

day (May 14) is Mother's Day. To all moms everywhere, and also momsto-be, we wish you a very happy and special day.

Moving on to next weekend, on Saturday

Case in point: Hamtramck's historical baseball stadium, which went from being a dilapidated eyesore to the city's sparkling new jewel.



pole, and then walked to city hall.

Many of the students. numbering about 20 in to-



(May 20) there is the annual free 5K Hamtramck Health Hike, sponsored by the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC), a program of the Piast Institute.

Here's what the Health Hike folks have to say about the event:

"As a complement to the outdoor exercise, participants will have the chance to learn more about healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Be a part of the first 350 people to register and attend to get free giveaways!"

The hike goes from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and starts at Zussman Park, in front of city hall. The hike is held rain or shine, and - according to weather forecasters Saturday is looking good.

You are encouraged to register beforehand, but you can also just show up and sign in on the day-of.

For more information, or to register, go to: HamtramckDrugFree.org.



Recently, the state awarded the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation to the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium in honor of the renovations done at the stadium. Three other state proiects also received the honor.

A ceremony was held last week in Lansing, where Lt. Gov. Garlin Ghilchrist and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) made the presentation.

On hand to receive the



The renovation of Hamtramck's baseball stadium was given a special honor recently. The state honored the renovation effort by the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium with the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation.

award was Gary Gillette, Founder and Chair of the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, as well as Tom Niczay, former Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent, among others.

The stadium is only one of a handful that still exist that were part of the legendary Negro Baseball League, from a time back when African-Americans were not allowed to play in the all-white Major Leagues.

The stadium was built the Negro League. in 1930. The color barrier in Major League Baseball

was finally broken in 1947, when Hall of Fame player Jackie Robinson played for the then-Brooklyn (now, Los Angeles) Dodgers.

And that pretty much spelled the end of era of

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Hamtramck High School students held a protest Wednesday afternoon to highlight an oil drilling project in Alaska.

tal, carried signs protesting the Alaska project. Some read: "#Stop the Willow oil project" and "#Stop Willow."

They also chanted: "The Willow project, it must be stopped. For nature's sake, we say no."

Sophomore Stella Hughes explained the concern of the students: "We are protesting because the Willow Project threatens the health of the environment and of the indigenous peoples living in Alaska."

The Willow project was initially approved by the Trump administration,

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The mayor and city councilmembers recently were invited to the White House in a celebration of Eid.

### **City officials part** of Eid celebration at the White House

#### By Charles Sercombe

Although they didn't get to meet one-on-one with President Biden, the mayor and city council did enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience to visit the White House as special guests.

Mayor Amer Ghalib told The Review that about 200 people attended the visit, which was a celebration of Eid.

Like the mayor and city

council, most of those in attendance were of the Islamic faith, he said.

"It was a good experience, we walked around and inside the White House, attended the president's speech, and ate after that," Ghalib said.

"He (Biden) just spoke and walked out; on his way out of the room he shook hands with people standing in the front, and

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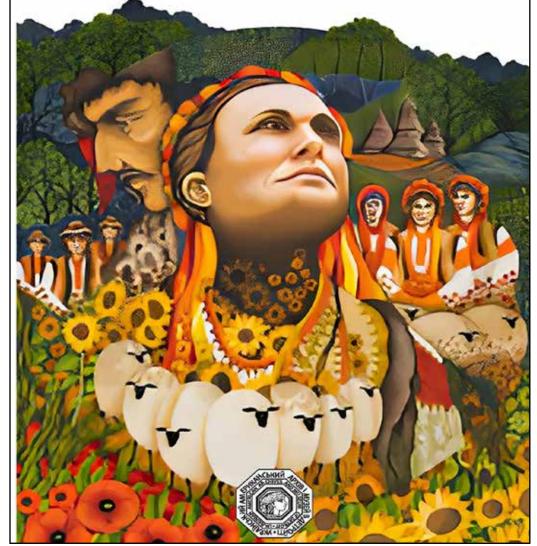
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## State recognizes transformation of Hamtramck's historical stadium

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eventfully fell into disrepair starting around the 1980s until several years ago, when its historical significance was discovered – thanks to the research done by the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium. The stadium has since undergone major, largely grant-funded, improvements and restorations.

In 2020, The National Park Service, through its African American Civil Rights Historic Preservation Fund, awarded the city and Wayne County \$490,729 to make improvements at the stadium and to its grounds.

The financial support just kept getting better. The following year, the Wayne County Commission pitched in \$850,000, which was part of a \$2.6 million project being funded by several charitable organizations.

Live baseball games have since returned to the stadium. The actual field has been named in honor of Norman "Turkey" Stearnes. Stearnes played with the Detroit Stars of the Negro League at the field.

In a press release, Gilchrist spoke on all of the projects:

"It's an honor to recognize this select group of outstanding historic preservation achievements today.

"Today's honorees represent the rich diversity of our communities, our



Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium were honored for its work in the renovation of the structure. Those on hand to receive the award are (from the right to left): Dave Libbett, Rebecca Binno Savage, E'toile Libbett, Mike Wilson (President), Gary Gillette (Chair and Founder), State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck) and Tom Niczay.

inclusive heritage and the welcoming culture that has long defined us as Michiganders – and continues to this day. These historic sites represent critical pieces of the fabric that make us who we are here in Michigan."

Also on hand was State Rep. Abraham Aiyash (D-Hamtramck), who reminisced about his days playing at the field.

"I grew up playing baseball at Hamtramck Stadium, not knowing we were standing where the legendary Detroit Stars played," said Aiyash. "I am so glad to see that our community is being awarded to keep this American jewel protected for years to come."

Also adding a comment to the occasion was Hamtramck's new state senator, Stephanie Chang, who said:

"Congratulations to all those involved in the rehabilitation of Hamtramck Stadium. This is an important landmark for Black history, American history, and Hamtramck history.

"I'm excited about the future of the stadium, and the role it will continue to play for residents of Hamtramck and the entire region."

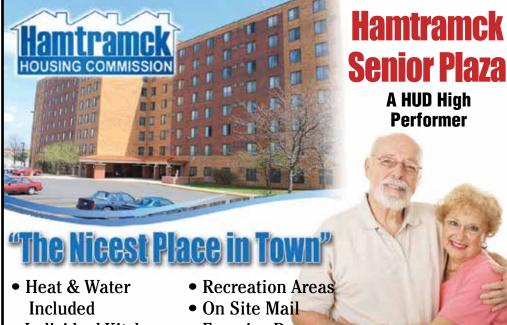
Also honored at the presentation were the following projects:

 Collaborative Bring Back Calumet initiative, Calumet, Houghton County

 Rehabilitation of Eastern Elementary School into Emerald Flats Apartments, Grand Rapids, Kent County

• Documentation and recovery of the Lake Huron Red Tail aircraft in lower Lake Huron, Port Huron vicinity, St. Clair County

There are ongoing plans for further improvements at the stadium site, which is located in Veterans Park, and it is hoped that it will serve as a diversified entertainment complex in the years to come.



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**Story Time:** Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 4 pm. It will put a smile on everyone's face, including yours. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

**Game Night:** Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Friday's at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play.

**Library of Michigan:** Gain some insight into the people and legislation that built the Library of Michigan into what it is today by viewing their next ZOOM presentation on Thursday, June 1st at 6:30 pm. Please visit www.michigan.gov/Impublicprograms to register, see full details and check out the entire monthly schedule

**Sky Covington:** Join us for a very special musical performance by local jazz mega-talent, Sky Covington. It is scheduled for June 7th at 5 pm and admission is free. The concert is funded in part by National Endowment for Humanities and Michigan Arts and Culture Council

Alzheimer's & Dementia: Please join us for a pair of evenings with representatives from the Alzheimer's Association. Give us a visit on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>July 18th</u> at 6 pm for an overview of the research into diet, nutrition, exercise, social engagement, and cognitive activity that supports healthy aging. Then, consider attending the conversation highlighting differences between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and factors, current research, and resources available which will take place on Tuesday, August 15th at 6 pm.

**Summer Reading:** Our Summer Reading Program starts Wednesday, June 28th at 2 pm with your favorite wildlife expert, Randy Baker and his animals that are native to our state. Following weekly programs will be packed with science wacky games, awesome crafts, and tons of reading. Everyone will get a chance to earn tickets to participate in the end of program raffle with plenty of prizes. Summer adventures await.

**ESL Classes in the Library:** The ESL classes organized by Horizon School are held in the library (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first staring at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am.

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### Crime Watch... The sounds of warmer weather are not always welcomed

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

As you would expect, with the arrival of warmer weather and more people out and about, there will be noise.

And there are some residents who don't want to hear their neighbors. The number of complaints about noisy neighbors continues to increase each week.

Let's face it, with Hamtramck housing shoulder-to-shoulder to each other, we're all going to overhear our neighbors. Sometimes it can be entertaining, and other times, the opposite of that.

Now, imagine those living near Keyworth Stadium who have to put up with game days for the Detroit City Football Club.

Not only is there the roar of the attendees, but also, contributing to the frustration of residents is the loss of parking spaces.

Of course, parking on public streets is legal, unless parking is restricted to resident-only parking.

This inconvenience was the subject of debate on a Facebook page called "Hamtramck Square." On that site, some are calling for the end of the games being held there.

Also, fingers were pointed at city officials for not doing anything about it.

"Why can't the City of Hamtramck hold DCFC accountable to find a parking spot for their visitors or make it free for them so that way they don't take the residents

parking spots?" said one commentator on Hamtramck Square.

Another commentator said the deal with the club is "Like everything else, the previous administration does things without studies or inquires."

The Hamtramck Public School District owns and controls Keyworth Stadium- not the city - and the district has a lease deal with the football club.

Also, part of that deal resulted in the DCFC investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in improvements for the stadium.

While the football club's activities at the stadium don't even come close to being considered criminal, there are some in the community who want to

boot the team out.

That appears unlikely to happen, considering the lease. But, it might portend issues to come down the road, when the lease expires.

Of course, there are the supporters of the soccer games, and what it all means, financially, for the city.

"This complaint is absurd. DCFC is one of the few great things we have in the city, and (it) does wonderful things for our cities image," said another Hamtramck Square commentator.

"It brings so many people here who would not come otherwise. Friends, family and colleagues all tell me how they love bringing their kids here for a game."



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### **Covid update...** Covid threat over, but it's still a leading cause of death

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

You can scratch off COVID-19 as being a major worldwide health emergency.

World That's what Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said last week in a press conference.

"For more than a year the pandemic has been on a downward trend." Tedros said. "This trend has allowed most countries to return to life as we knew it before Covid-19," Tedros said.

"Yesterday, the emer-

the third leading cause of death globally.

Over 1 million Americans have died during the pandemic, which started three years ago.

In Hamtramck, 82 people died from the disease during the pandemic.

While the number of new cases has taken a downturn, health officials are saying that a new outbreak could cause another worldwide pandemic.

In an article in The Guardian, Professor Benjamin Neuman of Texas A&M University said: "This bittersweet anongoing low numbers the lowest they've been in two years.

It is still advised, however, to wear a mask while out in public - which is something hardly anyone is doing.

There are a few buildings where masks are still mandatory, such as some medical clinics and hospitals. Even the Hamtramck Post office has a sign requiring customers to wear a mask while inside - but, from appearances, few people follow that directive - including the employees. Wayne County health officials did not have the latest update on new covid cases for the past week in Hamtramck when The Review went to press Thursday. The total number of cases for the past three years is over 6,000 here in Hamtramck.



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gency committee met for the 15th time, and recommended to me that I declare an end to the public health emergency profound progress, this of international concern. I have accepted that advice."

While the statement represents a milestone, not everyone is buying it. A number of critics pointed out that COVID-19 is nouncement seems more a white flag than a cause for celebration.

"While there has been decision reflects the political reality of Covid more clearly than the medical situation.'

In the meantime, the number of new covid cases in all 83 counties in the state have reported

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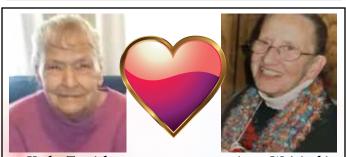




Public Budget Hearing will be held for the following Public School Academy:

> Hamtramck 11420 Conant St., Hamtramck 313-368-7312-May 24, 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.



Kathy Trusick Anna Wojcinski Happy Mother's Day

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### From the Superintendent

HPS Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed posted this message to teachers during "National Teacher Appreciation Week":

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, I want to thank you for your tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to our students, families, community and each other.

While this week officially marks National Teacher Appreciation Week, my gratitude for your work and all that you mean to our school district cannot be contained within such a small period of time. In recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, every building leader has been allocated a budget as a gesture of appreciation towards our staff.

"Teaching is the art of assisting discovery." This quote highlights the role of teachers in facilitating learning and helping students discover their potential. It emphasizes the creativity and passion required to be an effective teacher and how your efforts can shape the future of our students.

At Hamtramck Public Schools, we are fortunate to have an exceptional team of passionate educators throughout our schools who are devoted to providing our students with a high-quality learning experience in an engaging and nurturing environment. You are the foundation of the district and have been

**Boys Baseball Schedule 2023** All games start at 4:30 p.m.

5-15 Make Up Days

there for our school community throughout the school year.

Over the past several years, we have faced many challenges, but we have been able to successfully address those challenges because of the team spirit evident in our schools and classrooms. By working as a team, we can ensure that our students receive the high-quality educational experience they deserve.

This is the most exciting time of the school year, with the Class of 2023 getting ready to walk across the stage and our younger students moving up to the next grade level. It's a time of celebration for all that has been accomplished during the school year; those accomplishments are the results of your hard work.

Thank you for all that you do, and enjoy this well-deserved recognition!

#### Celebration

May is Asian American and Pacific-Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month! We celebrate the history, culture and contributions of the AAPI community in and honor their impact on our society.

#### **Get physical**

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### Lady Cosmos Girls Soccer Schedule

All Games Start Times Are 4:30 p.m.

- 5-17 Lady Cosmos vs. Taylor Prep (away)
- 5-19 Lady Cosmos vs. Rudolf Steiner (Ann Arbor, away, 6 p.m.)
- 5-24 Thurston Lady vs. Cosmos (home)

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### **Coming Events**

**SATURDAY, May 13, 2-4 p.m.** –Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!

### SATURDAY, SUNDAY, May 20-21, starting <u>at 10 a.m.</u> – citywide garage sale, no permit required.



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### In Our Opinion Get ready for an election season

Hamtramck's election season is off and running.

The only local election this year for public office is for three seats on city council. Councilmembers Mohammed Hassan, Nayeem Choudhury and Mohammed Alsomiri are facing nine challengers in the August Primary Election.

Unfortunately, there is only one woman in this field of challengers, and currently the council, as well as the mayor, are all male.

This is hardly representative of Hamtramck. Hamtramck elections used to attract dozens of folks. In recent years, that number has steadily dwindled.

We can understand why: holding elected office is work, and then there are always critics to face. It's a thankless iob.

In fact, this has been illustrated by the resignations of two newly-elected councilmembers this past year, and a third newly-elected member has been absent for months, for reasons never made clear.

Hamtramck needs serious candidates who have some knowledge of our city's own issues and needs, as well as knowledge of the limits of what a councilmember can and cannot do.

We are always baffled by folks who want a seat on council while having no idea how the job works - or even an inkling of what's in our city charter.

Some see being elected as a councilmember as a trophy.

We're hoping that we hear from the candidates in the coming weeks about what issues they would like to tackle.

Here's a hint, though, of what not to promise: lowering property taxes. That's not going to happen.

## Odds & Ends

Garage sales... Have a down-town with colorful lot of things to get rid of, or perhaps you like to go treasure hunting?

Well, next weekend, Saturday-Sunday (May 20-21) is your weekend. That's when the city is encouraging garage sales. To sweeten the deal, the city is not requiring permits.

In other word, go ahead and hold a sale. Sales can start at 10 a.m.

Art in display... The Detroit Institute of Arts is continuing its "Inside/ Out" program.

Hamtramck has already been previously included. But now there are more

communities being added to the list. According to the DIA:

"Each community will house high-quality reproductions of art featured in the museum's collection."

And its press release further says:

There are seven participating communities throughout Wayne Coun-

- ty, including: Belleville
- Ecorse

Detroit (San Bernardo

Neighborhood) Highland Park (Avalon Village)

- Southwest Detroit
- Plymouth
- Wayne County Com-

munity College District For the full list of com-

munities, to learn more about the Inside Out program, and to schedule a museum visit for your organization go to: www. dia.org.

art and positivity. Save the date Thursday, June 1, 7-9 p.m.

The second event will showcase our brightened sidewalks with a "Late Night" event highlighting our queer-friendly businesses here in the city. Participating stores will keep their doors open until at least 10 p.m. with the streets filled with food/ ice cream trucks & music. Eat, shop, and be merry! Save the date for Friday, June 2.

Next up we want to host a film screening. No set date, location or film chosen yet, so if you have a passion for this project please reach out!

Similarly to a film screening, we want to host an event centering aueer authors/poets. This is in the beginning stages of planning, if you have connections to local/regional queer writers who want to showcase their work, please reach out!

Saturday, June 24 is a 2-for-1 of events already being put on by groups other than HQA, but we hope to collaborate to help promote and bring success to these events as a part of Hamtramck Pride.

First, there will be another queer punk show at Smalls, just like the awesome show a few nights ago organized by Jenny Pearson! Second, there is a home DCFC game and we hope to partner with the Northern Guard to show some pride at the game that night. More

tion with the City, Max Ryan. This event is our homage to a traditional Pride Parade, as we felt this type of "march" aligns with our values and our community's needs.

Update... The healthcare agency CCA Health of Michigan recently made an announcement.

Morgan Buchko has joined the team as Vice President of Market Partnership Strategy and Performance. Buchko, a Michigan native, will cultivate and expand the CCA Health Michigan network of providers, community organizations, and other local partners to help the organization continue to deliver on its mission of improving the health and well-being of Michiganders with significant needs.

"CCA Health Michigan delivers and coordinates person-centered care that is tailored to each individual's unique needs and is anchored in the local community," said Buchko. "I'm excited to join a mission-focused organization that cares so much about its members. I look forward to collaborating with the entire CCA Health Michigan leadership team and our incredible clinical and community partners to help develop innovative solutions that improve the health of our members and the communities we serve."

CCA Health Michigan serves over 62,000 individuals in the state via its Medicare Advantage plans, CCA Health ACO, and CCA Health Physician Organization. To learn more, visit ccahealthmi.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

### HHS students are on the move against Alaska oil drilling

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and recently again by the Biden administration.

The project will extract oil in Alaska's North Slope in the National Petroleum Reserve, which is owned by the federal government. Houston-based energy company ConocoPhillips is financing the operation. It is thought the area holds some 600 million barrels of oil.

It will take years before the oil will be extracted. environmental An group, Earthjustice, is attempting to block the drilling in court.

Alaskan indigenous naives are also onnosed



HHS LEAP students organized a public protest against an oil drilling project. Students say the oil drilling poses serious environmental concerns.

to the drilling, fearing its environmental impact on the region.

But some Alaska officials are in favor of the project because it means



an economic boost to the state.

President Biden had promised, during his campaign, not to allow any new oil or gas drilling on public lands, but the courts have struck down attempts to prevent the project.

Biden has since said he had no choice but to approve the project.

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Update ... The Hamtramck LGBTQ Alliance recently announced its nect with these groups! new events.

to say:

This year we want to

details for these events forthcoming as we con-

Last but not least, save Here's what they have the date for Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m., Keyworth Stadium for a Hamtramck kick-off June by chalking Pride Pick-Up in coordina-



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https://frontierdetroit.geeacad emies.net/six days prior to the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

### 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 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., to present their proposed 2023-2024 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.



# **Strawberry Festival ushers in the return of spring weather**

#### **By Charles Sercombe** There was something extra to last weekend's St. Florian Strawberry

Festival. And that was the wel-

come return of warm weather, with the reappearance of the sun.

Add to this spring weather some homemade Polish food, as well as Polish dancers, Polish beer and live music, and you have a recipe for a perfect weekend.

As usual, the festival kicked off with the annual march of local firefighters, who headed down Brombach from the fire station led by a Scottish bagpipe ensemble.

Scenes from last weekend's St. Florian Strawberry Festival.





### City officials part of Eid celebration at the White House Continued from front page

walked out. He had no bilateral meetings with anyone due to too many people in the room."

As for those attending, it was a rare opportunity for city officials to meet other officials from different states and "network," Ghalib added.

Councilmember Muhith Mahmood said, on a Facebook posting, that "It was a great experience with different leaders from all over the country."

At this Tuesday's city

to those who oppose honoring and celebrating religious holidays in our city."

In 2016, Obama also hosted a group of Muslim-Americans to the White House, where he said, in part:

"For more than two centuries, Muslim Americans of all backgrounds – Arab and Asian, African and Latino, black and white - have helped build America as farmers and merchants, factory workers, architects, teachers and community leaders. ... "So let's be clear: Muslim Americans are as patriotic, as integrated, as American, as any other members of the American family. And whether your family has been here for generations or you're a new arrival, you're an essential part of the fabric of our country."

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We had an excellent trip. We met a lot of people."

One person he met and snapped a photo with was none other than Vice President Kamala Harris.

Other councilmembers posed with U.S. Representatives Ilhan Omar (D-Minnesota) and Detroit's own Rashida Tlaib (D).

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury called the visit "historical," and he noted that without being elected "I wouldn't have had a chance to go there."

Ghalib also noted, on his Facebook page, that, before the president spoke, the event began with the recitation of some verses from the Quran.

"There are those in our city who object to us allowing people, as a government, to participate in their various religious celebrations. Like (President) Obama said, we are not Americans or Muslims, we are American Muslims."

He further said that he hopes "this is a message

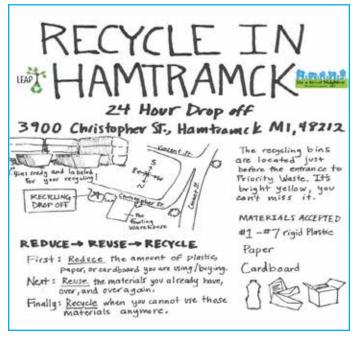
Biden also spoke about the ongoing role of Muslims in the history of the

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and here who serve in city,
white county, state governAmerI want to compliment you.
rkers, Some of you are the first
Muslims ever to hold the
seats you have. Thank
you. And I'm so proud to

you. And I'm so proud to see this during my time as President of the United States."

City Manager Max Garbarino said the city paid the expenses of the mayor and city councilmembers. He said he hopes to get reimbursed by the Biden administration.

The cost of the trip was not immediately known.



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**By Charles Sercombe** This week's Crime Log

covers May 2-8. Tuesday, May 2

 Officers responded to a call about a dispute in the area of Jos. Campau and Hewitt.

· An assault was reported at Goodson and Jos. Campau.

• A complaint was made about a disorderly person on Caniff.

• Officers, investigating a complaint about a male bothering customers at a business in the 10300 block of Conant, arrested the suspect for possessing drugs.

A vehicle was stolen in the 2900 block of Yemans.

 A person in the 2600 block of Casmere complained about being harassed.

An armed robberv was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.

• A hit-and-run accident was reported in the area of Casmere and Sobieski. Wednesday, May 3

 A Detroit juvenile was arrested, in the area of Lumpkin and Alice, for attempting to steal a vehicle, and for carrying a concealed weapon.

Officers recovered a stolen vehicle in the 12000 block of Dequindre.

· A vehicle theft was reported in the 11400 block of Moran.

• A runaway situation was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

• A complaint was made about a reckless driver in the 3200 block of Roosevelt.

• A person reported being bitten by an animal while in the 12000 block of Sobieski.

• A fight was reported in the 10300 block of

of Andrus.

• A domestic dispute was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge. Thursday, May 4

· A robbery was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

 A resident was arrested for drunk driving, and for driving without a valid license.

 Officers investigated a group of suspicious vehicles in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

• A juvenile from a Dyar St. residence was reported missing.

 Customer trouble was reported at a business on Carpenter.

• A fight was reported in the 3800 block of Caniff.

A complaint was made about fireworks in the 2300 block of Edwin.

• A theft was reported in the 11700 block of Charest.

· A report was made about a male, in the 2200 block of Danforth, pointing a gun at a woman.

 Officers investigated several suspicious vehicles in Veterans Park. Friday, May 5

#### An illegal dumping

was reported in the 2700 block of Yemans.

· A resident was arrested in the 2700 block of Yemans for home invasion.

· A juvenile was arrested during an investigation.

• A fight was reported inside a business on Jos. Campau. A fight was also reported on Grayling.

• A possible illegal dumping was reported in the 11400 block of Charest.

 A complaint was made about a reckless driver in the area of Lumpkin and Caniff.

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Conant.

 Family trouble was reported in the 2400 block

A complaint was made about people drink-

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ing alcohol in an alley at was reported in the Jos. Campau and Florian. · A report was made about a reckless driver in the 2200 block of Caniff. Saturday, April 6

· A hit-and-accident occurred in the 9800 block of Conant.

· An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.

· Gunshots were reported in the 10300 block of Conant.

· A fight was reported in the 2400 block of Goodson.

 A complaint about an animal was made in the 2300 block of Goodson.

 Neighbor trouble was reported in the 2400 block of Botsford. Sunday, May 7

 A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 3100 block of Hanley.

 A Detroit resident was arrested, in the 9800 block of Conant, for two counts of assault, and for obstructing officers.

 Officers responded to a break-in that was in progress in the 3200 block of Trowbridge.

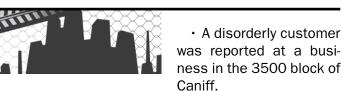
• A complaint was made about a loud group of people in the area of Yemans and Conant.

· An assault was reported in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.

 A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

 A complaint was made about a juvenile at Selfridge near Circle Dr.

A domestic assault



11500 block of Fleming. Monday, May 8

· A report was made of a disorderly person on Caniff.

· An assault was reported in the 1900 block of Evaline.

· A vehicle theft was reported in the 2200 block of Caniff.

· A break-in was reported in the 12100 block of Sobieski.

was reported at a business in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau. · A theft was reported

· A disorderly customer

in the 12000 block of Dequindre.

· A landlord/tenant dispute was reported in the 2400 block of Holbrook.

 A complaint was made about a group of disorderly juveniles in the area of Oklahoma and Circle Dr.





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