

## **Election** is around the corner

#### **By Alan Madlane**

Voters, it is nearly primary time.

This coming Tuesday, Aug. 2, is the primary election for a number of different races, including those for governor, for Hamtramck's state Representative, and more.

You are only allowed to vote among the Democratic candidates or the Republican ones you cannot vote for some on one ticket and then some on the other; if you do, your ballot will not be counted.

The polls are open on

All it will take is the construction of the last three houses to finally put an end to a housing discrimination lawsuit filed against the city back in the 1970s.

Recently, the city council accepted a \$950,000 grant from Wayne County that will pay for the construction of the houses. Work is expected to begin next year.

When the houses are completed, the city will have finally met all the terms in the settlement of a lawsuit filed against the city back in the 1970s. The lawsuit, named after one of the plaintiffs, Sarah Garrett, accused city officials from the 1960s of targeting primarily African-American neighborhoods for housing demolition. That demolition was part of a national urban renewal effort to clear out dilapidated housing for redevelopment.



The last three houses will be built next year that will settle a longstanding housing discrimination lawsuit filed against the city decades ago. In total, 200 houses will have been built.

fore a settlement was reached, but it would be years after that before various funding sources would step in to actually help in getting the housing units built.

Several years ago, it was thought that the city had successfully finished Among those deaths was the last of 200 housing units the settlement called for, and there were even celebrations.

total number of housing units built, and the city was still three short of the 200 required units.

Unfortunately for the dozens of plaintiffs, most - if not all - had died by the time any of the housing units were built. Sarah Garrett herself, the lawsuit's namesake. Federal Judge Damon Keith, an African-American who was celebrated as a champion of civil rights, oversaw the case

for most if its history. He also died before the lawsuit terms were fully carried out. He lamented that the length of time before any action took place was tantamount to "justice delayed is just denied."

The city has since created a new park named

The 13th District includes Hamtramck.

According to a recent poll conducted by Target Insyght of Lansing, Shri Thanedar is leading the pack of candidates by 22 percent. He is currently serving as a state representative.

Also seeking this open seat is state Sen. Adam Hollier, whose district includes Hamtramck. Hollier opted not to seek re-election to the state senate.

He is polling in third place (16 percent) with Portia Roberson in second (17 percent).

In a campaign statement released by the Roberson team, they are confident she can come out as the winner.

"It's clear from Target

Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and you can register and vote the same day, but if you do wait until the day of the primary, you must go to the city clerk's office - not your polling place.

You can vote with an absentee ballot at the clerk's office until 4 p.m.

Make sure to have a valid state ID with you.

The number of voting applications received, and ballots issued and returned, as of this past Tuesday (seven days before the primary election) show an almost-double the amount from the same time back just four years ago, in 2018.

Say what you want, the importance of casting one's ballot seems to be surging - and that's a good thing.

It took decades be-

But guess what?

The attorney for the plaintiffs counted up the

in honor of Garrett. It is located on the I-75 service drive, just north of Caniff on the west side of the freeway.

and how long have you

been doing it? And why

Lynn Blasey: I love op-

portunities to bring people

together. This past May, a

couple of my friends had a

pop-up tea party on Belle

Isle for another friend's

birthday; when we posted

pictures, our Hamtramck

friends were sad that they

In college, I hosted a

weekly coffee night (for

hadn't been invited.

Insyght's poll released this week, Portia Roberson is the only candidate in the field that can beat self-funded millionaire, Shri Thanedar in the 13th District. Portia has surged to second in a race with 16% of voters undecided, despite no outside spending on her behalf," Roberson's team said.

A few months ago, former Detroit City Councilmember Sharon McPhail was polling in the top spot, but this latest poll shows her far behind at 7 percent - the same percentage point shared with John Conyers, the son of famous Congressman John Conyers, who died in 2019.

Apparently in this election, name recognition is not a factor - even one as familiar as is Convers'.

The poll was conducted

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You can enjoy tea and meet fellow residents on the first Saturday of each month. During warm weather, the get-together is held at Zussman Park. Photo supplied by Lynn Blasey

## Hamtramck has its own tea party, and it's not political

tea?

#### **By Alan Madlane**

Do you like tea?

If so, or if you are tea-curious, Lynn Blasey of the city's Arts and Cultural Commission has a get-together for you.

On the first Saturday of the month, she and some of her friends host a tea party for the community. We'll let her explain.

The Review: This is a nice idea. How, and why, did you come up with it,



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among 500 Democratic voters who are likely to vote in the primary election.

Ed Sarpolus, who owns Target Insyght, said he did not do polling for the state representative for the 9th District. Hamtramck's own Abraham Aiyash is seeking re-election in this newly redrawn district.

Aiyash told The Review that he is running his campaign "as if I'm 20 points behind."

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Interestingly, has one opponent who is also named Abraham, but with the distinctly different last name of Shaw.

Is challenger Abraham Shaw trying to sabotage Aiyash by confusing voters?

Sarpolus told The Review that, indeed, "sometimes they do that."

Election polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Early voting is now possible at city hall, and it's not too late to apply for

by his grandchildren An-

drea Karpinski, Rachel

(Rodney) Srodek, Phillip,

Charles (Khrysin) and

Beth Michalski, Joseph

(Melanie), Samantha and

James Bartelotti Jr and

Great Grandchildren Lu-

kasz, Lillian and Lorenzo

Srodek, Charlotte, Coo-

per, and Calvin Michalski

and Nizio, Cecilia and Vin-

Aiyash an absentee ballot.

Remember, too, Hamtramck had to move 600 voters who had been in Precinct 4 over to Precinct 5 – which means they now have a new building at which to go vote: the Senior Plaza on Holbrook. Those voters were notified a few months ago of the change. Also new this election, the city is offering ballots in the Arabic language.

# party, and it's not political

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free) in my dorm room that attracted students from across Michigan State's huge campus.

The interest in our tea party seemed like a great opportunity to do something similar with my coffee night in Hamtramck, so I sat down with a couple of friends, and we decided that the first Saturday of each month was a good place to start.

We chose Zussman Park because of its central location, and tea because it's a universal beverage and easy to transport.

The Review: How long have you been doing it? And how has it been received so far?

Blasey: June 4 was our first tea, with an attendance of around six people, including someone who was in town visiting from California.

Knowing that July 2 was a holiday weekend, I didn't expect a huge turnout, but was pleasantly surprised to have five people show up, three of whom weren't at the June tea.

The Review: Has the weather been cooperative? If not, is there an alternate plan? Is there any shelter in Zussman Park?

Blasey: The weather has been cooperative. I'm exploring options to move the event indoors when fall and winter hit, and the weather becomes less reliable.

Although I'd like to keep it free, we might rotate between the local coffee shops to support their businesses in the winter months; I haven't decided yet.

Right now, if it rains, tea is canceled, as there and visibility as frequently as possible, and - as long as my schedule permits -I'd like to keep this going. As long as there is also community interest.

The Review: Is there any recourse for people who show up without any tea? What about without any hot water?

I know you don't want to encourage it, but maybe someone might be just passing by Zussman, and suddenly decide to stop and partake of getting to know their neighbors?

Blasey: I bring plenty of hot water, extra teacups, and teas to share. I definitely encourage passers-by to stop and join us before continuing on their way.

#### The Review: Have any of Hamtramck's politicos stopped by? Or any other celebrities? Is this the new place to be?

Blasey: Councilwoman (Amanda) Jaczkowski is a regular (she was also who the original tea party at Belle Isle was celebrating).

Former councilwoman (Carrie Beth) Lasley and former council candidate (Justin) Jessop attended the June tea, and sent their regrets for July's. I expect them to return in August, schedules and weather permitting.

We've also enjoyed the company of a couple of Hamtramck school teachers so far, in addition to residents.

The Review: What if people want coffee? Or milk? Or a little, ah, something extra in their hot water?

Blasey: People are welcome to bring their own tea, or preferred (non-alcoholic) beverages and condiments.

I do have a small sugar container, but haven't provided milk or cream yet simply because I have only had powder at home – and that's boring. Lol.

### The Review: Feel free to add anything else that you would like!

Blasey: I'd just like everyone to know that they're welcome to join us.

As the event becomes more popular, we can expand from using one picnic table to using multiple ones, and I always bring a blanket to sit on for more seating as well. My intent is to provide an informal opportunity for neighbors to come together and get to know one another.

#### The **Review:** Well, thank you so much!

Blasey: Thank you for taking interest in our tea gatherings.

Interested? Text, or call, Lynn Blasey: (586) 804-7247.

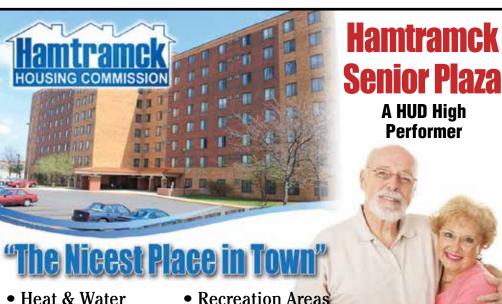


MUCZYNSKI Michalski and Donna Bar-Richard telotti who lovingly tend-Muczynsed to his care until his ki, 90, died passing. 24. He is also survived 2022.

Richard was the loving husband of Joan (Prusiewicz) for 57 vears when she passed away in 2016. He deeply missed her every day.

He is predeceased by his parents Frank and Stella Muczynski and sister, Jane (Chuck) Allen. He is survived by his daughters Cheryl (Joe)





Karpinski, Janice (Mark) cenzo Bartelotti. Richard was born,

raised, and lived in Hamtramck his entire life.

He was a Korean War Army Veteran who earned two Bronze Stars, the Korean Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Richard retired from Conrail after over 40 years of service.

The funeral service is Friday, July 29, 2022. Lying in state at 8:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, 2730 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

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Large & Tall Plants: If you are interested in giving one of our potted friends a loving home, please let us know. We have a few that have outgrown the space we can give them. We can not deliver them to you, but we will help to load them into your vehicle.

Story Time: Stories are a bridge between generations. Let us learn together from those who came before us. Bring your kids to the library and experience an exciting new tale every Monday at 4 pm.

(Helen) Beatrix Potter: This multitalented children storybook author was born on July 28, 1866. She pursued many forms of natural science, even contributing diagrams of varying fungi that are consulted for their study to this day. Nature was her passion all throughout her life, whether sketching in the fields in her youth or working as a farmer in her late years. That passion, as well as her attention to finer details, made their way into her many stories, like "Peter Rabbit", which she not only penned but illustrated too. Rediscover some of these

treasured tales on your next visit to the library.

Adaptive Yoga: During the summer months on Thursdays at 10 am you can take part in a fitness program featuring adaptive yoga. The classes are presented as a courtesy of RIM Foundation. Participation is limited to 10 individuals.

<u>Summer Reading Crafts & Party</u>

Games: Wednesday August 3rd at 2 pm the SRP will feature craft making and party games. Don't forget to pick up a flyer to see the full schedule of weekly, summertime children's activities. By registering for the Summer Reading program kids will be able to earn tickets for an end of summer prize raffle, just for reading books. Find out more by visiting the library.

Henry Ford: This automorive pioneer was born on July 30, 1863 om Dearborn Township, Michigan. He developed an assembly line production system and introduced a \$5.00 per day wage for automotive workers.

U.S. Patent Office: The first U.S. Patent office opened on July 31, 1790. The first patent was issued to Samuel Hopkins of Vermont for a new method of making pearlash and potash. The patent was signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

Jackie Kennedy: She was born on July 28, 1929 in Southampton, N.Y.

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

Library is located at 2360 Caniff Avenue, Phone (313) 733-6822 Or visit its website at <u>http://hamtramck. Lib.mi.us</u> for on line catalog Attachments for printing, faxing or scanning send to hamtramcklibrary@gmail.com

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# **Covid:** Move over covid, there's a new virus in town

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

The new covid variant may appears to have to have appeared in Hamtramck.

According to Wayne County health officials, the city experienced a spike in the number of new covid cases this past week. There were 45 new cases, which brings the total number of cases here for the past two years up to 5,236.

The number of deaths from the disease remains at 74 for the same time period.

The new Omicron subvariant, known as BA.5, has been spreading quickly throughout the country. Even President Joe Biden came down with it, but as of this week has tested negative for having covid.

That subvariant has been identified in about 65 percent of all new cases in the nation, and over 35 percent in Michigan, according to health officials.

The variant is more infectious, health officials say. It gets worse, they add, because whatever immunity that has been gained from vaccinations or prior infections may be ineffective against it.

This surge in cases has prompted health officials to remind the public to continue to mask up while out in public, and to maintain proper social distance – something that has been largely ignored.

And if covid wasn't bad enough, there is now one known case of a county resident coming down with

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monkeypox (MVP).

The risk of catching the virus is still low, but there has been an increase nationally of people being diagnosed with it. A few weeks ago, there were about 1,500 people in the country who had the disease. Now, there are over 3,000 cases.

The risk of catching the virus (that causes the disease) at this point may still be low, but that could change.

According to a Wayne County health advisory:

"Initial symptoms can include a flu-like illness consisting of fevers, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, and fatigue, followed by development of a rash that resembles pimples or blisters.

"Symptoms can take 1-3 weeks to develop after an exposure. An individual with MPV is contagious from the time symptoms start until scabs have fallen off and a fresh layer of skin has formed, which typically takes 2-4 weeks.

"MPV is spreading mostly through close, personal and/or intimate contact with infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids. It can also spread through respiratory secretions from prolonged face-to-face contact or contact with contaminated materials such as clothing or bedding.

"Any person (of any gender or sexual orientation) can get MPV if they have close personal contact with someone who has symptoms of MPV."



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## S.T.E.A.M.

It's been a busy summer for those Hamtramck High School students taking part in the district's S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) program.

Last week, the high school unveiled a mural that the students painted in the school on the second floor.

There were corporate sponsors who helped with that project, as well as having funded the painting of 17 classrooms by the

Or as State Rep. Abraham Aiyash, an HHS grad, said, the mural serves to stir students' imagination and "to dream what's possible."

HHS Principal Anthony Kiner had earlier in the presentation of the mural expressed a similar sentiment.

The mural, he said, "brings learning to a new level .... It's going to change lives.

Adding to that narrative motif, Jill Hardy-Heath, President and CEO of Heart of America, which

Pulaski Park this year!

Tuesday August 23 from 11a-3p. Come and meet your HPS school leaders and departments, get enrolled in HPS, and learn about/get resources from local agencies! There will

also be bounce houses, henna artist, Jazzy the Clown with face painting and balloon animals, backpacks and school supplies, and more! We can't wait to see you!! FREE EVENT!

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State Rep. Abraham Aiyash addresses Hamtramck High School students who had just completed painting 17 classrooms and a mural at the high school.

students and other volunteers.

The mural depicts various subjects in a whimsical design. The subjects, such as art, science and technology, are meant to inspire students to embrace education.

took part in the program, emphasized that "Every child deserves an amazing place to learn."

**By Charles Sercombe** 

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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 June 14, and all councilmembers were present except for Mohammed Hassan and Nayeem Chowdhury.

The city's Arts and Culture Commission gave a short overview of upcoming events.

A presentation was made by 9th and 10th graders from Hamtramck High School about the safety concerns of students.

They also submitted a petition, signed by over 400 students, in support of their proposals. The document that they prepared is called "Our Safety Matters."

Of concern among the students, are the following: violence, discrimination, racism, reckless drivers, smoking and vaping.

The students said that some examples of racism include Muslim female students being discriminated against for wearing a hijab, or likewise those with disabilities.

Students also want to see speed humps, police patrols, driver's ed in the public schools, no more smoke shops being allowed to open, the creation of more recreation programs, a water park, a trampoline park, an ice skating rink, a music cen-

ter and a movie theater. Their goal is also to "have as much support and assistance as possible from our city leadership."

Mayor Ameer Ghalib said that some of the solutions suggested are not under city control, such as not allowing more smoke shops.

Overall, he applauded the students for presenting "so many great ideas to solve these problems."

Three proclamations were read. The first one was to honor Hamtramck Little League baseball legend Art "Pinky" Deras, who died recently.

The next two honored the boys and the girls HHS championship basketball seasons.

Next up was to accept a training program, offered through the state, about green infrastructure options to reduce flooding. The training program is for city and elected officials.

During public comment, Greg Kirchner gave an update on the newly-created community access TV on Comcast's Channel 19 in Hamtramck.

He said limited programming has begun to be broadcast, and that a program line-up is being created.

One of the programs will be a local news show to be broadcast Monday through Friday. Among other things, he said instructional classes on broadcasting will be offered to students.

The broadcast facility is located in the Hamtramck Public Library.

Phillip Kwik, a former city council president, spoke out against a proposed animal control ordinance. Kwik objected to the proposed restrictions on feedin controlling the city's rodent population.

Another resident agreed with Kwik, saying the city has bigger problems to "worry" about.

The council later agreed to take the first step in adopting the ordinance, with an eye toward tweaking it before final adoption.

Later in the meeting, Councilmember Khalil Refai questioned what the financial arrangement is between the city and the company that installed the parking meter system.

City Manager Kathy Angerer said that the city did not start to split the profits of the meters with the company until after six months, which is what the city's contract called for. For the first six months the company was given all the revenue to cover its costs to install the meters.

The arrangement now, she said, is for the city and company to split the revenue 50-50, although the city has to cover some operational costs.

Angerer said that, after the city's first financial quarter of the city, the city will have a better idea how much revenue it can expect to receive from the parking meters each year.

In a close vote, the council agreed to allow a developer to purchase two city lots, at \$10,500 each, to build two three-story apartment units.

Refai and Councilmember Amanda Jaczkowski were both concerned, however, about how the housing units will affect street parking, which is already tight throughout the city.

They were also concerned about the housing units; heights compared to other structures nearby.

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He also advocated for allowing the trap and release of community cats in order to fix them so they stop reproducing. Kwik said these cats are helpful Karolynn Faulkner, the city's director of Community Economic Development, explained that while the housing will be three stories high, they won't be any higher than existing two-family units.

These new structures, she said, will have lower Continued on page 4



## The year ahead

Books! Books galore! Orders are in and Hamtramck School District students are going to be showered with culturally relevant text from all genres!

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We hired Heather Dorogi, our amazing DEIJ/MTSS Coordinator, and have hit the ground running reflecting on practices, cleaning up our curriculum, assessing our systems, and building up new platforms all with the DEIJ lens.

We are so proud of this work and we are dedicated to ensuring all our students feel visible, voiced, and valued.

Let the 2022-2023 school year rain with books!

# **Review:** Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion

## Justice is about to be served

For those who have been following the city's long-running housing discrimination lawsuit, there is reason to celebrate.

But it's not quite "pop the champagne bottle" time.

Thanks to an almost \$1 million grant from Wayne County, the city will be able to construct the final three housing units that will then fulfill an agreement in the lawsuit for the construction of 200 housing units.

This effort has taken years to reach that goal, and at one point the city actually thought it had completed all construction. But guess what? Someone failed to keep an accurate count of what had actually been constructed.

The last three houses are expected to be completed by December 2023.

The housing lawsuit was filed by dozens of African-American residents neighborhoods whose were targeted by city officials back in the 1960s under the guise of "urban renewal."

Those involved in the lawsuit called it "negro removal."

It took decades for the plaintiffs and the city to

reach an agreement. So much time went by that most of the plaintiffs have since died, including Sarah Garrett.

The hold-up, all this time, was funding: the city simply couldn't afford to pay for the new housing. But a breakthrough came in the 1990s through various federal, state and county grants.

Justice will finally be served but, shamefully, the people who were terribly wronged will never see the fruits of that justice.

Fortunately, their children and relatives can.

# Odds & Ends

Reminder... Hamtramck's asthmatics may be about to get healthier.

The Michigan chapter of the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America (AA-FA-MI) has been chosen to start a HEAL (Health Equity Advancement and Leadership) program here in the area.

The focus here is on asthma: advancing health and wellness, finding or providing access to specialty care, assessing home environments, and providing self-management education.

The ultimate goal is to reduce asthma deaths and illness among high-risk populations - which is where Hamtramck comes in.

The AAFA of Michigan is looking for 50 people to join in with them on this project. To qualify, you must:

· Live in Hamtramck, or else Detroit, Highland Park, Inkster, Redford, or **River Rouge** 

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• Be from a minority community, or else be affected by healthcare inequities (for example, you don't have, or can't get,

any) Fit their income limits (below \$31,350 annually for a single person, or below \$35,800 for a two-person household, or below \$40,300 for a three-person household, or below \$44,750 for a four-person household. Income will be verified.)

Go to this web address to fill out an initial application: https://forms.gle/ Ci3ndNzqQ1RX3etz6

Crime update ... We received an inquiry about police officers arriving at a house on Gallagher near Hamtramck High School. The rumor out there was that it involved a barricaded gunman.

Not so, says Police Chief Anne Moise.

"The police department received a call of a possible shooting at a residence on Gallagher. It was discovered that no shooting had occurred and this appeared to be a false call," said Moise in an email.

One thing for sure that happened during the week, in this heatwave, was a number of street crimes and fights.

Be careful out there folks, it appears high heat drives people bonkers.

Congratulations... Former Hamtramck City Manager Erik Tungate, who now serves in that role for the City of Oak Park, recently received deserving praise.

Here's what the City of Oak Park had to say:

"City Manager Erik Tungate was recently named the Outstanding Public Service Executive of the Year for 2022 by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Detroit Metropolitan Chapter.

"This award is given annually to individuals whose career in public service has been impactful on the communities they have been chosen to represent and has contributed to the advancement of the public interest and the prestige of the public service profession.

'To serve as a public service professional is a calling, and I am honored that my passion for helping others has been recognized by ASPA-Detroit Metropolitan Chapter,' said Tungate.

It's a shame that a few vindictive folks here in town chased him out. But hey, Hamtramck likes to sabotage itself every now and then.



# **Other Voices:** Guest Editorial

## Pride flag also represents our diversity respect, and recognition

### By Mark Rigstad

Our city's motto is "The World in Two Square Miles!" because we cherish our tradition of diversity, inclusivity, and toleration of differences.

A tolerant community accepts and respects everyone whose conduct is not criminal, hateful towards others, or directly harmful to others.

Within these limits that exclude criminality, hatred, and harm, every member of this inclusive community deserves acceptance, in the form of equal representation. The LGBT Pride flag that is currently flying over Joseph Campau is a symbol

of this ideal, the ideal of equity and inclusion that exemplifies what is truly great about our city.

Some opponents of the Pride flag say that it's like flying the Confederate flag. No. It isn't. Not even close.

The rebel flag represents racial discrimination, slavery, and armed rebellion

all of which are hateful, harmful, and illegal.

harming anyone else.

Some say only flags of nations should be raised to represent the diversity of our city. But Sicilian and native American **Continued on page 6** 

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against the government,

The Pride flag, in contrast, represents the (currently constitutionally protected) rights of mutually consenting people to enjoy pleasure and love however they see fit in private, without disrespecting or

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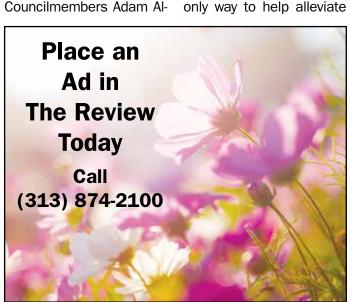
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ceilings.

Faulkner also said that the city has no parking requirement for these structures.

Refai and Jaczkowski ended up voting against the development, while Councilmembers Adam Al-



that shortage is to build vertically.

The location of the housing units will be at: 9509 Gallagher and 9466 Mc-Dougall.

The council unanimously approved the expansion of an existing building at 8544 Jos. Campau Ave. The owner plans to expand a back portion of the building and also construct a two-story addition.

In a report to the council, City Attorney James Allen said there are some things to iron out with the city's public library for it to take over its own finances.

He said that the library has to submit a plan on how it will comply with state accounting requirements.

Allen said that there is agreement on the city's side to allow the library board to splinter off from the city's financial control.





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# **Other Voices:** Guest Editorial **DWIHN to open health campus to meet**

## community needs

By Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network

As part of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's FY'22- '23 budget that was just signed, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) was awarded \$45 million to build a comprehensive regional transformative behavioral health campus in Detroit. The new 120,000 square foot care center facility will help address disparities in health access and equity in Metro Detroit and has garnered strong bipartisan support in Lansing.

"This is a landmark day for DWIHN, finding solutions to mental and behavioral health crises is at the core of what we do, and our goal is to have the greatest impact on as many people as possible," said Eric Doeh, DWIHN CEO.

"We have now been given this amazing opportunity by the State to provide a comprehensive array of services for medical, dental, mental health, and substance use services, in addition to a 24-7 walkin behavioral health crisis services center. This is hugely significant."

DWIHN worked with Wayne County, the City of Detroit, state legislative leaders, community members and our law enforcement partners to develop a creative solution to the ongoing mental health crisis.

This facility would serve Wayne County and adjacent communities through a public private partnership which is located on West 7 Mile Road between Southfield and Evergreen, with access to major roads and freeways to conveniently serve residents and vul-



nerable populations of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

"The conversation about the State not having enough crisis beds has been ongoing for years," said Doeh.

"The availability of a 24-hour walk-in crisis assessment center is critical. We know that Wayne County needs multiple crisis centers to decrease the impact of the stress on hospital emergency departments (EDs) and the outcomes of behavioral health consumers utilizing EDs for non-emergent, behavioral health needs."

The Behavioral Health Campus will provide:

 Medical, dental, vision and pharmacy services for persons of all ages

 Mobile transportation services to appointments
 24-7 Walk-in Crisis Assessment, Treatment, Community Services Coordination

• 24-hour mobile and telephonic clinical pre-admission review and dispo-

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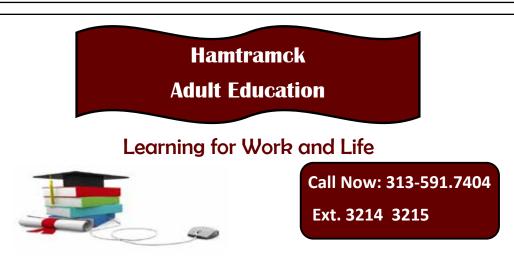
Mayor Ghalib to break the

tie. He voted in favor of the

project. He stressed that

there is a housing short-

age in the city, and that the



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**By Charles Sercombe** This week's Crime Log covers July 19-25.

• A complaint about noise was made in the 3000 block of Yemans.

· An assault was reported in the 11400 block of Conant.

was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

were reported on Dan and Buffalo.

· A theft was reported on Carpenter.

· A Detroit resident reported a theft from their vehicle while it was parked at Gallagher and Holbrook. · A Moran resident re-

about a disorderly group of people on Selfridge.

#### Wednesday, July 20

works was made in the 2200 block of Faber.

· An assault was reported in the 12000 block of

 Officers investigating an occupied vehicle in Veterans Park arrested a suspect for being wanted on a

• A hit-and-run accident

as well as for obstruction.

#### Thursday, July 21

· A family dispute was

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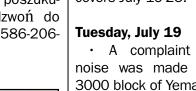
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felony warrant.

• A complaint was made about an intoxicated male walking in the 2300 block of Caniff.

occurred in the 2000 block of Caniff.

 An agent for a Jos. Campau business complained about a customer dispute.

· A report was made about a verbal dispute between siblings on Dyar.

· A motorist was arrested for fleeing and eluding,

a strong-armed robbery that occurred in the 3500 block of Caniff. Also arrested at the scene was a Hamtramck resident for being disorderly and for obstruction.

 A theft was reported in the 2300 block of Yemans.

#### Saturday, July 23

· Family trouble was reported in the 11600 block of McDougall.

 A suspicious male was reported in the area of Trowbridge and Gallagher.

 The owner of a rental unit on Dequindre reported that someone damaged his house.

 A vehicle was reported stolen in the 5100 block of Yemans.

· A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Edwin.

 Neighbor trouble was reported in the 2700 block of Yemans.

#### Sunday, July 24

• A male was arrested in the 2300 block of Caniff after threatening his family with a knife.

 Officers responded to the 2300 block of Caniff in regards to family trouble.

 A complaint was made in the 5200 block of Trowbridge about 10 unwanted guests at a residence. Officers sent those guests away.

· Officers noticed that a Dodge Durango was being followed by two other vehicles. Officers pursued the two vehicles but the drivers got away.

 A complaint was made about several people breaking into cars in the area of Evaline and Alpena. Officers recovered a stolen vehicle at the scene and pursued the driver of another vehicle suspected of being involved in the thefts. The driver got away.

• A resident reported that their bicycle was stolen on Roosevelt.

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reported in the 12100 block of Gallagher.

· A complaint was made about a suspicious person in Veterans Park.

• A person was arrested in the 2400 block of Andrus for damaging property and for domestic assault.

· A Selfridge resident reported that someone damaged their vehicle.

· A theft was reported on Jos. Campau.

 Officers responding to a large fight on Grand Haven arrested two people for disorderly conduct and for obstruction.

#### Friday, July 22

· A Harper Woods resident was arrested for

#### Monday, July 25

· A report was made of a person missing from a residence in the 3000 block of Hanley.

· Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.

· A resident was arrested during a traffic stop for possessing dangerous drugs and for driving with a suspended license.

 An Evaline resident reported a theft from their vehicle.

 A Detroit resident was arrested after a road-rage crash.

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flags have been flown in the past, so there is precedent for thinking of our diversity in ways that reach beyond the national boundary lines that the history of warfare has arbitrarily drawn upon the globe.

As an extraordinarily diverse city in the heart of a multinational nation. we are not adequately represented by such flags alone. Other, newer flags might also be raised, for example, representing our senior citizens, or our disabled community, to remind us of the full array of neighbors who deserve our acceptance, respect, and support.

You don't have to rewind the historical clock very far to arrive at a time when flags from Muslim majority nations were not flown in Hamtramck. But the city added new flags because that's what inclusive representation called for. I first moved to Hamtramck in 2004 when the Muslim call to prayer was controversial.

At that time, it was the progressive members of

the community, including many LGBT members, who came to the defense of the religious freedoms of our Muslim brothers and sisters. But now many of the loudest voices of intolerance against LGBT representation in the city invoke the authority of Islamic sharia law and its prohibition against homosexual conduct.

This tension in our city is politically unfortunate. In the broader context of national politics, Hamtramck's LGBT and Muslim communities should be natural allies because they both face a common enemy in the aggressively homophobic and Islamophobic political rightwing.

Is strategic solidarity possible here?

Yes, but when tolerance and intolerance clash, its intolerance that must yield. The chief fear that right-wing Islamophobes invoke when sounding their political alarms is the menace of Muslims importing sharia law.

Let's not make their arguments for them by removing the Pride flag from its pole for religious reasons. Show them instead that "Islam is a religion of tolerance" (Abd al-W si al-Ghash m and Am r F il Sa d, University of Judayda, Yemen, 2013).

If your religion prohibits homosexual conduct, then refraining from it is between you and your deity. Leave others to manage their own choices.

If you feel like you must judge their conduct, please do so silently while respecting their legitimate presence and representation in our inclusive city.

That's what it means to be tolerant of others. For Hamtramck to continue to thrive as a vibrant, diverse, and welcoming place, we all should all live by these words of your prophet: "Be tolerant so that others may be tolerant with you (asmi vusma la-kum)."

(Mark Rigstad is an Associate Professor and Interim Chair of Philosophy Director of the Center for Ethics at Oakland University. He is also a Hamtramck resident.)

## **DWIHN to open health campus to meet** community needs Cont. from page 6

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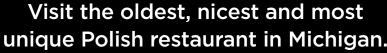
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