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Quick Hits

Happy Fourth and hold off on the fireworks **By Charles Sercombe**

This weekend we will all be celebrating the Fourth of July holiday, which is officially this Tuesday, July 4.

Or, as some folks insist on calling it: Independence Day.

This weekend also coincides with an Eid celebration.

And what this all means is, the return of fireworks. In fact, complaints about fireworks had already come in to police by this past Wednesday.

While it is legal to shoot off fireworks, for many of us, it's nothing to celebrate. Fireworks make many people anxious, especially those who have been around explosions such as happen in military combat. or those worried that stray fireworks could cause their house to go up in flames from landing on their roof.

And for pets and their owners, these next few days are pure torture.

People, use some common sense. Is it really necessary to light up fireworks here in the neighborhoods? And if you must, do you have to keep doing it all night

long? Could you at least go to one of the parks, or some other remote part of the city where there are fewer folks around and more distance to the nearby houses?

Our heart goes out to pet lovers, because Continued on page 2





Metro area refugees, including those in Hamtramck, were treated to a picnic last week at Veterans Park.

For refugees, it's 'home away from home' here

By Charles Sercombe

Area refugees had a special picnic recently.

Right here in Hamtramck.

Last Thursday, in conjugation with "World Refugee Day," the non-profit organization Samaritas, which operates one of Michigan's largest refugee resettlement programs, hosted a picnic at Veterans Memorial Park.

Hamtramck has, of

course, long been home to immigrants and refu-

A couple of years ago, the city was chosen as a host site for several refugee families, some from Yemen, in a federally-funded program that built three two-family housing units.

In all, six families relocated here.

The \$1.2 million project Continued on page 4

Pride rally takes aim at flag

By Charles Sercombe

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel had some fiery words for Hamtramck's mayor and city council.

Nessel spoke at last Saturday's rally in Zussman Park, in response to a recent council resolution banning the pride flag along with other types of flags - from being displayed on city property.

The LGBTQ community here, statewide and nationally, took that action as an attack on them.

Nessel, who is the state's first Jewish AG as well as openly gay, called out Mayor Amer Ghalib and the council, saying:

"Take down the wall you have now built that has made this proud city into a national embarrassment, and raise the flag of equality."

The rally attracted about 50-100 people in support of the LGBTQ community. Several people spoke after Nessel, all of them aiming criticism at city officials.

"When you say one group of people are not welcomed, to the community, it communicates that it's OK to beat up on them," said the Rev. Roland Stringfellow, who also said that he, too, is

As for the city council saying they passed the pride flag ban in order to remain neutral, Stringfellow said:

"That's not 'neutral,' that's taking sides, and it gives people a license to be hateful towards other folks."

There had been rumors of counter-protestors attending too, but none, as far as could be detected, showed up. That might have been because of the heavy police presence, including by the Michigan State Police.

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animals go bonkers - or worse - during this time of year. For many pets, there is no amount of anxiety medicine to ease their suffering.

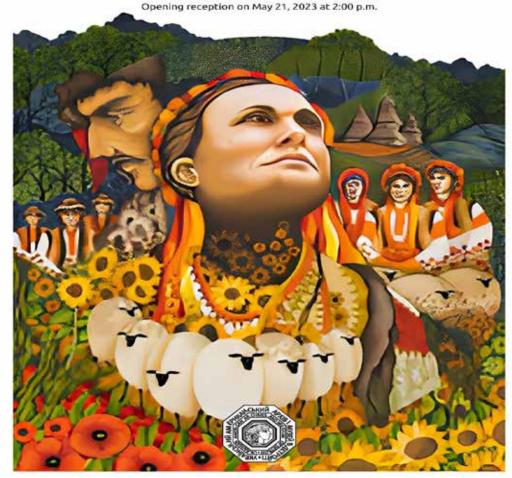
Otherwise, have a safe and restful (if possible) holiday, folks.

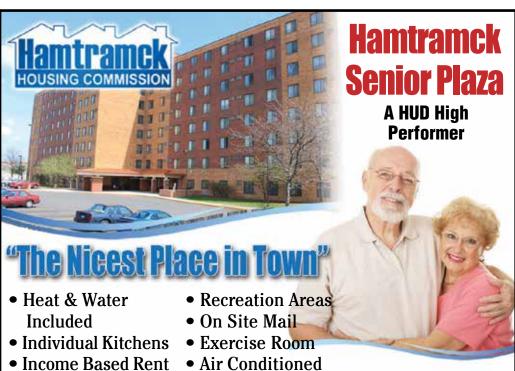


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Pride rally takes aim at flag

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Streets leading to the park were closed off by

Police Chief Anne Moise said there were no incidents and no arrests.

Mayor Amer Ghalib took credit for talking down counter-protessome tors on the Hamtramck Square Facebook page, saying:

"I would like to thank our community leaders and activists who listened to our recommendations and canceled the rallies that they wanted to organize this week in support of resolution 82.

"Our intention is to keep the city as peaceful and calm as possible and to de-escalate tensions and to avoid any consequences or complications of protests and counter protests."

Many of those attending also carried homemade signs, some reading:

"Don't Florida my Ham-

"Trans Hamtramck" And "Hatred has no home in Hamtramck"

So what's next regarding the pride flag ban?

There has been some talk of looking into legal action, and whether the council's resolution is a constitutional violation.

Nessel, the state's top law enforcer, did not mention taking legal action.

As for the council's stance that their resolution is one of neutrality, Nessel also took issue with that, quoting The Rev. Martin Luther King,

"The hottest place in hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral con-

The pride flag issue has also attracted a number of media outlets from the

state, nationally and internationally. So far, the attention has not appeared to have died down.

LGBTQ community members say they plan a number of events in the coming weeks and months.



Above: Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel was at last Saturday's pride rally in Zussman Park where she criticized the mayor and city council over their decision to ban the display of a pride flag on city property. Below: Scenes from the pride rally.







This week at the Library

Summer Reading: This coming Wednesday, July 5th at 2 pm the theme of the program is "Create-A-Character". 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.

Afternoon with Songs and Music: Join us in July on Thursdays at 4 pm for family song and music time. Presented by musicians and teachers, the whole family can learn new songs and a little bit about music theory. You are welcome to share you own traditional songs and bring along your instruments to play along.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Wednesday afternoon Story Time at 12 noon. 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 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, July 6th at 6:30 pm. Please visit www.michigan.gov/lmpublicprograms to register, see full details and check out the entire monthly schedule

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

July 2, 1776: The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution originally introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. "Resolved, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connections between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

Nathaniel Hawthorne: This novelist and short story writer was born on July 4, 1804 in Salem Massachusetts. His works included: "The Scarlet Letter, The House of the Seven Gables and the Blithedale Romance."

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Second Front Page

Covid update: A curious case of long covid, and the cost of fraud

By Charles Sercombe

While the number of new covid cases continues to trend down, there are still new developments.

But first, let's take a look at the big picture. In the U.S., the number of people who were hospitalized for covid during the past three years is over 6.1 million. The number of deaths from COVID-19 during this time period is over 1.1 million.

who received at least one vaccine is about 140 mil-Keep in mind that there

The number of people

are about 350 million Americans.

While in the U.S. the number of covid cases continues to decline, and

the U.S. has declared an end to the national health emergency, new strains of the covid virus continue to pop up.

One interesting recent discovery was made in central Ohio, where a scientist who has been monitoring waste water detected that a single person - who is not known - continues to have a unique case of chronic COVID-19 for at least the past two years, and perhaps even longer.

That person, the scientist said, likely does not know that they have covid because a number of people mistake some covid symptoms for other health issues, such as Crohn's disease.

The upshot is, if you have not been feeling well for some length of time, get a home covid test kit and test yourself.

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That issue also raises concerns over people who have been identified "super spreaders" of COVID-19. Why these certain people have that dubious ability is not yet known.

Recently, we talked about the rampant fraud that happened during the government's financial outreach to millions during the pandemic.

The amount of money scammed is a sobering figure: Over \$280 billion from COVID-19 relief fund-

At the time of the pan-

demic, the government was overwhelmed with people filing for financial aid, and the normal precautions usually taken were loosened.

Government agencies are investigating the incidents, and there will likely be ongoing indictments in the months and years to come.

As for the update in Hamtramck, Wayne County health officials reported that there were five new COVID-19 cases here in the last two weeks.

That brings the total number of cases for the past three years up to 6,111.

The number of deaths from covid remains at 82.

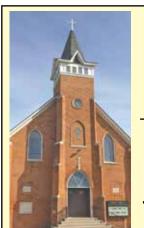
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are made to the police de-

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yet again, get dragged into

someone's drama.



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Crime Watch...

'Family trouble' often leads to a visit by officers

By Charles Sercombe

It's not uncommon, in these warmer months, that police officers have to deal with what they call "family trouble."

As you might suspect, not only is warmer weather a factor in heated family disputes, but also the fact that Hamtramck housing is small, and cramped, making folks feel like they are on top of each other.

Your family members can tend to get in your face, and there is no escape from them. Getting any alone time means stepping out of the house for a breather.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said the nature of the calls "can often be domestic violence-related, or even verbal arguments that get called in by neighbors etc."

es, she said, where "they could be a family-related issue that is not considered domestic violence."

So what leads to family members butting heads?

If you guessed right away that money - financial woes - is the root of many problems, you scored a Bingo!

In other instances, it can be older kids acting

The folks at mindbodygreen Health Coaching outline a number of family issues that can lead to disturbances.

Here are some of the issues:

Clashing and/or toxic personalities: This can sometimes lead to severe fights.

That takes work, folks.

Managing the household: Does one person do all the work around the home? If so, resentment that festers will grow into the root of many disputes.

Unchecked addictions or mental health issues: obviously, if these are issues that are not dealt with, they're guaranteed to spill over.

Constant arguing: Some families may not even realize that this is their "normal" form of communicating. But be warned: arguing and screaming at each other will only increase family tensions.

If your household is in constant turmoil, it's imperative that you seek outside counseling. Rememly traumas.

communication: Poor ber, too, your neighbors don't want to constantly Healthy and open commube subjected to your faminication is essential to a But there are also cashealthy family dynamic. **EMERGENCY** RENTAL ASSISTANCE Wayne County's Emergency Rental Assistance **Program (ERAP)** makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utility bills. To be eligible: Experiencing financial Household income at or below 80% of hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic Experiencing Housing instability 合 *Open to all communities in Wayne County excluding the City of Detroit *For Detroit's program, visit this link: https://bit.ly/3hHUT66 **APPLY TODAY** What can this program cover? **Utilities** Rent Other months of relocation costs rental assistance and trash (if billed with other utility) Find more information and apply at: www.waynecounty.com/rentalassistance



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For refugees, it's 'home away from home' here

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Hamtramck firefighters participated in the picnic for refugees at Veterans Park.

was dubbed "Freedom Village."

The plan is that refugees will only stay for several months before resettling somewhere else, which will then make room for another batch of new refugees to begin to acclimate to their adopted country.

A main reason Hamtramck was selected for this project is because it's a walkable community, where you can easily do your shopping close by and not need transporta-

At Thursday's picnic, the theme of the day was "Home away from home."

There was plenty of food to share, as well as games - and a big favorite - kite flying. Hamtramck firefighters were also on hand, and played ball with kids or helped them with the kite flying.





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In Our Opinion

Is Hamtramck still a 'welcoming' community?

Way to go Hamtramck. have taken the path of And by Hamtramck, we mean the city's mayor and city council, and by "way to go," we mean that sarcastically.

The mayor and council have managed to attract a load of negative attention to the city. By taking a stand to ban the display of a pride flag on city properties, Hamtramck has been thrust into an ongoing storm of controversy.

The mayor and council even managed to attract the wrath of Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel – the state's top law enforcer – who railed against the city, calling Hamtramck a "national embarrassment" at a rally in Zussman Park on Saturday for LGBTQ rights.

No matter where you stand on this issue, this is attention and criticism the city can ill afford.

We've heard from reliable sources that the mayor's and council's action may even cost the city to lose state grants.

The city council could

least resistance - and that would have simply been to do nothing at

In other words, take no side on this issue, and let it instead play out in the public.

We also can't help notice that the mayor's and council's action was motivated by religious beliefs.

Former city coun-Amanda cilmember Jaczkowski warned her colleagues, council during another needless and embarrassing debate on whether to allow the home slaughtering of animals for religious reasons, that they were making decisions as if they were a theocracy.

Jaczkowski didn't even last a year in her fouryear term before resigning - citing health reasons. One has to wonder if there was much more than that in her reason for leaving.

Her warning has now played out: the mayor and council admitted that they were following

the wishes of their community.

That begs the question: Whose community?

There is no room for religion in government, nor should there be when making laws and policy.

Mayor Amer Ghalib also further exacerbated the issue, by insisting that those behind the call for allowing pride flags to be flown are "strangers" who have descended on Hamtramck.

Mr. Mayor, it would be advisable for you to actually go out and get to know your entire community, and not just those in your insular world.

The mayor and council, by the way, didn't even have the guts to attend Saturday's rally in support of the pride flag.

Hamtramck, until recently, was always able to market itself as a diverse and welcoming community. That image has now been greatly - and needlessly - tarnished.

Odds & Ends

What we like about him... Hamtramck's own Wally Palmar, a founding-member of The Romantics (of "What I Like About You" fame), took a spin around his old hometown on Tuesday, stopping by Hamtramck's historical baseball stadium, then Polonia Restaurant, and even here at the office of The Review (did someone say, "tiki party"?).

His host for the day was retired Hamtramck Public School District Superintendent Tom Niczay. Also joining in was Detroit musician Larry Duncan of Black Market Reggae Band - a big favorite for many of us.

We all had an enjoyable chat about Hamtramck, Detroit music, and friends from the old neighborhood (talking about you, Walter Wasacz).

Baseball clinic... This is short notice, but several Major League Baseball players will be part of a free youth baseball clinic this Saturday, July 1 at the Hamtramck baseball stadium.

The clinic runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to a promotional notice, players will be teaching "the fundamentals of the game and life skills."

Smoke gets in your eyes... That haze you've been seeing for the past few days is no illusion.

As most of us have heard by now, it's the result of massive wildfires in Quebec, being pushed our way by storms over Nova Scotia.

It's so bad that the quality of our air has been compromised, and is considered extremely poor hazardous, even.

The Michigan Department of Environment has issued the following health advice:

"Anyone can get sick from exposure to wildfire smoke, but some people are more sensitive to particle pollution. Older adults aged 65 and (up), pregnant people, children, and people with lung and heart conditions may be more likely to get sick if they breathe in wildfire smoke.

"Symptoms from breathing in particle pollution from wildfire smoke can include wheezing, coughing and shortness of breath. If you have asthma, follow your asth-

doors. provider if you have symp-· Be active outdoors

> Do dogs dream?... As dog lovers know, the an-

> But what do they dream of? Cats? Squirrels? The annoying neighbor? The



Above: Musicians Larry Duncan (left) and Wally Palmar,

co-founder of The Romantics, visited the Hamtramck

baseball stadium recently. Below: Wally Palmar also vis-

ited at Polonia Restaurant and posed with Polonia owner

and Review Publisher John Ulaj.

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toms. If you have heart when air quality is better." disease and experience these symptoms, contact your health care provider. "The most protective swer is, of course!

> postman? Well, maybe, but accord-

ing to a recent report in Modern Pet, it's been determined that they dream about us. To be specific,



Smokey haze from a Canadian wildfire was a serious health issue this week in the metro area, Hamtramck included. The haze may remain for the next few days.

product instructions.

For people with heart or lung disease, pregnant people, older adults aged 65+, children and teens, it is suggested to take the following steps to reduce exposure:

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities.
- Keep outdoor activities short.
- Consider moving physical activities indoors or rescheduling them.

For everyone else:

- Choose less strenuous activities (like walking instead of running) so you don't breathe as hard.
 - Shorten the amount

they dream about the humans they know and love (sorry, Mr. Postman).

According to Dr. Deirdre Barrett, here's what is believed to happen during our pooch's dream state:

"Humans dream about the same things they're interested in by day, though more visually and less logically.

"There's no reason to think animals are any different. Since dogs are generally extremely attached to their human owners, it's likely your dog is dreaming of your face, your smell, and of pleasing or annoying you."

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Of pride and prejudice in Hamtramck

By Russ Gordon

council's arguments sup- ration for the resolution started "coming out." porting Hamtramck's new that was introduced and Some lost friends and restrictive flag resolution passed last week that family. Others lost their are obfuscations.

In a heated council debate recently, they claimed that the Pride flag (one of 18 flags flown each year on Joseph Campau that represent our community) was selected without a quorum of the Human Relations Commission present, and that some were not flags of nations.

Also, that the original ordinance, which I negotiated with the city council in 2013 for the Joseph Campau flag project, required some clarification. Therefore, the City Council enacted a resolution that stipulates all flags flown on city property will represent nations, with a few exceptions, such as the State of Michigan, etc.

The mayor's and city in the room, the inspieveryone knows and can see but is unwilling to homosexuality is a sin.

A sin in some religions, but a reality of the human experience.

When a person is attracted to someone of the same sex, a religious tenet can generate guilt and emotional trauma. But to legislate based on our religious beliefs is highly inappropriate, counterproductive,

unconstitutional. For many years, except for a celebrated few, most gay folks would attempt to conceal their true nature. Many states had draconian laws that forced them to maintain an unnatural heterosexual façade or risk prosecution.

Fifty-plus years ago,

However, the elephant with a great deal of courage, many gay people jobs.

But, over decades, the talk about: The belief that tide started turning. In recent years legislative protections have been enacted and attitudes are beginning to change. Straight/Gay friendships, once rare, are now commonplace. And more straight people are recognizing that gay folks, like the rest of us, work, play, and vote.

> From a very long history of shame and guilt has emerged pride ... and that's what this is all about. We can't let those who fear and resent these gains tear down the flag.

> (Russ Gordon is the Chairman of the Hamtramck Human Relations Commission.)

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Speaking of animals... Did anyone lose one or two sheep? That was the talk of town on Wednesday morning, when photos and a video of loose sheep walking around town were put on a couple of Hamtramck-based

Facebook pages. It's likely the sheep got loose from someone's yard, who likely was preparing to slaughter it/ them for the Eid celebration.

And this loosey-goos-

ey care of these animals was just one of the concerns people had when the city council OK'd a resolution to allow home animal slaughtering for religious purposes.

One of the animals, by the way, had a USB cord around it, which apparently was used to keep tethered. A USB cord, folks, think about the carelessness - and cruelty - of

Once again, Hamtramck has become the butt of jokes in the metro area.

City Hall Insider ...

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on June 13, and all council members were in attendance.

Council member Mohammed Alsomiri said that a number of residents are getting tickets for not having their address posted in the rear of their house as required by city ordinance.

A lengthy public comment period followed – two hours of people speaking

and one hour of the city clerk reading emails.

What is our City Council up to these days?

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

Most people commented on the proposed resolution to limit which flags can be displayed on city property, in response to those opposed to allowing a pride flag being flown on a city-owned flagpoles.

The flag resolution was proposed for the stated purpose:

"To maintain and confirm the neutrality of the city of Hamtramck towards its residents."

The resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, the City of Hamtramck is one of the most diverse cities in the United States, in which we should proudly promote and embrace its diversity;

"WHEREAS, the City must and will serve and treat its residents equally, with no discrimination, or special treatment to any group of people; and

"WHEREAS, the City has authorized in the past, the Human Relations Commission to install nations flags on the City flagpoles to represent the international character of the City, Resolution 2013-102: and

"WHEREAS, each religious, ethnic, racial, political, or sexually oriented group is already represented by the country it belongs to; and

"WHEREAS, the City does not want to open the door for radical or racist groups to ask for their flags to be flown; and

"WHEREAS, this resolution does not in any way, shape or form infringe upon the fundamental right of an individual or business in the City of Hamtramck to engage free speech. Nor does this resolution limit speech by public employees provided that such employees engage in such speech in a protected time, manner and place.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, that the government of the City of Hamtramck does not allow any religious, ethnic, racial, political, or sexual orientation group flags to be flown on the City's public properties, and that only, the American flag, the flag of the State of Michigan, the Hamtramck Flag, the Prisoner of War flag and the nations' flags that represent the international character of our City shall be flown."

Lynn Blasey, a candidate for city council, said not allowing pride flags to be displayed, as included in types of flags to be banned in the council resolution, will lead to discrimination of other flags.

She also questioned the wording of the resolution, and if the "rhetoric in this resolution will stop at flags."

She said it could mean that the city can no longer display Christmas and Eid banners on Jos. Campau and prevent free parking during some religious holidays.

Russ Gordon, the Chairman of the Hamtramck Human Relations Commission, said that "the elephant in the room (in what's driving this decision) is that homosexual sex is a sin."

"Gay folks have been sidelined for centuries. ... It may be a sin, but it exists," Gordon said.

He added that the pride flag makes the gay com-

munity feel included in the community.

"Let them have their pride," Gordon said.

Hassan Aoun, who described himself as a "public activist" and a resident of Dearborn, said he supports the council resolution. Of the pride flag, he said: "Don't put it down my throat."

He said the city should only display the American

Aoun added that he is "not going to tolerate Pride Month. ... Don't put it down our throats."

A man also supported displaying just the American flag.

"We only salute the American flag," he said.

Stephanie Butler, also of Dearborn, said that the Yemeni community has been attacked by some members of the LGBTQ community on some Facebook pages about Hamtramck, and also subject to mockery.

Gracie Cadieux said the flag resolution is "based on a lie."

Cadieux said the resolution is being made to prevent hate groups from displaying their flags, and questioned whether the council considers LGBTQ community a hate

To Mayor Amer Ghalib, Cadieux said: "You should be ashamed for this farce. ... It's clear that you are either hateful or deceit-

Bill Meyer said "We all have one enemy to fight hate. Love is the answer."

Meyer added that "We're all important, no matter what sexual orientation."

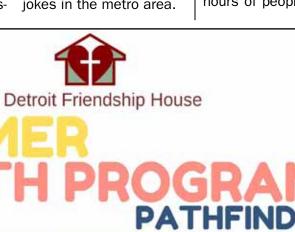
Darren Shelton of Ant Hall, a performance theater, said that the LGBTQ is "the lifeblood of our organization."

"Their voice deserves to be heard."

Shelton "implored" the mayor to "strike down" the resolution,

"This battle did not start today, and it will not end today," Shelton added.

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· Gunshots were report-

· A break-in was report-

Officers helped a

· A McDougall St. res-

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orderly juveniles in the

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Officers responding

to a call about a fight in

the area of Caniff and De-

quindre arrested a male

for assault, and three

other males were arrest-

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ress was called in, in the

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3000 block of Holbrook.

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· An auto theft in prog-

A runaway juvenile

and an auto theft were

both reported in the

ed in the 12000 block of

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ported in the 12000

was made in the 3000

a possible disturbance in

the area of Conant and

· A hit-and-run accident

· Family trouble was re-

· An assault happened

in the 3100 block of

Hanley, and two other as-

saults happened in the

2200 and 2600 blocks of

An assault was re-

· A complaint about an

animal was made in the

9300 block of Jos. Cam-

Officers responded to

a call about a domestic

fight in the 5100 block of

ed in the 2300 block of

A female was arrest-

Officers responding

ported in the 9600 block

occurred in the area of

ported in the 3900 block

Caniff and McDougall.

A noise complaint

· Officers investigated

· An assault was report-

· An assault was re-

An assault was re-

12000 block of Dyar.

Grand Haven.

Sunday, June 25

block of Dyar.

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of Belmont.

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Yemans.

of Jos. Campau.

Monday, June 26

Saturday, June 24

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers June 20-26.

Tuesday, June 20

- Officers responded to a call about domestic violence in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- An illegal dumping was reported at a business on Buffalo.
- A theft from a vehicle
- ported on Klinger.
- ported on Dyar.
- · A theft was reported in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau.
- rested for fleeing from a Latham near Poland.
- A possible fight was block of Yemans.
- · Officers responded to a call about a disorderly group of people in the 9600 block of Buffalo.

Wednesday, June 21

- A theft of multiple penter.
- ed in the 11500 block of St. Aubin.
- block of Belmont.
- ed in the 11500 block of Fleming.
- in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.
- ment was reported in the 5200 block of Yemans.
- Lumpkin.
- returned home.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly group of people in the 12000 block of Oklaho-

Thursday, June 22

- Family trouble was reported in the 12100
- theft was reported in the 2300 block of Goodson. Officers attempted to
- pull over a stolen vehicle, but the driver sped away. A hit-and-run accident
- occurred in the 12100 block of Carpenter.
- made about a disorderly customer at a Jos. Campau Ave. business.
- on Lumpkin.
- on Selfridge.
- occurred at Dequindre
- and Carpenter. An incident of fraud
 - Caniff for assault.
 - to a call about trouble with a customer at a business in the 2000 block of Caniff arrested a male

June 30, 2023

- was reported on Conant.
- · An auto theft was re-
- · Family trouble was re-
- A juvenile was ar-
- scene of an accident on
- reported in the 5100

- An attempted breakin was reported in the 2600 block of Casmere.
- cars was reported in the area of Nagel and Car-
- A car theft was report-
- A possible break-in was reported in the 2000
- · A car theft was report-
- A theft was reported
- An incident of harass-
- A loose dog was reported on Edwin near
- · While officers investigated a report of a missing juvenile, the juvenile
- · A noise complaint was made in the 2700 block of Florian.

- block of St. Aubin. An attempted auto
- A complaint was
- · A theft was reported
- A fight was reported
- A hit-and-run accident
- was reported in the 12000 block of McDougall. A hit-and-run accident
- occurred in the 2400 block of Denton.

block of Dyar.

 Family trouble was suspect. reported in the 12000

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Ghalib later spoke and defended the flag resolution, saying the LGBTO community is not being targeted. He said that some of his commissioners are trying to undermine his power "as well as the city council's."

Council member Mohammed Hassan, who sponsored the resolution, said that this resolution only reaffirms a 2013 resolution that only the American flag and the flags of nations (where Hamtramck's immigrants come from) may be displayed.

"The Muslim community knows how to live together," Hassan said,in response to those who said the anti-pride flag resolution is being driven by religion.

the LGBTQ community who "are the ones making the problem." He also stressed that

Hassan said that it's

he is "elected by the people. I'm working for the people."

Council member Nayeem Choudhury said the LGBTQ community is "always represented."

Council member Khalil Refai said that anyone can display whatever flag they want on their own property. He blamed former Mayor Karen Majewski for forcing this issue "because she lost" her re-election.

The council unanimously voted in favor of passplause by some in the council chamber.

Moving on to other business, the council rejected a proposal to purchase another street sweeper.

John DeAngelis, the Director of Public Services, said the sweeper was needed to work in tandem with the other street sweeper that the council approved the purchase of a few weeks ago.

The second sweeper, he said, picks up larger items that the other sweeper cannot. The purchase price is \$275,000, and funding would have come from a state road

Council members said they were concerned that the city was burning through its budget sur-

A contract extension was granted to Hennessey Engineers, which is overseeing the repaving of 10 alleys. The extension will allow more alleys to be repaved, at a cost of \$500,000.

In another matter, the council OK'd the replacement of worn-out carpeting in city hall, at a cost of \$236,584. Funding will come from the city's general fund and the district court budget.

The council also agreed to purchase 35 tasers for the police department at a cost of \$147,000, which will be paid for from the department's narcotic forfeiture funds.

Council member Refai later said that it's "great to be back," after being absent from the council meetings since last December. It was never explained why he was absent, but Refai said:

"It was a great vacation for me."

He also stressed that he will continue to work with his council colleagues "to make the city a beautiful city."



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