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So far, just one official

complaint has been filed,

but several sources have

said there might be more

By Charles Sercombe Hamtramck's city hall

Quick Hits

The Review wins a business grant

Award for Historic Preser-

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toric Hamtramck Stadium,

in honor of the renovations

done at the stadium, there

is another project about to

Recently, the city re-

ceived a federal grant,

worth almost \$654,000,

to install restrooms at Vet-

State Rep Abraham Ai-

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The state grant will go

toward installing a drinking

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The stadium has a busy

schedule, hosting upcom-

ing baseball games for

stadium's parking lot.

the restroom project.

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erans Park.

It gets better.

By Charles Sercombe

Two Hamtramck businesses recently were named recipients of small business grants.

First up, Citizens Bank announced its awards, which went to 30 businesses out of 9,000 en-

The winners will receive \$10,000 each

One of those winning businesses is... drum roll, please... The Review newspaper.

We were one of three Michigan businesses to be awarded, which we deeply appreciate. The other Michigan winners include:

- Fall Harvest Urban Farms, LLC, Detroit
- Next Generation MIHP, Detroit

In a press release, Citizens said this about its award program:

"Citizens created the Small Business Community Champion Award program as part of its ongoing commitment to strengthen local economies and communities. Including this year's recipients, the program has awarded more than \$1.2 million to deserving small businesses."

Sarah Lindstorm, the Citizens' Head of Business Banking, added:

"The strong participation in this year's Small Business Champion program underscores how businesses are critically engaged with us and, more importantly, with their respective commu-

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Expect to see additional improvements at Veterans Park in the coming months. One important addition will be restrooms - something that's been missing for decades. Also coming this summer is a playscape.

high schoolers, amateur teams and other organizations.

Speaking about the state grant, State Rep. Aivash said:

"This stadium will serve as a timeless source of inspiration for generations to come. Hamtramck Stadium holds great importance, not just for Hamtramck's history, but also for the Negro Leagues connection to baseball

throughout the United States. Through the preservation and restoration of this Stadium, we simultaneously invest in our future and honor our historical

You may think a million dollars is a lot just for restrooms, and you may ask: Are they going to have gold-plated fixtures?

Of course not. City Manager Max Garbarino said the project will require in-

stalling brand new water and sewer lines, as well as making a host of other improvements to the former restroom building that is still standing. All of this involves no small cost.

And, there are also a slew of requirements in order to conform with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This is no home improvement job.

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Maali Luqman The person who filed the complaint is the head of the Human Resources Department. Mashana

In her complaint, a copy of which The Review received following a Freedom of Information Act request, it is alleged that Deputy City Manager Maali Luqman has created a "hostile work environment on the third floor" of city hall.

Burton.

On the city hall's third floor, the district court is located in one half, with some city administrators' offices are in the other half.

Asked for comment, Lugman referred The Review to her attorney, Amy Doukoure, who is a staff attorney for the organization CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations).

Her attorney said that Luqman has a cross-com-

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Hamtramck High School students recently earned a Michigan Seal of Biliteracy. The students are proficient in English and one other world language.

State recognizes **HPS** students for their biliteracy

By Alan Madlane

The kids are all right and then some.

Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) recently announced that 37 students from the Class of 2023 had earned a Michigan Seal of Biliteracy.

This recognition is for high school graduates who exhibit language proficiency (as verified by the Michigan Department of Education) in both English and at least one additional world language.

Out of the 37 recipients, 23 speak Bengali, 13 speak Arabic and one speaks Bosnian.

We sent some questions to the Hamtramck School District's Mirjana Maros, who is the head of the ELD department at HHS, about the language program in the district:

The Review: Does the Hamtramck School District have any special

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Veterans Park is slated to see even more improvements continued from front page

park's restrooms were long ago closed down, due to vandalism and security concerns.

However, times have changed.

The park has been experiencing ongoing renovations for the past several vears, and the improvements also coincide with the restoration of Hamtramck's historical baseball stadium.

The stadium was once home to the Detroit Stars of the Negro League baseball back in the 1930s,

African-Americans were not permitted to play in the all-white Major Leagues.

Time went by, and people forgot about what once happened at the stadium.

Its significance was not discovered until several

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years ago, but, since that time, it has received a historic designation by the state.

That has led to numerous grants, worth millions of dollars, to fix it up – and also to permanently put an end to occasional calls to tear it down.

The stadium's renovation also dovetails with plans for further improvements at Veterans Park, which at one time became blighted and was considered unsafe to hang out in.

But again, times change,

and in the 1980s residents banded together to stop a development plan for the park and save it from destruction.

That effort snowballed into more people hopping on board to bring the park back to life. These days, you can see

kids playing in the park, and families relaxing there - especially on hot summer nights. The only problem is,

there is no restroom facility nearby when one is

Work on the restrooms is expected to begin in the coming months.

But - that's not all.

The city, through the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, is also installing a playscape and outdoor work area, plus other proj-

The Conservancy is also seeking public input for the design of the playscape and you are invited to a meeting on May 25, at 5 p.m., at the Hamtramck Public Library (located at 2360 Caniff).

All is not well in city hall

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plaint against Burton, saying it's Burton who's created a hostile work environment.

"It's very clear that it's Ms. Burton who is the source of hostility," said Doukoure.

Doukoure added that Lugman had informed City Manager Max Garbarino of the situation, but "he swept it under the rug."

Burton's complaint, which was sent to Garbarino, says that her relationship with Lugman for the last six months has "deteriorated."

"Now the work environment has become toxic and hostile," Burton said.

Burton went on to further sav:

"I do not feel I should be harassed or work under extreme tension because Maali has an unfounded issue with me. I have

never had a verbal confrontation with her so I'm not sure what her issues are with me. I know have remained professional despite the pettiness from Maali."

Burton cited three issues she had with Lugman:

Burton had scheduled with City Manager Garbarino to use a conference room but on the date it was to be used, Burton said Lugman told her that she would first have to check with Garbarino because she was not informed of the matter.

In another instance. Burton said that Lugman keeps copy paper "under lock and key." Burton said that "caused" her to go to the city clerk's office to get paper "to avoid a potential hostile conversation."

In the third matter, Bur-

ton said that Lugman would not buzz open the door to the administration wing on the third floor "when she sees us outside the door searching for our keys."

Lugman's attorney, Doukoure, responded, via email, to each allegation.

In the conference room matter: "Ms. Luqman telling Ms. Burton that she had to check to make sure there was no conflict in the scheduling for the conference room which fell squarely within the designated jobs assigned to Ms. Lugman by Mr. Gar-

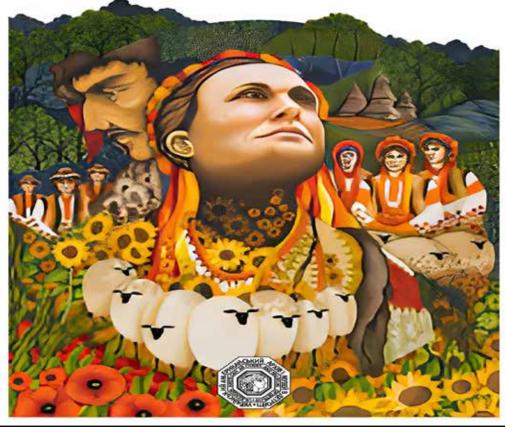
Regarding access to copy paper, Doukoure said that Burton has access to the key to where the paper is stored, and that Burton can also order her own pa-

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Theodore Roethke: This poet was born on May 25, 1908, a native Michigander & Pulitzer Prize winner.

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Group Exercise: Adaptive Yoga every Tuesday at 3 pm. Tai Chi every Friday at 10 am. The program is conducted by the RIM Foundation.

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/lmpublicprograms 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 Tuesday, July 18th 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

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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Second Front Page



Oratory students

On Wednesday, May 17, four of our brightest and best were treated to a day out with one of their favorite teachers, Rahiel Housey-Johnson, in honor of the Optimists of Downtown Detroit's Winners' Circle and Law Day.

Each student got a chance to squeeze into an actual Grand Prix race car, courtesy of Citizens Bank-Corktown, en route to the main event at Nemo's in Corktown.

This special day was the pinnacle of the 2022-2023 Optimists International Oratorical season, which featured the topic, "Discovering the Optimism within Me.'

Contestants received commemorative medalcertificates, and prize checks, based on their success on March 15, 2023, when Erna Balija, 8th grader at Kosciuszko Middle School nabbed first place; Dickinson East 5th grader Zareen Begum took second; and Ali Ahsan, 7th grader at KMS, tied for third place with 7th grader Tasfia Ahmed (formerly of KMS, recently moved to Sterling Heights).

Keynote speaker Robert Cleary, Esq. spoke to the contest winners, judges, club members, and others present about current events, education, and career opportunities in the fields of law.

Essay contest winners were invited to celebrate, also, but were unable due to testing.

Senior Serenity DPS Moore was recognized, along with her parents, for her success in response to the essay topic/question: "Who is an everyday hero who brings out the optimism within you?"

District Lieutenant Governor Jackie Johnson at-



HPS Oratory students (from left to right): Serenity Moore, Ali Ahsan, Zareen Begum, Tasfia Ahmed, Erna Balija, and teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson.

tended to present a special certificate because on Saturday, April 22, Miss Erna Balija, represented the Optimists of Downtown Detroit at a zone/ area level Zoom competition, where she took third overall.

It was a beautiful, sunny day for a walk on Belle Isle to the Livingstone Memorial Lighthouse, sculptures, and to check out the freighter that ran aground in the Detroit River.

Interested Hamtramck Public Schools students in grades 5-12 may contact Ms. Housey-Johnson at Kosciuszko to express interest in the next season, which begins Oct. 1. The Grand Prix will be held in Downtown Detroit the first weekend of June, with Free Friday on June 2.

Teacher appreciation

Even though Teacher Appreciation Week is over, that didn't stop the good folks with the Michigan Panthers football club to show their thanks.

This week, people with the club visited Dickinson East Elementary and Early Childhood Elementary and delivers free sandwiches from Jersey Mike's.

More than 80 teachers were provided lunch.

The Michigan Panthers football players to thank and celebrate the hard

work and devotion they bring to the classroom every day.

Tau Beta

This past week, 8th grade students at Tau Beta spent a day exploring their futures at a Career Day event.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about different professions and get a glimpse into what their future could hold. We can't wait to see what paths our students will take and are proud to support them every step of the way.

From the superintendent

Superintendent **HPS** Jaleelah Ahmed recently sent this message out to district families and students:

As we approach the end of the school year, I know our students are experiencing a variety of emotions. Our seniors are getting ready to embark on a new journey and the rest of our students are celebrating a year of success, growth and development. These are important things to recognize, however, I encourage you to talk with your children about safe celebrations.

Many of our students are new drivers, learning how to be safe and cautious. Please reinforce the importance of following safe driving practices, especially around the school during arrival and dismissal. We have many students who walk and bike to school.

Driving recklessly or distractedly puts all people on the road in danger, including the driver. Our commitment to safety does not start at the front door, it extends into the community.

Please encourage your child to be conscious and considerate of all drivers and pedestrians.

We take the safety of our students, staff, and community seriously, and it is our responsibility to ensure that everyone is aware of the potential dangers on the road.

I encourage you to talk to your children about being conscious and considerate of all drivers and pedestrians.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe. Together, we can celebrate the accomplishments of our students while ensuring that they remain safe and responsible.

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Covid update: Covid downturn means less reporting of new cases

By Charles Sercombe

Now that the COVID-19 virus is no longer listed as a worldwide health emergency, the reporting of new cases is changing.

The Centers for Disease Control will no longer report community level updates.

And Michigan will no longer report covid testing data, although hospitalizations will still be tracked.

Last week, it was reported that the World Health Organization declared an end to the health threat, although there are a number of medical officials and scientists who question that position.

The number of new cases, both nationally and statewide, has drastically declined in recent months,

about 250 new cases per

In Hamtramck, the number of new cases per week has been in the single digits, and the number of deaths for the last three years, when the pandemic started, remains at 82- as it has for a few months.

Over 1 million Americans have died during the pandemic, which started three years ago. COVID-19 is the third leading cause of death globally, despite the downgrading of the dis-

However, as we have reported previously, there is another variant emerging that has some health officials concerned once

more. The bigger question is:

but the state still reports will covid ever completely go away? The consensus among health officials is: No. It will be around, they say, much like the flu virus, and can potentially flare back up to pandemic proportions.

> No matter, it is still recommended to get a vaccine if you haven't already, and also that seniors and those who are immunocompromised should get yearly booster shots.

> Last week, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Hamtramck wasn't available at the time The Review went to press. The county is now reporting that during the past two weeks, there were 11 new cases here.

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This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

Many of these plans are available online at treasurer.waynecounty.com!

The final date to enter into a payment plan wil be March 14, 2022, and the last day to pay your forfeited taxes will be March 31, 2022.

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All is not well in city hall

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As for the door leading to the administration wing, Doukoure said Luqman is not the door monitor and was busy with other matters.

Doukoure said that Luqman complained last September-October about Burton's "insubordination and outright hostility. ... It wasn't until several months later, in April 2023, when the issues with Ms. Burton continued and escalated to infect other employees of Hamtramck, and Mr. Garbarino had not taken any action to remediate the issues, that Ms. Luqman complained to city council about the toxic work environment created by Ms. Burton.

"It was after Ms. Luqman had complained to city council, and Mr. Garbarino was notified about her complaints, that Ms. Burton's complaint was filed and Ms. Luqman was brought in for interview about only Ms. Burton's complaints."

Asked for comment on the matter, Garbarino said:

"Hamtramck is an equal opportunity employer. The city does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, or any other legally protected classification.

"All allegations of discrimination or harassment are promptly and fairly investigated as we remain committed to providing a harassment and discrimination free workplace for all employees. It is the city's policy, however, not to comment on personnel matters."

Garbarino said there are no other complaints filed against Luqman.

However, Doukoure said there was a complaint about Burton by an applicant for a job in the administration.

Doukoure provided the email complaint from Christopher Ewald, who sent it to City Treasurer Charles Bonza, saying that he turned down a job offer because:

"The HR Department is unprofessional and doesn't understand the needs of the city.

"When the HR department is argumentative and disrespectful toward the executive team during an interview along with leaving the interview for a personal telephone conversation, that doesn't appeal to potential new employees."

Bonza, in turn, forwarded that email to Garbarino and Lugman. Bonza told the two in a note in the forwarded email:

"This is disturbing. I hope the water hasn't been tainted." Lugman was hired by the

city council last August for the newly-created position of deputy city manager.

Luqman was hired despite not having any city administration experience, or even training, which was one of the qualifications of the job description posted by the city.

She has a master's degree in international relations from Harvard University, and a bachelor's degree in education from University of Michigan.

Luqman's prior experience was in education.

Doukoure said that she is not sure that Lugman will return to her position.



Request for Bids

On behalf of Oakland International Academy (4 buildings- Detroit and Hamtramck) and Caniff Liberty Academy (2650 Caniff, Hamtramck), Education Management & Networks is requesting competitive bids for annual maintenance projects and other renovations. The formal Request For Proposal (RFP) with bid process and due dates can be requested from Mr.

Ehab Hassan at 248-327-7673 or by e-mail at Ehab.hassan@emanschools.net.



Happy Mother's Day to our mom's in Heaven! We miss you so much!

The Wojcinski and Trusick families

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Hamtramck's baseball stadium is the comeback story of the year

As we reported last permitted to play in the week, the comeback story of Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium is truly amazing.

of folks to thank for that. It all started with the formation of the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, which did a deep dive into the origin and history of the structure.

Gary Gillette, founder of the group, is, in particular, to be thanked for his deep knowledge of the sport's local history.

Much like so many things in the U.S., the stadium's history is complicated.

for the Negro League at a dium's historical signiftime when African-Ameri-

Crime Watch...

By Charles Sercombe

"war" here?

Is Hamtramck ripe for

You have likely never

thought of such a thing

happening here, but a Clin-

ton Twp. woman who was

arrested for vandalizing a

Royal Oak Jewish center

was plotting to do just that,

Randi Lucille Nord, 35,

is charged with spray-paint-

ing a Nazi swastika at the

center, and in a separate

incident also faces felony

down a Scientology center

in Farmington Hills.

charges for trying to burn

All of this was an at-

tempt, police say, to pin the

deeds on Ukrainian militia

and stir up protest in the

U.S. over aiding Ukraine in

And also, somehow,

That hasn't been ex-

plained, but Hamtramck

certainly is known for be-

ing diverse ethnically and

by religion. Hamtramck is

home to a majority Muslim

community, and the mayor

and entire council are all of

fighting off the Russians.

cause war in Hamtramck.

Why Hamtramck?

according to police.

someone to instigate a

attempted murder

all-white Major Leagues.

That's a shameful part of American history, but and its field. it also underscores the And the city has a lot resolve we have as a people: although barriers were in place, there was nothing to stop the ingenuity of African-Americans to overcome adversity.

> Recently, the Friends organization was honored by being the recipient of the state's Governor's Award for Historic Preservation.

> This is a high honor, both for the Friends and the city.

Because of the research and dedication The stadium was built of the Friends, the staicance was discovered. can players were not It also lead to the city

the Islamic faith – believed

to be a first-ever in this

milestone has garnered a

ton of national and interna-

Except for certain local

social media sites, there

doesn't appear to be a

wide division in the com-

munity. Although, there

is a growing friction be-

tween the conservative

viewpoints of some in the

Muslim community, and

those of the more liberal/

Cases in point: gay rights

On social media, it's a

Wild West of accusations,

sarcasm, insults, and you

There have also been

a few outsiders who have

cast a critical eye to some

members of the community.

Hamtramck is on the radar

for some who are looking

Hamtramck Police Chief

Anne Moise said she is

not aware of any outside

agitators plotting to cause

division here, nor has she

to cause trouble.

Whether we like it or.

progressive viewpoint.

and abortion.

name it.

tional media attention.

cultural/political

Talk of 'war' in Hamtramck, and an

country.

receiving various grants worth millions of dollars to renovate the stadium

(We'd be remiss not to mention - and thank - the dedication of the Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew for their all-volunteer effort to keep the grounds shape throughout the year.)

The stadium has been transformed into one of the gems of Hamtramck.

Still, there is plenty more work to do to make the stadium an entertainment destination. But the work keeps going; hopefully, the grants keep coming, as well.

Once again, Hamtramck has proven that comebacks are always possible.

been contacted by any

agencies regarding such

Crime-wise, Hamtramck

police had a busy week.

The most notable incident

involved two men who got

into a fight Saturday eve-

ning in the 3100 block of

Lehman St. and ended up

Both had to be treated at

a hospital, and one of the

assailants faces multiple

According to the police,

James Rosinski, 58, of

Dearborn Heights, was ar-

raigned on charges of as-

sault with intent to murder,

assault/great bodily harm

less than murder, and felo-

nious assault. He is being

held on a \$100,000 cash

The victim, who was not

Additionally, police re-

corded a number of fights

and assaults that broke

out throughout the city

during the week. There

was also a slight uptick in

street robberies, and ongo-

ing reports of reckless and

speeding drivers.

identified, is a 57-year-old

male from Hamtramck.

stabbing each other.

felony charges.

bond.

matters.

Odds & Ends

Reminder... This Saturday (May 20) morning is a chance to get your health habit kicked into high gear.

That's when the annual free 5K Hamtramck Health Hike will take place, 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.

Cleanup... Also this Saturday is a citywide clean-

Volunteers are asked to meet up at 10 a.m. at city hall where you can pick up

Also, according to the city's Facebook page, this is what happened this week:

On Thursday 85 trees were planted on Lumpkin and Fleming, north of Caniff. This is part of a deal with Greening of Detroit.

And then on Friday (today), volunteers with GM Cares hit Conant for a cleanup.

Inspired? You don't have to travel far to help the city look cleaner. Simply go out to the front of your residence and pick up litter, and also go to your alley and continue on there.

Hang up your phone... That's at least when you are driving.

Recently, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer approved legislation that will make Michigan a "hands-free state."

Starting June 30, Michigan will no longer allow drivers to use, or even hold, their cell phones.

That means no talking into it, sending texts, or whatever, with your cell.

Currently, there is a ban on reading, writing or sending texts. The law was expanded because, you can probably guess, there were still more distracted drivers.

more distracted And drivers result in more acci-

If you get caught, the first offense is a \$100

fine, and the second time around it's a \$250 fine plus 24 hours worth of

One more time, and it's

community service.

a court-ordered driver improvement course for you.

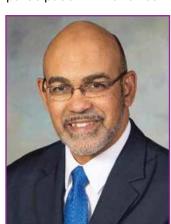
There are exceptions, of course: emergency situations, if the device is voice-operated and is in hands-free mode, or if your cell is placed on a dashboard mount.

Congratulations...

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree, who has been a friend of Hamtramck, was recently awarded the prestigious George N. Bashara Distinguished Alumni Award May 12 at the Michigan State University College of Law Commencement ceremony.

Sabree is a 1996 grad. Here's what the award folks have to say about the program:

The Bashara award was established to recognize outstanding alumni of Detroit College of Law, now MSU Law, who meet rigorous criteria, including participation in and con-



Eric Sabree

tribution to alumni affairs, outstanding personal service to the college, or personal accomplishments that enhance the reputation of the college."

For you legal beagles out there, the award is named for George Bashara, a 1960 graduate of the Detroit College of Law, which later became the Michigan State University College of

In a press release, Sabree said:

"I'm humbled and honored to receive the Bashara award.

"Judge Bashara was such an icon in the legal community and at MSU Law. Also, I am appreciative because there are so many who attended the Law College and could have received such recognition."

Sabree has been Wayne County Treasurer since April 2016.

Sabree added:

"My time at DCL and MSU Law changed my life. The law school experience was a blessing since I had been out of school for 15 years and was given the opportunity to earn a law degree.

My father had to drop out of law school in the 1940's because he couldn't afford the tuition, so going to law school was a major step forward for our entire fam-

The law degree opened many doors for me, and allowed me to combine my knowledge of the law with my previous work experience."

Garage sales... Just a reminder: Have a lot of things to get rid of, or perhaps you like to go treasure hunting?

Well, this 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 words, go ahead and hold a sale. Sales can start at 10 a.m.

Speak out... The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy is planning on installing a playscape at Veterans

But first, the Conservancy wants to hear from you about how this playscape should be designed.

Your voice counts.

There will be a community meeting this coming Thursday, May 25, at the Hamtramck Public Library, starting at 5 p.m., to discuss the plan, and hear input from the public.

This won't be an ordinary playscape because the group wants to go all out in making sure our kids have a fun experience.

Tigers fans, get your tickets now!!

Hurry, time is running out to join Polonia Restaurant at Polish-American Night on the Friday, May 26 Detroit Tigers vs. Chicago White Sox game at Comerica

Polonia has a special deal: Purchase a ticket and receive a one-of-a-kind, limited issue of an authentic Detroit Tigers cap honoring Polish-Americans!

Tickets are going fast. Game includes souvenir Tigers cap, one Polish beer and, of course, a ticket to the game – all for \$50. Great seats, too, in the lower portion of right field.

Show your Polish pride!

For more information, or to purchase tickets, stop by Polonia Restaurant, 2934 Yemans (313-873-8432).

Don't wait, act now, tickets are going fast!!

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State recognizes HPS students for their biliteracy skills cont. from front page

program for language learning that is helping so many students toward bilingualism?

Ms. Maros: Hamtramck Public Schools offers Duolingo and Mango Languages online programs to interested students and their families.

Duolingo is used for language enrichment in Spanish classes, and Mango provides an opportunity for HPS families to choose from over 70 languages, and learn a new language at their own pace.

HPS pays for all the licensing, and provides new language learning choices to students and their families at no charge.

The Review: What are the official course offerings for languages that the school district offers. at various levels?

Public Schools offers Spanish and Arabic courses at the middle and high school levels.

The Review: For students who come in as recent immigrants, already knowing their native language fluently, does English then become the second language they must master to earn the Michigan seal?

Ms. Maros: Students whose transcripts reflect proficiency in their native languages must be on a track to graduate in order to receive the (Bilteracy) Seal.

That means they need to acquire English language skills that will enable them to complete their high school coursework and be successful in USA schools.

The Review: If, for example, a student wants 2023, during the Senior

Ms. Maros: Hamtramck to become proficient in Honors Night, 40 HPS se- with the necessary lananother language that the district may not have official courses in, would the student be able to earn the seal for having self-studied on their own time?

> Ms. Maros: Yes, but the student will have to meet graduation requirements, and demonstrate Intermediate High Proficiency on approved world languages assessments.

> Hamtramck Public School District covers the cost of those assessments, removing a potential financial burden from our students who apply for Michigan Seal of Biliteracy.

> The Review: Is there any kind of a ceremony, either put on by the school itself, or by the state, to honor these bilingual students?

Ms. Maros: On May 30.

niors will be recognized with the Seal of Biliteracy award.

They will receive medals, an official letter from the State Superintendent, an official prepopulated certificate, and a gold foil seal. News about recipients of Biliteracy Seal will be published on various media outlets and Hamtramck Public Schools site.

The Review: Do the students find that having this certification helps them, academically, vocationally or in other ways?

Ms. Maros: Students feel that Seal of Biliteracy will make them stand out amongst other job seekers, and grant them a chance to better employment opportunities and careers; provide them with a college language credit; and equip them

guage skills while traveling abroad.

Many students feel that being biliterate makes them more appreciative of diversity, enables them to talk to their heritage helps families, them sharpen their analytical skills, and improves their grades.

The Review: Why would you say that it is important to be bilingual in today's world?

Ms. Maros: Bilingualism and biliteracy are essential 21st century

skills.

International companies choose bilingual people to represent their businesses internationally. Students who speak more than one language have opportunities to study abroad and become familiar with different cultures.

Bilingual and multilingual people ease the process of communication and negotiation in the global economy; unite people; and open the gateways to a more culturally competent society.

Quick Hits

Cont. from front page

nities.

"We're pleased this year to again offer the opportunity to support and strengthen small business success, as well as economic vitality in the expanded Citizens geography, and congratulate all the winners on their achievements."

For more information about the program, the 2023 winners and their proposed initiatives, please visit: www.citizensbank.com/small-business/small-business-community-champion.

businesses is the Oxford Bank Corporation.

That bank awarded small business grants to four local businesses in Michigan through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Elevate Grant program

The program offers up to \$20,000 to assist the growth and development of local small businesses, their workforces, and the communities where they are located.

And the Hamtramck winner is: Andrew Kopietz of Good Done Daily. According to Oxford, this business is "an independent graphic design practice that helps people drive social, civic and place-based change."

Sr and husband of the late

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seph (Sheryl), Keith (Ra-

chel), Karl (Susie) and the

late Kevin. Stepfather of

Sue, Lewis, Cristian (Karla)

and the late Lola. Uncle of

Joseph Jr (Danielle), Carl

Jr (Beata), William, Keith Jr

(Rachel), Bianca, and his

Buttercup, Tiffini. Grand-

father of Rebecca, Ashley,

Mickie, Ronald, Cynthia,

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()bituaries

GOUDEY



Goudey, 72, died 17, 2023.

Ronald

Ron was

the beloved father of Ronald and Rachel (James), dear brother of Daniel and Charles Caldwell. Ronald is proceeded in death by his parents Raymond and Sarah Golebiewski.

Ron served in the United States Navy as a helicopter mechanic during the Vietnam War.

Services are pending, arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck.

Billy Smith

Jr, 64, died

May 14, 2023.

Billy was the beloved son of

SMITH

Billy is also survived by many great grandchildren, great nieces and nephews. Billy was carefree and

and Duke.

lived for his wife and grandchildren. His grandson Mickie worshipped the ground he walked on.

Visitation is Friday May 19, 2023, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI, 48212.

Planning Commission

Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hamtramck Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. or soon thereafter. At the hearing, all interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Public comments will be limited to three minutes.

The purpose of the public hearing is to request public comments on the following proposed zoning text amendments:

- A) Amendments to Sections 155.066 and 155.165 to modify the site plan review and approval
- Amendments to Sections 155.023, 155.165, 155.166, 155.167, 155.168, 155.170 and 155.171 to modify the board reviewing and approving site plans from the City Council to the Planning Commission.
- Amendments to Section 155.050 to modify the size of the minimum required floor area for a single-family dwelling and the approval process for dwellings less than the proposed minimum required floor area standard in the R, Residential zoning district. Amendments to Section 155.050 to modify the size of the minimum required floor area for a

multi-family dwelling unit and the approval process for dwellings less than the proposed

- minimum required floor area standard in the R, Residential zoning district. An amendment to Section 155.065 to list apartment houses as permitted uses in the C-2, Multi-
- Use zoning district. Amendments to Section 155.007, 155.050, 155.080 and 155.111 to allow for and regulate accessory dwelling units in the R, Residential zoning district.
- Amendments to Section 155.023 to change the total number of Planning Commission members from nine (9) to seven (7). Amendments to Section 155.024 to change the total number of Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed text amendments may be examined at the City Clerk office in the City Hall, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212 during regular office hours until the

members from seven (7) to five (5).

date of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to the Community and Economic Development Department, City of Hamtramck 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212 or emailed to the CED Director at kfaulkner@hamtramckcity.com until 1:00 p.m. the day of the public hearing.

The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x343. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.





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REWARD

Hamtramck Review

Reward for return of women's pin (brooch), lost in the area of Whalen and Joseph Campau, on Wednesday, April 26. Please contact Michelle at The Piast Institute, 11633 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck on Mondays or Wednesdays, or call (313) 733-4535 on those days.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., 6/2 (9-4) Sat., 6/3 (9-4), Sun. 6/4 (9-3), St. John Paul II (Transfiguration) Catholic Church's Gym, 5830 Simon K, Det., MI 48212. Furniture, jewelry, household items, toys, collectibles, gardening utensils and more, lunch available all three days. 5/26

May 19, 2023

Hamtramck Public TV-19

& streaming on YouTube Live Worldwide On Hamtramck Public Library YouTube Channel

What's on this coming week?

Hamtramck Disaster Recovery Information, Horizon students videos, Stories for children MI Healthy Mind program,

Daily ESL classes at 4 pm, Local events, Library programs, Interviews, Council meeting highlights, Event announcements, Evenings with authors, Merchants Annual Meeting and more.....

BECOME A LOCAL REPORTER: If you know how to take photos or make film clips on your phone, you can download them to Hamtramck TV along with a news story, to be aired the same day. Send in event announcements, comments to city officials, facts you want to share with the community, etc.

Hamtramck Public TV is broadcasting from **Hamtramck Public Library**

On Comcast Channel 19 and streaming on YouTube Live (24/7) Google "Hamtramck Public TV", and click on link "Hamtramck Public TV"

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers May 9-15.

Tuesday, May 9

- Following a traffic stop, a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.
- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Alpena and Belmont.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 9500 block of Conant.
- · A person was reported missing in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- · A hit-and-run accident occurred in the 3200 block of Belmont.
- · An assault was reported on Oklahoma St.

Wednesday, May 10

- A domestic assault was reported in the 2000 block of Caniff.
- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 2600 block of Botsford.
- · A disorderly group of juveniles was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- A neighbor dispute was reported in the 11300 block of Fleming. A complaint was
- made about a disorderly person in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

Thursday, May 11

- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 3400 block of Yemans.
- Neighbor trouble was reported on Charest.
- An illegal dumping was reported by a Jos. Campau Ave. business.
- A hit-and-run accident happened at Conant and Yemans.
- A disorderly customer was reported at a business in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A home invasion was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3400 block of Evaline.
- Reckless drivers were reported on Jos. Campau, near Dan.

Friday, May 12

- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge. · A domestic assault
- was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth. A theft of an item
- from a porch was reported in the 12000 block of Mitchell. A hit-and-run accident
- occurred in the area of Conant and Caniff. A driver was arrested,
- following a traffic stop, for being drunk, and for having open intoxicants. · A fight was report-
- ed in the 3000 block of Doremus. A report was made of

juveniles, in the area of Keyworth Stadium, who were stealing things.

Saturday, May 13

- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Danforth.
- · An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Wyandotte.
- · A report was made about a male jumping in and out of traffic in the area of Lumpkin and Can-
- A complaint was made about a group of kids shooting BB guns.
- Two males in the 3100 block of Lehman got into a fight and stabbed each other. One suspect was arrested for intent to murder.
- A fight was reported in the area of Trowbridge and Conant.

Sunday, May 14 · Officers responded

- to a report about a male, in the 8500 block of Jos. Campau, who was seen with a gun. Following a traffic
- stop, a driver was arrested for drunk driving, and for having an open intox-
- Gunshots were reported in the 2200 block of Poland.
- An assault was reported in the 12100 block of Conant.
- ed in the 2600 block of Holbrook. · An assault was re-

ported in the 9000 block

A robbery was report-

of Jos. Campau. · Family trouble was reported in the 2600 block

of Casmere. Monday, May 15

- · Officers responded to a call about a male in the 3000 block of Lehman who was passed out on
- his front lawn. A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- Family trouble was reported in the 12000
- block of Dyar. A complaint was made about a juvenile in
- the 2300 block of Burger. · A hit-and-run accident happened in the 11300 block of Lumpkin.
- · Officers recovered a lost child on Caniff and returned the child to their mother.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 2300 block of Wyandotte. Another juvenile complaint was made in the 8800 block of Conant.
- A disorderly group of people was reported in the area of Dan and Jos. Campau. A hit-and-run accident
- happened in the 3900 block of Oliver.

Coming Events

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

THURSDAY, May 25, 5 p.m. – The public is invited to give their input at the Hamtramck Public Library (2360 Caniff) on the design of a playscape being installed in Veterans Park.



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Help Design Your Future Playspace!

A new playground is coming to Veterans Park on July 28, 2023 and we need YOUR input!

Community Design and Planning Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Hamtramck Public Library 2360 Caniff Street 5:00pm

The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, The City of Hamtramck, General Motors, KABOOM! and members of this community are teaming up to build a new playspace in Hamtramck from July 26-28. This playground will be completely designed by the kids and community members of Hamtramck!

Join us on Tuesday, May 23 to learn more about the project, give your input, and get involved.

Take our Play Survey!

Share your vision for the future playspace in your community through this online survey.













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For more information contact Fahima Yeasmin Fahima@detroitfriendshiphouse.org or visit our website www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org