408

Health hike

To all Hamtramck families looking for a way to get active this month, the 13th Annual Hamtramck



Students at ECE are raising butterflies.

Health Hike will be held Saturday, May 21.

This is a free community event beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Zussman Park on 3401 Evaline St.

Be one of the first 350 participants to arrive to receive a free T-shirt, backpack and lunch.

Thank you to Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC) for organizing this event!

Honored

WXYZ-TV showcased

of our wonderful teachers, Kosciuszko Middle School Teacher Mrs. Rahiel Housey-Johnson and her student, Erna.

Housey-Johnson has gone above and beyond to support her students and help them succeed. Recently, Mrs. Housey-Johnson supported Erna with an essay contest she competed in this month.

Her philosophy of teaching can be summed up with this quote by her:

"Students really rise to their own potential, and that gives them strength to go try other things."

We're incredibly thankful for all of the guidance our staff members provide our children.

While Teacher Appreciation Week comes to an end, we want to say thank you and continue celebrating our wonderful educators all year long. Thank you, Mrs. Housey-Johnson and all teachers at Hamtramck Public Schools.





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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log

covers May 3-9. Tuesday, May 3

- A report was made about illegal dumping in the 3400 block of Caniff Ave.
- · A man in the 3000 block of Holbrook Ave. was arrested for domestic violence.
- A theft was reported in the 11600 block of Moran St.
- A complaint was made about disorderly juveniles on Roosevelt St.
- Officers responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Caniff Ave. arrested a driver for drunk driving.

Wednesday, May 4

- A complaint was made about a male in the 5100 block of Yemans St. who refused to leave a residence.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 11300 block of McDougall St. · A resident of Hazel
- Park reported being the victim of fraud.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge St. Family trouble was also reported in the 3000 block of Holbrook Ave.

Thursday, May 5

- An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.
- A theft was reported at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.
- A Caniff Ave. resident reported being assaulted.
- A complaint was made about disorderly solicitors on Caniff Ave. The solicitors were issued tickets.
- A complaint was made about disorderly juveniles shooting off fireworks on Goodson St.
- Neighbor trouble was reported on Dan St.
- A complaint was made about fireworks on Faber
- · An assault was reported on Hewitt St. A person on Jacob St.
- reported being the victim of harassing communications.

Friday, May 6 A hit-and-run accident

Detroit.

- occurred in the 9500 block of Conant Ave. · A break-in was report-
- ed on St. Aubin St. Family trouble was re-
- ported on Belmont St.

- An assault was reported on Florian St.
- Fraudulent activity was reported in the 12000 block of Conant Ave.
- · An agent for a business in the 2300 block of Carpenter Ave. reported customer trouble.
- A Detroit resident was arrested, in the 12000 block of Conant Ave., for fraud.
- A complaint was made about fireworks being shot off at Dickinson East Elementary School. · A complaint about a
- neighbor was made in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. · An overdose was re-
- ported in the 2600 block of Holbrook Ave. The victim was treated at a hospital. An assault was report-
- ed in the 12000 block of Dyar St.
- · A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Whalen St.

Saturday, May 7

- A male in the 10300 block of Conant Ave. reported that his vehicle was missing. Officers later determined that the vehicle was not missing.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 2200 block of Belmont St.
- · Family trouble was reported in the 2300 block
- of Zinow St. A complaint was made about an animal in the
- 3000 block of Jacob St. A theft was reported in 12000 block of Dyar St.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 2000 block of Can-

iff Ave. Sunday, May 8

- A noise complaint was made in the 2600 block of Carpenter Ave.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Holbrook and Jos. Campau. Officers later located the vehicle in question and impounded it.
- A reported was made about an assault with intent to murder in the 1900 block of Norwalk St.
- · A vehicle was stolen in the area of Brombach and Belmont.
- A hit-and-run was reported on Jos. Campau
- · Family trouble was re-
- ported on Botsford St.
 - Disorderly juveniles

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Coming Events

TUESDAY, June 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.— Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Wayne Health and ICNA Relief Michigan (Muslim Family Services) have joined forces for a monthly initiative offering residents in need a combination of services from their organizations including COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, free health screenings, access to a food pantry, and resources for rental and utility assistance, weatherization and home repair. First Tuesday of every month, can accommodate up to 100 people. Health screenings are available free of charge to persons of all ages with or without insurance. Approximately 50 pounds of food, including fresh produce, will be available for persons with ID, ICNA Relief Michigan, 12500 Mitchell St.,

SATURDAY, May 14, 2-4 p.m. – Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

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Continued from page 7 were reported on Dyar St. Monday, May 9

· A report was made, in the 2400 block of Holbrook Ave., about a male

wearing a ski mask entering a backyard.

- · An assault was reported in the 12000 block of
 - · A suspicious situation

was reported in the 3300 block of Norwalk St.

- · A business in the 3000 block of Caniff Ave. reported customer trouble.
- · Officers attempted to pull over a Dodge Charger but the driver sped off.



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Alley repaving keeps moving along this year cont. from front page

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yet been repaved are decades-old, and potholed and patched over and over - making some of them resemble moonscapes.

Prior to recent administrations, the thought of repaving alleys was never seriously discussed - for whatever reason. In the meantime, the alleys increasingly became more and more potholed, and required more and more patching.

The neglect of the alleys also mirrored the lack of general infrastructure repairs in past years – thus leading to a perfect storm of collapse - namely, of our streets and sewer lines - throughout the city.

Hamtramckans - and residents in many other older, urban communities - have long been paying the price for the neglect.

For many drivers, the street-wise warning has been: travel down alleys at your own risk. The alleys have also long been taking a pounding by heavy garbage trucks. In some cases, the asphalt collapsed into sink holes.

The new alleys are all being replaced with concrete.

While it's expensive to maintain the alleys, just remember neighboring Detroit, which surrounds the city, has only dirt al-

Yes, Hamtramck has been special for all these years.

Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following **Public School Academy:**

Hamtramck -11420 Conant St., Hamtramck - 313-368-7312 May 25, 6pm

A copy of the Budget for the listed Public School Academy will be available on the transparency reporting page of the school's website.



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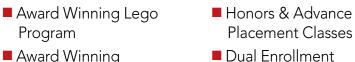
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