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Quick Hits

Looking for a deal on a used car?

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Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

'It's time to be with my family.'

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Shortfall in Fire Department budget raises questions on future funding

By Charles Sercombe

One thing is for certain in the coming months: City officials need to have a serious discussion on how to fund the Fire Department.

The city's fiscal year is wrapping up at the end of June and the new budget year starts on July 1.

At this point both years are about a million dollars short of their projected budget. That is forcing the city to draw down from its budget surplus of \$4 million – \$1 million for this year and \$1 million for next year.

The cause of this is that a federal grant for the Fire Department has not come in – although it is expected to, said City Manager



The city will have to dip into its budget surplus to keep the Fire Department funded at its current level of about \$3 million.

Katrina Powell.

But even the SAFER grant, which pays for the salaries of 12 firefighters, will eventually run out – at most in three years.

The Fire Department is the second most expensive department in the city with a budget of about \$3 million.

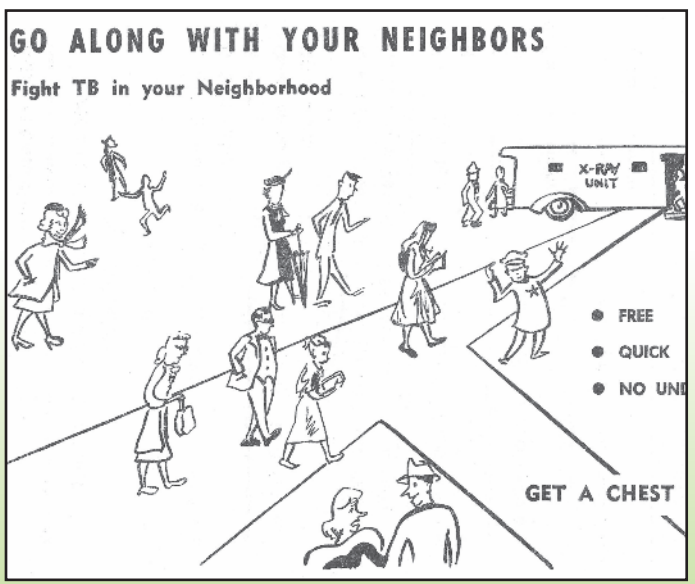
The city's total budget for this current fiscal year is \$15.7 million, while next year it is going down a bit to \$15.4 million.

The city's new budget will be reviewed at the next council meeting on June 7.

Councilmember Anam Miah has been the most outspoken about city finances. He said

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The lore of Hamtramck ...



A 1961 promotion urging people to get a chest X-ray to detect TB.

Hamtramck reacts to the threat of TB

By Greg Kowalski

You don't hear much about it anymore, but once it was a feared scourge. And in fact, it still is widespread today, although not in these parts of the world.

It's tuberculosis, commonly known as TB, which is an infectious disease usually associated with your lungs, but which can affect many parts of the body. TB still infects millions of people around the world and is a major health concern, but it has largely faded from the scene in America.

That wasn't always the case.

Until relatively re-

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Water users will get a soaking

By Charles Sercombe

If you think your water bill is high now, just wait.

The Great Lakes Water Authority, which supplies water and sewer service to Hamtramck and the region, recently announced an average increase of 4.3 percent to its customers.

However, what is not reported is that every community gets a different rate increase depending on a variety of issues.

In Hamtramck's case, the increase is going to be slightly higher.

City Manager Katrina Powell said the new water rate will go up 5.3 percent and sewerage service charges will increase 4.9 percent.

The new rates will go into effect starting with the July bills.

The average water and sewerage bill is \$70 to \$90 a month.

There have already been complaints made by some councilmembers that residents are saying the current bills are too high.

Powell said she understands.

"We're not happy," she said about the new cost increase.

The main reason for the increase is to pay for the City of Highland Park's \$30 million debt to the water authority. It was agreed that the financially troubled city

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Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years. With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

Vegetables from North Corktown. Microgreens from the East Side. Handmade vegan soaps from Southwest. Detroit's farmers, growers, and makers are set to see a boost in business this summer at the Corktown Farmers' Market. The market, which debuted in 2015, is up and running and located in the lot adjacent to the Detroit Institute of Bagels on Michigan Avenue. Organizers see the return of the market as an assertion of Corktown being the premier local food neighborhood the city. Indeed, the Corktown and North Corktown neighborhoods are represented more than most among the market's 20 vendors. "One of the great things about the Corktown Farmers' Market is how many vendors come from within

our own neighborhood," says Chad Rochkind, executive director of the Corktown Economic Development Corporation. "Local farms are essential to the strength and character of Corktown."

The group of vendors – which includes urban farms and gardens, neighborhood restaurants, and handmade specialty items – consists of ACRE, Amour de Quiches, Azz on Fire Salsas & Spices, Brother Nature Produce, Coriander Kitchen and Farm, and many more. A rotating group of additional vendors will keep things fresh at the market. Plus, restaurants like Brooklyn Street Local, Gold Cash Gold, and the Detroit Institute of Bagels will sell their ready-to-eat dishes. Corktown Farmers' Market is located at 1236 Michigan Ave., not far from the old Western Market, bulldozed 50 years ago to make way for the Fisher Freeway, and takes place every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. throughout the summer.

By MJ Galbraith

Shortfall in Fire Department budget raises questions on future funding

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on all city departments to see how many employees each has and the total cost to run each. “That’s in case we have to make cuts,” he said. Miah has also lashed out at Powell for not coming to the council earlier in the budget year when it looked like there would be a shortfall.

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Water users will get a soaking

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would never be able to pay off that debt. That won’t be the only increase you’ll see on water bills. The city has to increase its charge to finance a major sewer line replacement project. The monthly charge for that will go up anywhere from \$7 to \$11 a month. Work on the sewer line is the result of a lawsuit filed against the city by residents a few

years ago. The court essentially ordered the city to begin making repairs to stop widespread basement floodings that occurred whenever there was a heavy rainfall. News of the rate hike comes at a time when Hamtramck is investing in purchasing new meters throughout the city. City officials recently discovered that there are a number of meters that no longer work.

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ESL Class – Wednesday, June 8, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class – Friday, June 10, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

State of the Community Address – with State Senator Bert Johnson, Monday, July 18, 6 p.m.

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Second Front Page

Fire chief ready to hang up his helmet and retire

By Charles Sercombe

In an unexpected move, Fire Chief Paul Wilk recently announced his retirement.

Wilk, likely the city's youngest serving fire chief, will end his career here on June 30.

He started in the department when he was 22 and is retiring at the age of 48.

"It's just time to go," Wilk said about his retirement. "It's time to be with my family."

Wilk has been chief for several years. During his role as chief he shepherded the department through the supervision of a state-appointed emergency manager. In



Fire Chief Paul Wilk recently announced he will retire at the end of June after serving the city for 26 years.

other cities where an emergency manager has taken charge, it was not unusual to see the po-

lice and fire departments disbanded and those services contracted out to their respective counties or a neighboring community.

But both of Hamtramck's public safety departments experienced benefit cuts and other changes.

Wilk also steered the department into a historical agreement with Detroit's Fire Department. The deal he helped strike actually kept his department busier: The two cities have agreed to help

each other when fires occur within a few miles of Hamtramck.

In return, Detroit sends a crew here to help out Hamtramck firefighters.

Two years ago the Hamtramck Fire Department celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Under Wilk's supervision, the department also brought back an old tradition: the return of a July 4th fireworks show. The department received help and funding for the event through a cable television channel.

The school district's Recreation Department took over funding for the event.

While there were many highlights during his tenure, Wilk said "becoming chief" was the biggest.

"I thought that would never happen," he said.

But the proudest moment for him was representing the legacy of the department each day by "providing good service to the community."

Obituaries

CHORNEY



Daniel Chorney, 66, died May 30, 2016.

Mr. Chorney was a lifetime Hamtramck resident and retired employee of Peoples State Bank.

Mr. Chorney was predeceased by his parents, Lawrence and Ruby, leaving him to care for his late brother, Patrick. He was also predeceased by his brother, George. He will be missed by his two pet cats, Joey and Perry, and by his many friends, who could count on Daniel for a witty text sometime during the week.

Mr. Chorney was a lover of the fine arts. He was an accomplished artist himself and a graduate of Wayne State University's Fine Arts Program. Daniel was an aficionado of pop culture and loved the Rolling Stones, Lou Reed, Andy Warhol, and Oscar Wilde.

As Daniel would say, "A bientot," or until next time, Daniel.

Mr. Chorney was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

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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 24, and all councilmembers were present.

Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. City Manager Katrina Powell talked about budget amendments needed for this year's budget. Powell said since the council last addressed the issue the city collected \$172,000, which brings the expected budget shortfall down to \$210,000.

"It's going down every day," Powell said.

Powell said the revenue came from stepped up collection in overdue income tax payments. She added that there is a spending freeze in city hall and that has resulted in a 2 percent savings each day.

Despite the savings and extra revenue, Powell said the city will have to dip into its surplus fund for next year's budget.

Councilmember Anam Miah took exception to

the budget amendment process. He said that according to the former emergency manager's directives, only the Transition Advisory Board can touch the budget.

City Attorney Travis Mihelick said the council must first OK any budget amendment.

Miah insisted only the TAB can make changes. He also lashed out at Powell for not alerting the council earlier in the budget year about needed changes.

Powell said there were no signs of a shortfall earlier in the budget year. She also said that some projected revenues are not collected until later in the budget year so there is no way to know if there will be a shortfall.

During the regular council meeting, Police Chief Anne Moise presented the department's employees of the year. Only Amela Catic, a dispatcher for the department, was able to attend.

Police Officer of the Year is Dennis Janowicz

and Reserve Officer of the Year is Pawel Machowski.

In the public comment portion, Robert Zwolak, a former councilmember, advised the council to stay on top of the city's budget and make amendments when needed.

In the vote to make an amendment to the city's current budget, Councilmember Miah said he wants to move forward on it, but told City Manager Powell: "What the administration knows, we need to know."

In regard to the recent home opener for the Detroit City Football Club, Miah said he got goose bumps over how successful the event went.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari said he received a number of calls about high water bills.

"Is there a way to work on it?" he asked City Manager Powell.

In another matter, Powell urged homeowners to take advantage of an insurance offer to cover the cost of sewer line replacements.

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

Hamtramck reacts to the threat of TB

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cently TB outbreaks made the newspapers frequently and were major concerns of the Hamtramck schools. That’s one reason the district adopted progressive health procedures in the 1920s, including establishing “open air” rooms where the window could open wide to let the kids rest in a fresh air environment.

Fresh air won’t prevent or cure TB, but the disease is treatable. In 1936 Registered Nurse Dorothy Laska was quoted in The Citizen newspaper “appealing to all Hamtramck mothers to have their children protect themselves and their playmates by taking the skin test for tuberculosis at the Hamtramck High School or Copernicus Junior High.”

She noted, “90,000 persons die of tuberculosis in the United States each year,” and that this disease still leads every other cause of death between the ages of 20 and 50. Along with skin tests, X-ray examinations were offered routinely across the city.

The threat continued. In December, 1948 Hamtramck was singled out for having the highest TB death rate in the

state with 56. That led to the formation of a group of 35 organizations to join forces to promote a planned X-ray test program.

The program was conducted the following year by the Hamtramck and Wayne County Health departments, which found 173 active TB cases in Hamtramck. “This constituted 1 percent of the total of 15,266 persons receiving free chest X-rays in this survey,” the survey reported. It also noted that 66 inactive TB cases were detected, along with a variety of other medical conditions.

These numbers were determined after Hamtramckans underwent free chest X-rays offered at a mobile trailer stationed at various places around the city including Federal’s Department Store on Jos. Campau, St. Francis Hospital, Tau Beta on Hanley Street, several factories and at voting booths set up on a variety of streets.

“The fight against tuberculosis in Hamtramck continues,” said Dr. Thompson Ale, TB control officer of the Wayne County Health Department. That fight would continue on for

more years. In 1958, the nearly 7,000 students in the Hamtramck public and parochial schools were given skin tests to detect TB. Some 430 of them tested positive, although that did not necessarily indicate they had active TB. They were sent for chest X-rays.

Such screenings continued into the early 1960s. In April, 1961, mobile X-ray units were set up at seven locations across Hamtramck. “Go along with your neighbors. Fight TB in your neighborhood,” proclaimed a flier distributed in the community.”

In time, as testing and treatment continued the TB threat faded. But it’s still out there, lurking in the background.

You can learn more about Hamtramck’s history at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call (313) 574-9758.

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ACROSS

1. Type of hat
6. Competent
10. 500 sheets
14. Practical
15. Aspersion
16. Therefore
17. A financial examination
18. Palm starch
19. A female domestic
20. Demoralized
22. Small island
23. Fizzy drink
24. High regard
26. Unwakable state
30. Small rounded bread
31. Drunkard
32. Dry
33. Greek letter
35. Expire
39. Nouveau-riche
41. Strong and proud
43. Slumber
44. Whirl
46. Cover with plaster
47. Mesh

49. Directed
50. Catch a glimpse of
51. Hits
54. Again
56. South American country
57. Squadron
63. Winglike
64. Nipple
65. "Bye"
66. French for "Head"
67. Arid
68. Schemes
69. Clairvoyant
70. Terminates
71. Twilled fabric

DOWN

1. Group of two
2. Decorative case
3. Purges
4. Radar signal
5. Abominable snowmen
6. Diligent
7. Conspicuous
8. Olympic sled
9. Wears away

10. A payment of money
11. Delete
12. Lissome
13. Modulator/demodulator
21. Batman's sidekick
25. Alone
26. Hats
27. By mouth
28. Bog
29. Gambler
34. Disaffects
36. Desserts
37. Trim
38. Evasive
40. Type of sword
42. Ceased
45. Poster
48. Sleeping sickness carrier
51. Arguments
52. Donnybrook
53. Angry
55. Cloaks
58. Observed
59. Doing nothing
60. Teller of untruths
61. Not short
62. Being
55. Looks after
58. Invigoration
59. Part of a plant
60. Dogfish
61. A tart spicy quality
62. Border
44. Turned down
46. Flexible
47. 8th Greek letter
48. Employed
49. Hinder
50. What a person is called
51. Winglike
53. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
56. Calypso offshoot
57. Zero

Crossword solution on page 7

Hamtramck Recreation Department

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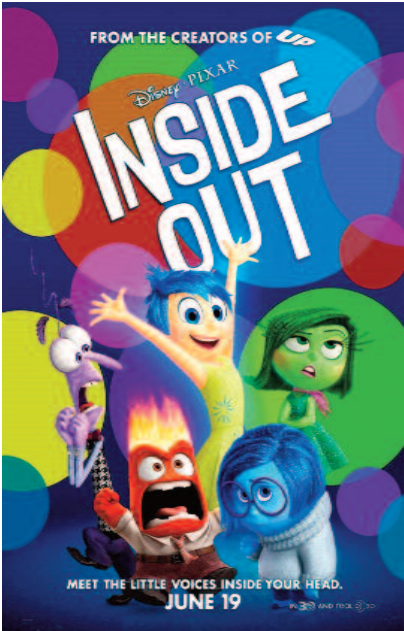
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In Our Opinion

Future funding for the Fire Department needs to be addressed now

Hamtramck's financial picture once again is a cause for concern.

The city will have to dip into its rainy day fund to the tune of \$2 million to cover a budget shortfall for this fiscal year, and in the new fiscal year that starts on July 1.

Fortunately the fund has \$4 million in it.

The cause for this shortfall is largely due to the Fire Department. A federal grant called the SAFER grant is expected to come in late. That grant pays for the salaries of 12 firefighters for the next three years.

There is also a possibility that the grant won't come in.

So, the question that hangs in the air is what will the city do without this revenue stream?

Even if it does come in

the city is simply kicking the can down the road for three years. Eventually city officials will face some tough decisions about how to fund the department.

As of now no one seems to have a clue.

There was a time when the city could have made a final decision by someone who had wide-sweeping powers to reinvent the department if that was needed.

For 18 months the city was under the supervision of a state-appointed emergency manager. That EM decided to keep the department staffed solely by full-timers that depended on the SAFER grant. The EM did not come up with a financial plan to permanently staff the department.

What was the point of having an EM who failed

to plan for the long term?

There are several options the city can take if the federal grant stops flowing. Firefighters have already insisted that their department is untouchable and that cuts would have to come across-the-board in the city's budget.

That could be one way to solve the problem, but it will come with cuts to services to taxpayers who are hit up pretty hard tax-wise.

If we get another three years to deal with this problem city officials would be wise to put in some extra time and start addressing this issue – now.

No matter what, city officials are going to have to make some harsh decisions.

Odds & Ends

Winners!... Dickinson East Elementary School teacher Rahiel Housey-Johnson has good news to share about the school's speech team.

Here's what she had to say:

"Hamtramck Public Schools students swept the Optimists of Downtown Detroit's Annual Oratorical Competition, taking away \$1,200 in prizes!

"Students also received certificates and medals. Although the competition took place in March, the Annual Winners' Circle Luncheon was held on June 1.

"The event featured a keynote speech by Robert Cleary about careers in law, in honor of Law Day, which was May 1. Dickinson East students Mira Hughes, Al-Khalil Mashrah, Fahim Uddin, Tarik Custovic, Samreen Khan and Farisa Zarin – along with Kosciuszko student, Almamoun Mashrah – were celebrated for their achievements.

"They composed and presented original speeches on the topic, "How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others."

After the ceremony, Housey-Johnson and parent Anne Hughes treated the students to a brief visit to the Riverwalk for picture-taking.

Honored... Speaking of the public school, the school board and Superintendent Tom Niczay were honored at last Saturday's soccer game by the Detroit City Football Club, the owner of the team.

The school district and the club struck a historical deal that allows the DCFC to use Keyworth stadium, which has already begun.

The club thanked the school board and superintendent for their partnership.

The soccer games have become a huge event in the city with 6,000 to 7,000 fans jamming into the stadium. Fans also have been filling up local



The speech team from Dickinson East Elementary School enjoys visiting the Detroit Riverwalk.



School Superintendent Tom Niczay (left) and the School Board were honored at last Saturday's Detroit City Football Club's game at Keyworth Stadium.

Stadium for the next 10 years as its home field. In exchange, the organization will make major improvements to the

bars before and after the games.

This partnership will prove to be a huge eco-

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School Bell

Hamtramck High School News

This year's prom was a gala affair. It was held at Noah's Event Venue in Auburn Hills. Students from both Hamtramck and Horizon High School danced the night away and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School held an induction ceremony for its newest members of the National Junior Honor Society on May 23rd. The new inductees are: Malak Ali, Nadija Basic, Lejla Begulic, Emrana Begum, Ismat Begum, Musmmat Begum, Thamanna Begum, Adila Choudhury, Atef Choudhury, Khadija Helal, Asha Hossain, Soha Irfan, Shammi Khan, Faiza Laskar, Zoha Mahmood, Raghda Mozeb, Kenan Pajic, Samiha Rahman, Neyra Salkic and Shamrin Siddiquey.



Above and below: Scenes from Hamtramck High School's prom held at Noah's Event in Auburn Hills.



grade. The boys and girls worked hard to learn the songs and all their hard work pays off when they get on stage and sing.

The title of this year's concert was "Recess," and it featured songs by Katy Perry, Cat Stevens, and Coldplay just to name a few.

All Schools

• Friday, June 3 – Hamtramck High School and Horizon High School Graduation at 6 p.m. Must have ticket to attend.



The Dickinson East Choir recently held a concert to celebrate another school year coming to a close.

A dessert reception followed the candle lighting induction ceremony. Congratulations to these students and we look forward to you carrying on the traditions and service of the National Junior Honor Society.

Holbrook Elementary School News

Holbrook School would like to thank all the parents who served on the P.T.S.A. We thank you for your time and effort you put in to make our P.T.S.A. successful. We will see you next school year.

• Tuesday, June 14 – Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades field trip to

Kensington Park.

• Wednesday, June 15 - 8th Grade Graduation at 2 p.m. All parents of 8th grade students are invited.

Dickinson East Elementary School News

As the school year came to a close, the staff and students at Dickinson East looked forward to the annual spring concert. This year it was held on Thursday, May 26 and it was as good as it always is.

Dickinson East music teacher, Mr. Rautio, never fails to amaze the parents and the staff as he conducted the choirs from Kindergarten through 6th

• Thursday, June 9 – Last day for preschool.

• Wednesday, June 15 - Hamtramck and Horizon High School and Kosciuszko Middle School, Final Semester Exams. Half day for all schools including elementary schools.

• Thursday, June 16 – Hamtramck and Horizon High School and Kosciuszko Middle School, Semester Exams. Half day for all schools including elementary schools. Last day of school for all students.

• June 23 – Final Report Cards mailed.

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Odds & Ends

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conomic boost to the city.

Reunion revisite ... We had so much fun attending the Kosciuszko Middle School reunion a couple of weeks ago we couldn't resist adding a few more photos, courtesy of School Boardmember

Jackie Starr.

There were so many folks there it was hard to squeeze in everyone in last week's issue.

We also owe a shout out to fellow Boardmember – and Board Treasurer –Dennis Lukas.

School Boardmember



Media focus on Hamtramck continues to examine political shift

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's historic city council election is still making news.

A news outlet called NewsGram recently wrote a story focusing on the new Muslim majority on council and the top vote-getter from the last election, Saad Almasmari.

Almasmari, a Yemeni-American, is also the subject of a documentary in process.

In the article Almasmari says that one of the media stories about Hamtramck's new political make-up prompted someone from the Donald Trump campaign staff to call him and ask if he would like to meet with Trump.

Almasmari said he was indeed contacted by Trump's people a few months ago when there were numerous media reports about Hamtramck.

"I was too busy at the



Councilmember Saad Almasmari, a Yemeni-American, is once again spotlighted in a recent media report on the new Muslim majority serving on council.

time to meet and not ready for it," Almasmari told The Review.

He said he has not heard back from the Trump campaign.

Trump, the likely Republican presidential nominee, has called for a halt to allowing Muslims to enter the country. The reason he has given the media?

According to his campaign, the ban would stay into effect "until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

Just what he means by "going on" is not clear.

Trump has also called for closing all mosques and creating a database on all Muslims living in the US. In the Hamtramck area, including nearby Detroit neighborhoods, there are about a dozen mosques and Islamic centers.

Almasmari said if he were to talk with him, he would "talk about the economy, what he would do for Hamtramck – not those other things."

Almasmari has been a

frequent go-to source for many of the media reports on the city for the past several months.

The NewsGram article, posted online on May 25, also quoted Almasmari saying that people from Brazil make up for 11 percent of the city's population and are Muslim.

Almasmari said he never said that and is unaware of anyone from Brazil living in Hamtramck. It's possible, he said, the reporter meant people from Bosnia, who are Muslim.

Hamtramck's population is thought to be about 50 percent Muslim. The other major Muslim population in the city consists of those who came from Bangladesh and Yemen.

Almasmari stressed that he doesn't know anything about the media outlet that made this report nor had he talked to anyone from it.

Notice of Budget Hearing Caniff Liberty Academy 2016-2017 School Budget

Please be advised there is a Budget Hearing scheduled for Caniff Liberty Academy for the 2016-2017 school year, to be held at 2650 Caniff Street, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212 on June 14, 2016 at 6:00pm.

All public are welcome to attend.

Those needing special accommodations to attend the meeting may contact EMAN, Inc. for assistance at 248-327-7673. Arrangements must be made 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

A copy of the budget is located at 2650 Caniff Street Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Coming events

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 11 a.m. – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold, fenced-in parking.

SATURDAY, June 11, 9-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop of your recyclables for free.

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 7 P.M. – the Hamtramck Midtown Block Club at St. Florian's Convent, 2626 Florian.



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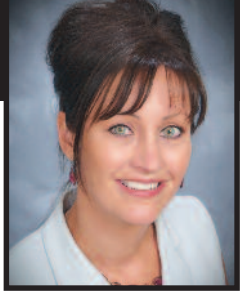
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lawrencemattthewventline@gmail.com.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers may 24-30.

Tuesday, May 24

- A resident in the 12000 block of Klinger reported an attempted garage break-in.
- At about 12:30 a.m. police received several calls about gunfire in the Grand Haven-Selfridge area. Witnesses said there were five to six male teenagers, one armed with a long gun. Witnesses said the suspects went to an address in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- Also at about 12:30 a.m. a resident in the 2400 block of Hewitt reported her car was stolen. Officers recovered the car, unoccupied, in the area of Jos. Campau and Halleck.
- At 1 a.m. a Detroit resident was found unresponsive and highly intoxicated. The man was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- A Gallagher resident was arrested after assaulting his live-in girlfriend.
- A Zinow resident reported the theft of his Moped from his yard.
- A Conant business owner reported that after refusing service to a customer, the customer then brandished a handgun and threatened to shoot him.
- A Botsford woman said her husband as-

saulted her and fled.

Wednesday, May 25

- At about 4 a.m. officers responded to a call in the 2300 block of Whalen where a resident from Philadelphia was found suffering multiple stab wounds. A suspect was arrested at the scene for attempted murder. The incident was a domestic violence situation.
- A Detroit driver was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on multiple warrants.

Thursday, May 26

- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license. He was convicted of this offense 28 times.
- At about 12:30 a.m. police received several calls about gunfire in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- At about 3:30 a.m. a resident was arrested at an apartment complex on Caniff for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- Two female students at Oakland International were arrested for fighting and assaulting teachers who attempted to break up the fight.
- A boy reported six males stole his cell phone.
- A resident in the 11400 block of Fleming reported someone broke her car window.

Friday, May 27

- At about 11 p.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant. The driver had been convicted of driving without a license 23 times.
- At about 12:30 a.m. officers responded to a call about a domestic assault in the 9400 block of Gallagher. Those involved refused to make a report. An hour later officials at Detroit Receiving Hospital reported that one of those at the scene came to the hospital with multiple stab wounds. The party in question changed their story multiple times and refused to press charges.
- At 5 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested in the 5400 block of Edwin for being disorderly.
- An agent for Auto Zone on Jos. Campau reported a man stole four bottles of brake fluid.
- An agent for Family Dollar on Jos. Campau reported a woman stole four white shirts and fled the store.
- A Detroit resident was ticketed for possessing an open intoxicant while in public at Caniff and Lumpkin.
- An employee at a business in the 2900 block of Yemans reported receiving harassing and threatening phone calls.
- A business owner in the 9500 block of Jos.

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