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Quick Hits

New playscape ready to be unveiled

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's newly revamped playscape in the front portion of Veterans Park is getting the grand treatment this Saturday morning.

That's when the city's Parks Conservancy will host a ribbon cutting and grand opening.

Officially, the playscape area is now being called the Elaine and Roger Zatkoff Playground.

Roger Zatkoff was a star football player for Hamtramck High School back in the day, and his family legacy fund paid for the new playscape.

The Conservancy says the playscape "will be a high quality, modern, safe, and fun set of play structures especially designed for younger children. Features will include climbers, tunnels, slides, swings, and sun shades."

It went on to say:

"An educational panel describing the importance to the development of children using all their senses will be prominently displayed. In addition to providing enjoyment for children and families, the playscapes selected are shown to contribute to whole-body strength and aerobic workouts for their users, which aid in kids' healthy development."

The grand opening is Saturday (June 15) at 10:30 a.m. Veterans Park is located at 8648 Jos. Campau.



School Board to consider millage renewal, silent on superintendent

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Board of Education has changed up its meeting schedule for this month.

Instead of holding their regular monthly board meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, the board, without explanation, has pushed it back to the last Thursday of this month, on June 27.

The purpose of this meeting, according to the district, is to discuss the district's upcoming budget year and a renewal of a major millage.

However, the board did meet this past Wednesday, June 12, in what they call a committee of the whole meeting.

At the June 27 meeting, the board is expected to review the wording of a millage renewal proposal that the voters will likely decide on in the upcoming Nov. 5 general election.

The district has not said



The Hamtramck Public School Board will spend this month talking about the district's budget and millage renewal proposals. Its regular meeting for July has been cancelled. File photo

why it skipped getting the ballot question on the August primary election.

If the past millage renewal votes are any indication, chances are slim voters will support this upcoming millage renewal. Voters twice overwhelmingly rejected a millage renewal that produced about \$1 million a year for the district.

The upcoming millage

renewal request produces about \$2 million a year. A rejection of this millage would be a major blow to the district's finances, and would likely cause the district to go into deficit spending.

In other school matters, the district is still silent on the status of Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed who has been on paid leave since February.

Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler told The Review that Ahmed has not been suspended, is still superintendent and will return to her job. However, he declined to explain why Ahmed is not actually on the job while still being paid.

"We do not discuss confidential personnel matters with the press,"

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Podcasts have returned at the Hamtramck Historical Museum. That's Philip Digby, left, interviewing Mike McGettigan of Planet Ant Theater.

Historical Museum has brought back its popular podcast

By Alan Madlane

Once again, we here at The Hamtramck Review take on the task of synthesizing a beautifully put-together monthly newsletter from the Hamtramck Historical Museum (HHM) and turning it into a much more pithy, yet absolutely less aesthetically pleasing, summary.

And, speaking of aesthetics, the June newsletter begins by mentioning some recent physical upgrades, all part of what seems like a constant process to make the old building a deserving and welcoming center for all things to do with the history of the

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The heat is on for Thanedar

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck community leaders are continuing their campaign against Congressman Shri Thanedar's re-election.

On the Facebook page "Hamtramck Square," former Hamtramck Public School Board member Nasr Hussain, who is a current member of the city's Planning Commission, is calling for voters to reject Thanedar.

"Make sure you don't vote for this Zionist," Hussain said on the Facebook page.

First-term City Councilmember Muhith Mahmood also chimed in on Hussain's comment, saying: "We all need to work hard to get him out."

The rift with the all-male, all-Muslim city council, as well as the mayor, started with Thanedar's support of sending military aid to Israel in the wake of Israel invading Gaza.

That invasion has, so far, led to the deaths of over 36,000 Palestinians, most of whom were civilians.

Israel invaded Gaza after Hamas invaded Israel last October, killing over 1,200 Israelis and taking another roughly 250 more as hostages, according to media reports.

The U.S., historically, has been a staunch ally of Israel for decades, and the political support has come from both Republicans and Democrats, in a rare show of bipartisanship.

Because of that support, local leaders have called for not supporting President Biden in his upcoming re-election bid. However, former President Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, is, as much or more so, a staunch ally of Israel as well.

Thanedar, who is a Democrat, represents Hamtramck as well as part of Detroit, some of the Grosse Pointes and a portion of downriver.

His main challenger now appears to be Detroit City Councilmember Mary Waters.

Likely because of this political snub, Mayor

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Historical Museum has brought back its popular podcast Cont. from front page

very unique old town that is Hamtramck.

Last month, the lower portion of the façade got a new coat of paint, which extended up into the newly restored large decorative panels as well.

Further plans, as funding will allow, include power washing and tuck pointing the stonework above the windows, restoration of the second floor

windows, and the addition of some coloration to the arches above the lower windows.

In other news, the museum gained some prestige by being invited to participate, along with frequent preservationist partners Wayne State University and Michigan Technological University, in the 44th annual Statewide Preservation Con-

ference, held last month in Kalamazoo on the campus of Western Michigan University.

Executive Director Greg Kowalski and chair of the museum's Board of Directors Joe Kochut represented the museum.

The program highlighted the close relationship between WSU's anthropology department and the museum, and how they are working on the Hamtramck Explorer project with Michigan Tech.

That project is an interactive website that focuses on showing the city's specific historical sites in high detail.

"(To be) recognized by the state as a professional-caliber organization (helps to build) our profile... statewide," said the newsletter, of the conference invite.

The museum also had a display table, for the first time ever, at the St. Florian Strawberry Festival in early May. In the past, the museum has conducted tours of the St. Florian Church during their festivals.

HHM's podcast, titled "Hamtramck Now and Then," has resumed its regular programming on the streaming site Spotify. A recent show highlighted the history of Planet Ant Theater, which is celebrating its 30th year in Hamtramck. Director of Training Mike McGettigan was the featured guest.

Have a guest you'd like to hear talking city history on the podcast? Send your recommendations to hamtramckhistory@gmail.com.

The museum recently hosted some interesting international guests, among them a BBC reporting crew doing a general piece on diversity, and MSU Art Professor Peter Glendinning and South African artist Adelheid Frackiewicz on a separate visit.

Over the years, the museum has hosted visitors from England, France, Germany, Finland, Turkey, Japan and the Malayan regions of Southeast Asia, along with folks from all across the U.S. and Canada, they claim.

Lastly, the museum mentioned the receipt of an interesting item from supporter Rebecca Bino Savage: an abstract, which in city planning parlance is the detailed history of a particular piece of property, in this case a lot on Lumpkin St. The abstract lists, among other info, the names of everyone who has owned the property, dating back to 1823.

The museum now has a number of these in its collection. Such items are considered quite valuable for the manner in which they illuminate historical timelines.

If you happen across one and would like to donate it, contact the museum at hamtramckhistory@gmail.com.

Better yet, visit – they are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 11

a.m., and stay open until 3 p.m. (4 p.m. on Saturdays). Or, you can request a visit at another time, by appointment, at the above email address.

Support local history! Become a Friend of the museum. There are various levels of membership and support, and they make it easy to join. Check out the website: www.hamtramckhistory.com.

The heat is on for Thanedar Cont. from front page

Amer Ghalib says that Thanedar held back two federal infrastructure grants, totaling in the millions of dollars, for Hamtramck.

Mayor Ghalib has shrugged off that move by Thanedar, saying "But that's OK."

Ghalib is supporting Waters in the upcoming August primary election. Whichever Democratic candidate wins the primary is guaranteed to win in November.

Thanedar told The Review that the reason the

city isn't getting federal grants is because there were other community projects in his congressional district that are more worthy.

"I serve 20 municipalities, and have received more than 45 proposals for community funding. Unfortunately, I can only submit 15 requests. Hamtramck's requests did not make it to the top fifteen," Thanedar said.

The Review asked Thanedar for a list of those 15 projects, but he did not respond.



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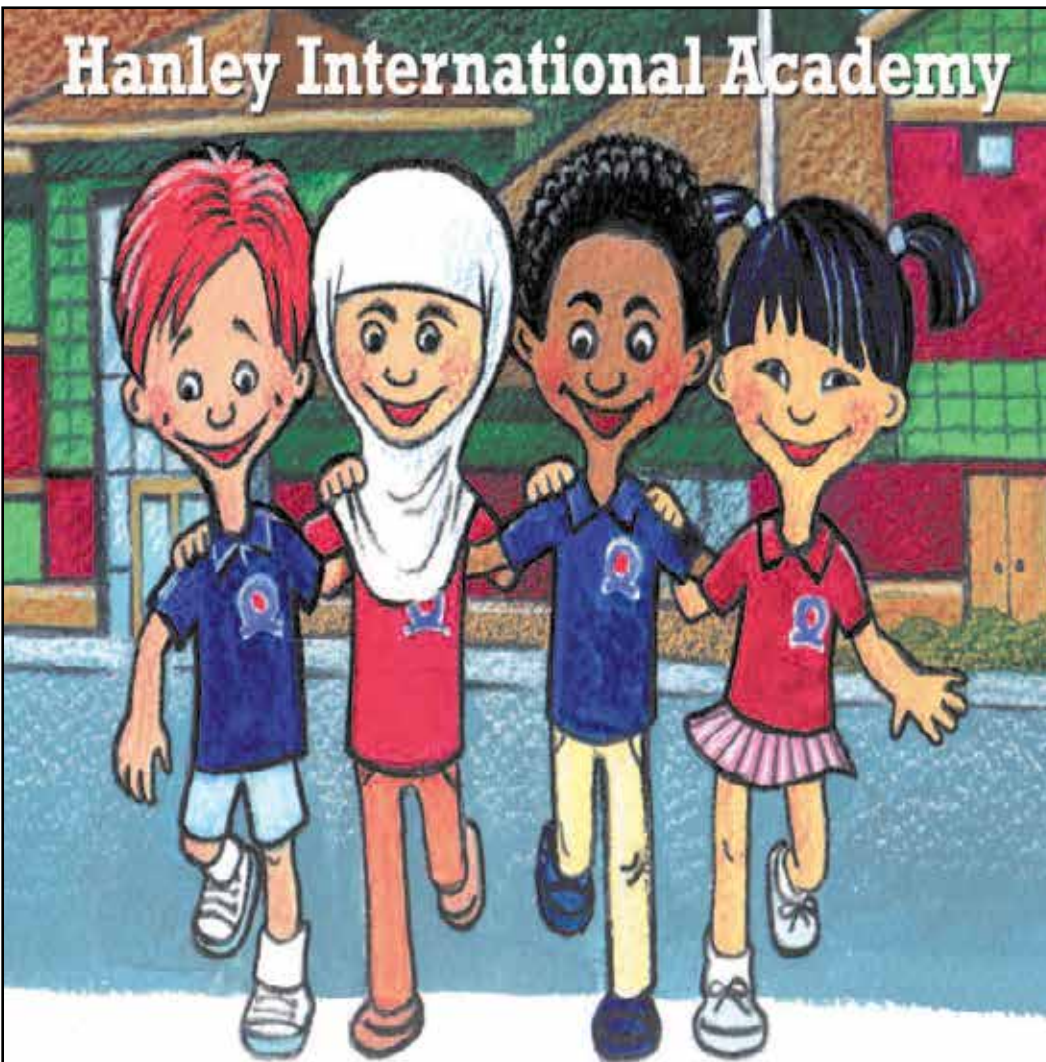
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This week at the Library . . . June 14, 2024

Transparent Languages: If you are looking to learn another language this teaching platform offers courses for over 100 languages, including English, Arabic, Pashto, Ukrainian and a lot more. To use this platform visit our website www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us and access this service with your library card.

Summer Reading Program: The library will have weekly activities for kids all summer long. Children will once again be able to earn tickers for our awesome prize raffle just by finishing their favorite books. There will be personalized reading trackers to chart their progress. The SRP will start on **June 26 at 2 pm** with Starlab Program. In July and August the following programs are on schedule:
July 3 - Kung Fu Panda 4 film
July 10 - Steel Drum Concert
July 17 - Poster Craft
July 24 - Animal Craft
July 31 - Color Scratch Craft
August 7 - Native American History
August 13 - NERF Games
August 21 - Teenage Mutant Turtles
August 28 - SRP Party & Prizes
and with that program we will conclude this years activities.

Univac 1: This was the first commercial electronic computer and it was unveiled in Philadelphia on June 14, 1951. It was installed at the Census Bureau and utilized a magnetic tape unit as a buffer memory.

Library Garden Volunteers: Calling all volunteers with green thumbs.

Plan for this year's community garden are on the way. The new project coordinator is looking for some helping hands. If you are looking for a patch of land to work your magic, sign up for a plot or two. Stop by the front desk and register.

Exercise in the Library: Adaptive Yoga is back on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm and Tai Chi on Fridays at 10 am. These beginner friendly, weekly exercise sessions are sponsored by the RIM Foundation. Please wear comfy shoes and stretchy clothing for maximum enjoyment.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 3:45 pm and Wednesday Story Time at 12:00 noon. The programs are presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Game Night: We are moving to Wednesdays. Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Wednesday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play. Everyone is invited.

Margaret Bourke-White: This photojournalist was born on June 14, 1906 in New York City. In 1936 she became one of four original staff photographers for Life Magazine and war correspondent during World War II. She also served as a war correspondent during the Korean War. Her best known book was "You Have Seen Their Faces" (1937).

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

The needs of Hamtramck should come first

We understand that there moral issues that people get passionate about and take a stand on them. Occasionally elected leaders pass resolutions denouncing or supporting events happening in the nation and the world.

Recently, the mayor and city council took such a stance on the Israeli invasion of Gaza and the ongoing civilian deaths of innocent Palestinians.

They are demanding not only an immediate ceasefire, which is a resolution passed several weeks ago, but also recently passed a resolution calling for the city to divest and boycott Israel.

That's a first for any city in this state.

They have also criticized U.S. Representative Shri Thanedar (D-Detroit) for his support of U.S. military aid being sent to Israel.

That's all fine and good, but their criticism of Thanedar, as Mayor Amer Ghalib admitted, came at a steep price. The city is accusing Thanedar of renegeing on his support of two federal grants that would have financed the continuation of replacing lead water lines to households and also a grant to improve alleys.

Those grants, the city said, were not only promised but worth millions of dollars.

We don't fault our elected leaders for throwing their support for this or that politician.

But at what cost? We are posing this question as a way to urge caution on how far elected officials should go here.

Did we elect the mayor and city council to get involved in world affairs, or to keep their focus squarely on the needs of Ham-

tramck first and foremost?

We know people can do both things, but when Hamtramck loses substantial grants we ask our elected officials to think twice.

On the other hand, if this is true that Thanedar decided to spank Hamtramck for not getting political support in his re-election effort this year, shame on him as well.

Thanedar says Hamtramck was skipped over because there were worthier projects in other communities that his congressional district represents – which obviously includes Hamtramck.

The reality is, politics can be extremely petty in many ways.

We bring this up only as a reminder to our elected leaders to make it a priority to focus on the needs of Hamtramck.

Odds & Ends

Reminder... Juneteenth is next Wednesday, June 19, and there is going to be a special celebration here in town.

That's when the 3rd Annual Hamtramck Stadium Juneteenth Celebration featuring a Home Run Derby for scholarships, and more, will take place at Hamtramck's historic baseball stadium.

Juneteenth, for those who might not know, celebrates the abolition of slavery in general, but is specifically tied to the date that the state of Texas abolished it, on June 19, 1865.

The event will be held beginning at noon at the ball park.

The opening event will be the Turkey Stearnes Foundation's award ceremony for a Juneteenth Multidisciplinary Art Contest.

State Rep. Helena Scott will serve as Keynote Speaker.

After that, the Turkey Stearnes Home Run Derby will tee up (and off) at 12:45 p.m. Local youth stars will attempt to launch balls over the fence, and the winners of that competition will receive scholarships specifically from the Stearnes Foundation.

After all of that, at 3 p.m., it's a game between the 15-and-under youth against the 18-and-under youth from the Detroit "RBI" teams.

Donations needed...

Detroit Friendship House, a food pantry for thousands of local low-income families and individuals, is seeking food donations.

The organization is specifically seeking donations of the following: cans of tuna and peanut butter, to help sustain halal and plant protein diets, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables and water.

Also, pantry staples such as cooking oil, salt, spices, flour and sugar are needed.

Drop-off times are: Monday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Friendship House is located at 9540 Conant. For more information, you can call (313) 871-7443.

To protect and serve... Police Chief Jamiel Altaheri recently posted on social media a recent incident where quick-thinking police officers helped save a child's life.

We'll let Altaheri explain:

"Today we honored three of Hamtramck's Finest. On June 2, 2024, Police Officer Christopher Fey, Police Officer Eida Hussain and Police Officer Eugene Tetreault responded to the scene of an accident where a young child was unresponsive and unconscious.

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"These exceptional officers received the Life Saving Medal and Commendation for their rescue efforts. The Hamtramck Police Department is here to keep you safe. It's what we do!"

Ticket amnesty... The 36th District Court in Detroit is once again offering their popular ticket amnesty for a time, beginning toward the end of this month.

It will run from Monday, June 24 all through the

month of July to Friday, Aug. 2.

To quote the press release, "During this period, all late fees, penalties, and warrant costs will entirely waived upon full payment of the original amount.

"This initiative applies to all adjudicated cases with assessed fines and costs, except for driver's license reinstatement fees."

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Might as well save money and not have to be looking over your shoulder ever time you get behind the wheel.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Mental health crisis center is now in service

By Eric Doeh
DWIHN President and CEO

The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) is officially opening the 707 Crisis Care Center.

The facility will be open to crisis calls and walk-ins 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This is an incredibly exciting day for DWIHN and the community as we continue leading the way in crisis care for the region.

DWIHN's first of many Crisis Care Centers, located in the heart of the



city of Detroit at 707 W. Milwaukee Street, will provide direct specialized care for individuals in crisis and will ease the burden on local emergency departments which are not always equipped to offer appropriate mental health support.

The Center is unique because all the services

are under one roof, Crisis Walk-In, Crisis Stabilization, and a peer-led program called BEST (Building Empowered Supportive Transition).

The 707 Crisis Care Center will be a place where adults and adolescents in a behavioral health crisis can be evaluated to determine their medical necessity for crisis level services. It will add 32 beds to DWIHN's Crisis Continuum of Care and will be a 24-hour center for individuals needing help.

Anyone needing services can call (313) 989-9444 or people can walk in, and they will be assisted by staff.

With a population of approximately 1.6 million people, Wayne County should have at least three crisis centers to serve individuals in need, from Western Wayne to Downriver.

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High School 2024 Graduation on air next week, Council resolution on Palestine BDS movement, Piast Institute 5K Health Hike, Firefighters March, CWA Garden Groundbreaking, Music programs
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers June 4-10.

Tuesday, June 4

- At 1 a.m., disorderly persons were reported in the 2200 block of Denton and in the 2200 block of Alice.
- A loose dog was reported on Woodland.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Goodson and Lumpkin.
- A strong-armed robbery was reported in the 12000 block of Conant.
- A trespassing complaint was made in the 3100 block of Jacob.
- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Sobieski.

Wednesday, June 5

- Following a traffic stop, a person was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 5000 block of Trowbridge.
- Officers, investigating an incident involving a gun in the 3000 block of Hanley, arrested a juvenile for domestic violence.
- An assault was reported in the 3100 block of Caniff.
- A theft was reported in the 9800 block of Winfield.

Thursday, June 6

- A theft from an auto was reported in the 3200 block of Trowbridge.
- A domestic assault was reported on Belmont.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- A complaint was made about a juvenile in the area of Selfridge and Circle Dr.

Friday, June 7

- Multiple complaints were made about noise in the 3100 block of Trowbridge.
- At 3:30 a.m., officers responded to a complaint about a person loitering in the 9200 block of Conant.
- An assault was reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Poland.
- A male suspect was arrested for embezzlement in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 2300 block of Zinow.
- A fight was reported in the 3000 block of Roosevelt.
- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 10000 block of Conant.

Saturday, June 8

- A fight was reported

ed in the 2700 block of Yemans.

- Officers, responding to a call about a suspicious person in the area of Trowbridge and Ellery, arrested a male suspect for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- An illegal dumping was reported in the 5100 block of Belmont.

- A hit-and-run accident happened in the area of Conant and Evaline.

- Family trouble was reported in the 3200 block of Lehman.

- An assault was reported in the area of Caniff and McDougall.

- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 3800 block of Caniff.

- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 11400 block of Lumpkin.

Sunday, June 9

- A vehicle was reported stolen on Gallagher.

- A hit-and-run accident that resulted in property damage was reported on Yemans.

- A vehicle was stolen on Doremus.

- A business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported trouble with a customer.

- A domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Caniff.

- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.

- A theft was reported in the 10300 block of Jos. Campau.

- A complaint was made about fireworks in the 12000 block of Moran.

- A vehicle was reported stolen in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 3100 block of Trowbridge.

- A break-in was reported in the 2900 block of Jacob.

Monday, June 10

- A suspect was arrested on Poland for assault.

- A child, who was reported as missing on Holmes, was reunited with its parents.

- A theft was reported in the 3000 block of Lehman.

- Customer trouble was reported at a business in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau.

- Neighbor trouble was reported in the 3400 block of Caniff.

- Family trouble was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

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Coming Events

Through June 14 – PLAV Post 6 is collecting tattered American flags starting now until Flag Day on June 14. Post 6 is located at 9545 McDougall at the corner of Evaline. The flags will be properly retired in a ceremony in front of the post on the evening of June 14.

School Board to consider millage renewal, silent on superintendent

Continued from front page

Shidler said. Shidler has said on social media that he will be transparent with the public. This isn't the first time Ahmed has taken a leave. She spent most of 2022 on paid leave, first for medical reasons and when that leave expired she was placed on paid suspension pending an investigation. No explanation was gi-

ven for the investigation, and Ahmed returned to work in January of 2023. She then went on paid leave last February after getting a poor work performance evaluation by the school board. Ahmed is paid over \$200,000 a year. She has a pending lawsuit against the district and the teachers' union.

Letters • Letters • Letters

Lawsuit is to restore the city's pride flag

Happy Pride month! I wanted to update everyone about our lawsuit against the City for banning the Pride flag on city property. We have a great lawyer and lots of support and the lawsuit is moving forward! Of course the city is dragging its feet, throwing roadblocks and running up costs. They think this will deter us, but they are wrong. We have raised almost \$5,000 with our go fund me and we set

a new goal to make sure we can cover the additional cost of deposing the mayor and council. Now they are making us go to arbitration, which will cost at least \$5,000, so we need your help! To be clear, Russ Gordon and I are not suing for money – we are only demanding the Pride flag be flown along with all the nation flags, to welcome EVERYONE to our town! Please support this fight by donating to Gofundme/f/raise-all-the-flags. Spread the word to your friends and those who support the Pride flag and the constitution. Celebrate ALL of us and raise all the flags!

Thank you to all who have donated. **Catrina (Cathy) Stackpoole** (Stackpoole is a former Hamtramck City Council member.)



St. Clare of Montefalco School

The St. Clare of Montefalco Open House was a well-attended event which generated enrollment with new families from the local area. The month of May was filled with the completion of academic units in the school along with the celebration of the Annual Field Day event. The St. Clare of Montefalco Track and Field Team had outstanding performances at

the meets they participated in across the metro area. The month of June brought class picnics and the final farewell mass for the St. Clare of Montefalco eighth grade class. A school-wide mass was held on June 7 for all the remaining students completing the 2023/2024 school year. Keep up to date with St. Clare of Montefalco School at stclareschool.net. The summer is upon us and enrollment remains open.

Obituaries

RAKOCZY



Larry Rakoczy, 68, died June 7, 2024. He was the beloved son of the late Ignatius and Lottie; brother of Sister Susan IHM, Daniel, Nancy, Lawrence, Richard, (Rebecca), and Janice; uncle of Rose, Lenox, Aleksandra, Sean, Kate,

and Emily; great uncle of Sloane, Archer and Orlin. Larry was president of the Queen of Apostles Ushers Club and a member of the church for 68 years. Memorial visitation is Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 1 p.m. with prayers at 2 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212

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The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt St. to review and consider the school district's 2024-2025 proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The 2024-2025 Proposed Budget will be posted for examination on the Hamtramck Public Schools' Website, www.hamtramckschools.org prior to the hearing date.

Daz'Shavon Hall, Secretary
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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on May 28, and all councilmembers, except for Khalil Refai and Muhtasin Sandman, were in attendance.

The council pulled off an agenda item requesting the closure of Jos. Campau for the annual Labor Day Festival, and will consider it at the council's next meeting (June 11).

No reason was given as to why the matter was taken off the agenda.

(On June 11, the council OK'd the street closure, thus giving a green light to the festival.)

During public comment, Matthew Clark of Berkley said that, as a member of Jewish Voice for Peace, he supports a resolution on the agenda calling for the divestment and boycott of Israel.

(The divestment is part of a movement calling for the world to engage in "Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions" because of Israel's ongoing invasion of Gaza and the resulting deaths of over 36,000 Palestinians - most of whom are said to be civilians, including children. A number of people are now going so far as to say that Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinian people.)

"I oppose genocide because I am Jewish," Clark said. "My people have suffered the Holocaust. ... For this reason

I say 'never again.'"

Bill Meyer also supported the proposed resolution to divest from Israel.

"We're watching a genocide before our eyes," Meyer said.

Meyer credited the council for supporting the resolution, saying: "Hamtramck has been in the vanguard of opposing injustice."

The council later did pass the resolution unanimously. This makes Hamtramck the first city in the state to take such a stance. Hamtramck is also the third city in the nation to do so.

During the council's discussion on the resolution, Councilmember Muhih Mahmood said "We cannot have our taxpayers' money to be used to kill people."

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said he is not supporting the resolution just because he is a Bengali and a Muslim, but instead:

"As a human being, I'm supporting this," he said.

The mayor and city council are all-male and all-Muslim.

Hassan went on to question why the American government is "supporting terrorist people to kill innocent kids. That's why I call them terrorists."

Mayor Pro Tem Abu Musa said that what the Israeli government is doing is committing genocide.

"We'll do everything possible to make Palestine freedom, and free from the Israeli genocide," he said.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said that a majority of Americans are against Israeli's invasion into Gaza.

"Our government, of course, does not listen to the concern of the people," Ghalib said. "It seems like we are ruled by a minority in this country, and that's a problem. The voice of the people is not being heard."

Ghalib also lashed out at "neighboring countries" near Israel, saying that they too "are involved to support Israelis."

Without mentioning Hamas, which the U.S. considers a Palestinian terrorist organization, Ghalib said Palestine is "fighting for a good cause. Some people call them 'terrorists,' which doesn't make no sense."

Ghalib added: "The only ethical exit for the Israelis is to declare defeat and

give it up and accept the exchange of prisoners and leave the people to live in their land."

The resolution reads, in part:

"Palestinians are currently subjected to the Israeli campaign of genocide and starvation, plus the mass erasure of all means of human survival in Gaza; and millions of Palestinians have lived under Israeli apartheid and denial for millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants the rights to return back to homes from which they were uprooted (UN Resolution 194);

"And the BDS movement calls upon international civil society organizations, governments, and people of conscience all over the world to impose broad boycotts and implement divestment initiatives against apartheid Israel, similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era. ..."

Moving on, the council approved expansion plans at 11625 Jos. Campau, where Little Caesar's pizza is located.

On another matter, the council agreed to extend its contract with Priority Waste, which handles the disposal of residential waste.

The contract was expanded by 60 months, i.e. five years, at a cost of \$5.5 million.

Later, during public comment, Dr. Nidal Jiboor, who is a Palestinian-American with a medical practice in Dearborn, praised the council for passing the BDS resolution.

"Thanks for helping America be on the right side of history, despite the intentional criminal intent of President Joseph Biden, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and Lloyd Austin (Secretary of Defense)," Jiboor said.

He said Biden and the others should be arrested by the International Court.

"Biden deserves this legacy as a war criminal," Jiboor said, comparing Biden to Hitler.

He again thanked the mayor and council, saying:

"Thank you for trying to make America great again for the first time because America has never been great. It committed genocide against the natives and enslaved the blacks."

From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree



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