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## City to consider state grant for home repairs

Some Hoopeston homeowners could get help improving the condition of their homes.

At tonight's city council meeting, the city's civic improvement committee is expected to recommend that the city apply for a community development grant. The grant, if approved, would fund repairs to houses in the city owned by those with low to moderate incomes.

The civic improvement committee met Monday with Ted Jeurissen and Scott Rose. The men, of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, will serve as consultants to the project.

With council approval, the city will spend approximately \$6,000 to apply for the grant. If the application is approved, approximately 20 to 25 homes would be eligible for about \$15,000 each in repairs to such things as heating systems, plumbing and structure. Homes may also receive such appearance-related items as new siding.

The committee is expected to suggest the city's northeast side as the first part of town to be

funded. The city may apply in future years to re-vamp other homes.

Rose suggested the city apply not only for the community development grant, funded through the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA), but also an Illinois Housing Development Authority grant. That grant could pay a large portion of the project not funded under the DCCA grant.

While applying does not mean the city will get the grant, Rose said Hoopeston stands a good chance of acceptance.

Approval is based on community interest, judged through a survey of homeowners in the proposed area; and economic stress factors such as the county's unemployment and assessment rates, Rose said.

Community interest will play a large part in determining if the city gets the grant.

Jeurissen suggested surveying approximately

See **REPAIRS** on other side

## Planning commission OKs rezoning, condition use

Two Hoopeston businesses got the green light from the planning commission Monday afternoon.

The commission, in separate 6-0 votes, approved a rezoning request from Demeter and a conditional use for Ed and Barb Lockhart.

Demeter requested that approximately two acres of land near its existing Hoopeston facility be rezoned from R-2 residential to I-2, heavy industrial.

The company plans to build a fertilizer ware-

housing center.

One letter was read expressing displeasure with the idea. Attorney Joseph Moore, representing Richard and Evelyn Martin, did not file a formal objection, but expressed concern with the plan.

The other vote was on a conditional use for six acres of land near Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. The Lockharts had requested the change to lease the land to a third party for a golf driving range. Lockhart said the range would not interfere with existing businesses.

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## Repairs continued from other side

100 homes in the designated area. Responses to the survey would show not only interest, but would also provide a list of homeowners to send applications to if the grant is approved.

Of those 100 surveys, "if you only get 15 or 20 responses, there's probably no point in going ahead with the program because it's hard to document community interest," Rose said.

Also considered is the number of homes built prior to 1939. Rose said 1990 census figures show that of the approximate 2,540 homes in Hoopeston, 1,000 were constructed before 1939.

The state has \$7 million available in the home repair program, Rose said. Last year, about 60 communities applied.

The average grant for a community Hoopeston's size is about \$300,000, he added.

## Police News

Edwin L. Garrigus, 52, of 740 E. Main St., was arrested at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. He was charged with disorderly conduct on a complaint from Deedran Drollinger, 738 E. Main. The arrest occurred at Jerry's IGA. Garrigus was released on a notice to appear.

Brian Adams, route 1, Cissna Park, reported Sunday that someone took a radar detector from his vehicle while it was parked at Burger King. The theft occurred Friday or Saturday.

Police are investigating a hit and run accident which occurred at 9 p.m. Sunday. Tom Jones, 808 E. Tompson, reported his 1985 Cadillac was parked on the 500 block of East Seminary when an unidentified vehicle hit it and left the scene.

Yvonne Henning, 101 Pearl, Milford, reported to police Monday that someone took her purse from her car Sunday while the car was parked at Maple School. Police are investigating.

## In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
April 28, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Hazel Wilson, Hoopeston.  
April 29, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Ralph Lewis and Eleanor Songer, both of Hoopeston.

April 30, 1994

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Elizabeth Walker, Hoopeston.  
May 1, 1994

Admitted: Theresa Powell, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

## Weather

Mostly cloudy today, 40 percent chance of showers. High in the low to mid 60s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 40s. Tomorrow, variably cloudy. High near 66, low near 46.

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