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Council considers moving Main St. handicapped parking

The Hoopeston City Council is considering a request to eliminate or move a handicapped parking space in the 200 block of East Main St.

A petition read at Tuesday night's regular Hoopeston City Council meeting asks that the parking space be removed or moved to the south side of the street. The petition was signed by Tom Sheridan of Sheridan's Appliances, Russ Leigh of Russell Leigh & Associates and Joyce Bauer of The Sewing Boutique. If approved, it would allow Sheridan to use the front of his store to load and unload merchandise without facing increased fines for temporarily parking in the handicapped spot.

A law effective Jan. 1 increases to \$500 the fine for illegally parking in a marked handicapped parking space.

In making a case for moving the space, Sheridan said he must load merchandise at the front of his store but that it rarely takes an hour a day to do so. "It'll be open 90 percent of the time," he said. "I don't know what I'll do if I can't deliver out of that store."

Sheridan cited reduced traffic downtown as one reason the space could be changed. "There's a lot of days you could shoot a shotgun downtown and not hit anything," he said. "I don't think it's going to affect that many people that often."

When possible, Sheridan said his delivery truck is parked away from the handicapped space but that sometimes, such as when The Sewing Boutique has classes, he must use the spot. He has also parked in the right turn lane on Market St. and transported items from his store to the truck, which is also in violation of the law.

Sheridan's truck is not the only one to make improper use of the parking space. Delivery service vans also park there to make deliveries on Main St., he said.

Speaking in favor of keeping a handicappedaccessible space was Gerald Minick, who urged the council to read the Americans With Disabilities Act, which requires a certain percentage of parking spaces be handicapped-accessible.

Minick, who uses a wheelchair, reminded the council of the need for the special spots but suggested it be placed in the middle of the block. "If you're in a wheelchair or on crutches, you have a hell of a long way to walk," he said.

Sheridan said he would "be glad to participate in the cost of putting a ramp in the middle of the block."

Minick then suggested the city could temporarily eliminate the parking space until an alternative is found. He also suggested the space in question be turned into a loading zone.

Alderman Jerry Yonkers, street and alley chairman, tabled the issue for two weeks to allow the council time to study the issue.

Asked if he was willing to wait two weeks, Sheridan said "it's not a problem unless I get caught."

In unrelated business, the council:

• Heard from Alderman Ed Lotz that Greg Lane has been hired as the clerk of the municipal court that will start Jan. 19. Lane will train at the Danville Municipal Court this week and will train on the computer system next week.

• Learned that an open house will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 for retiring dispatcher Judi Pierce. • Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand, parks committee chairman, that the city will crack down on deposits for the McFerren Park Civic Center and will issue fewer waivers for the rental fee.

Ankenbrand said city workers often have to clean the civic center after it has been rented. The deposit will be refunded to nonprofits if the building is cleaned properly. Also, he said, reducing the number of waivers will help defray the cost of utilities for the building.







Bowling Scores

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Hoopeston		Women's Bowling League 12/1/05		
		Won	Lost	
1)	Olympic Hardware	37	11	
2)	R&R Body Shop	36	12	
3)	Weber's	27.5	20.5	
4)	Gillins Oil	25.5	22.5	
5)	Kratt	25	23	
6)	Adda Girls	24	24	
7)	Unger's Jewelry	23	25	





9) Ruby Nell's	16	32		
10) Bye	8	42		
High Team Handicap Game: R&R Body Shop 1157,				
Gillins Oil 1101, Olympic Hardware 1085; High Team				
Handicap Series: R&R Body Shop 3263, Olympic Hard-				
ware 3065, Gillins Oil 3039; High Individual Scratch				
Game: Candis Clayborn 236, Glenda Reed 231, Laurie				
Murphy 225. High Individual Scratch Series: Karen				
Porth 633, Laurie Murphy 632, Glenda Reed 618.				
Thursday Afternoon Ladies League				

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The Fubars

12/1/05

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	Won	Lost
1. Pla-Mor	22	14
2. Bell Painting	19	17
3. Knuth's	18.5	17.5
4. Unger's	17	19
5. Carolyn's	16	20
6. Tooth Fairies	15.5	20.5

High Team Handicap Game: Knuths 826, Tooth Fairies 823, Bell Painting 802; High Team Handicap Series: Tooth Fairies 2407, Bell Painting 2390, Knuths 2312; High Individual Scratch Game: Linda Van Burk 201, Angie Bell 189, Terri Bell 188; High Individual Scratch Series: Linda Van Burk 571, Terri Bell 536, Angie Bell 511.

Hoopeston Women's Bowling League 12/5/05

Obituaries

BOOTH - Sidney M. Booth, 80, of Rankin died at 11:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2006 at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana, Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Full Gospel Christian Fellowship Church, Paxton. Burial will be in Glen Cemetery, Paxton. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Ford-Baier Funeral Home, Paxton and 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the church.

MURDOCK - Robert E. Murdock, 75, of Danville, formerly of Hoopeston and Watseka, died at 8:31 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2006 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Urbana, Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grady Funeral Chapel, Williamsport, Ind. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion and VFW. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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1)	Olympic Hardware	38	14		
2)	R&R Body Shop	37	15		
3)	Weber's	31.5	20.5	1)	Olyı
4)	Kratt	28	24	2)	R&I
5)	Adda Girls	27	25	3)	Web
6)	Gillins Oil	26.5	25.5	4)	Gilli
7)	Unger's Jewelry	26	26	5)	Add
8)	The Fubars	23	29	6)	Krat
9)	Ruby Nell's	17	35	7)	Ung
10)	Bye	6	46	8)	The

High Team Handicap Game: Ungers Jewelry 1041, Kratt 1031, Webers 1008; High Team Handicap Series:Kratt 2994, Ungers Jewelry 2874, Gillins Oil 2930; High Individual Scratch Game: Glenda Reed 228, Karen Porth 217, Dollie Boots 202. High Individual Scratch Series: Glenda Reed 563, Karen Porth 556, Suzanne Lawson 539.

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High Team Handicap Game: Pla-Mor 863, Knuths 815, Carolyns 807; High Team Handicap Series: Pla-Mor 2383, Knuths 2357, Ungers 2316; High Individual Scratch Game: Darlene Musk 206, Tammy Bertram 187, Leona York 177; High Individual Scratch Series: Darlene Musk 555, Tammy Bertram 485, Linda Van Burk 476.

Police News

A 23-year-old Boswell, Ind., man reported Tuesday that someone damaged his 1995 Pontiac while it was parked in the 300 block of North Eighth Ave.

Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 36. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 24. Tomorrow, party cloudy. High 32, low 22.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service (217) 283-6221.

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6)	Kratt	29	27
7)	Unger's Jewelry	29	27
8)	The Fubars	27	29
9)	Ruby Nell's	21	35
10)	Bye	6	50

High Team Handicap Game: Gillins Oil 1059, Ruby Nell's 1059, Adda Girls 1037; High Team Handicap Series: Gillins Oil 3093, Adda Girls 3024, Ruby Nell's 3000; High Individual Scratch Game: Sandy Mullen 223, Mona Birch 216, Ginger Colvin 213. High Individual Scratch Series: Mona Birch 607, Dollie Boots 592, Laurie Murphy 567.