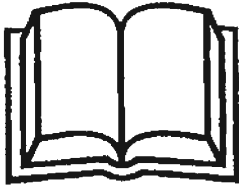


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Low response prompts second city home repair survey

A survey concerning interest in a state grant that would pay for housing renovation got less than a 20 percent response from residents on Hoopeston's northeast side.

The survey, part of the application for state housing repair grants, was conducted last week, according to Scott Rose, housing project manager for the Champaign Regional Planning Commission.

Rose is assisting Hoopeston officials apply for the grant.

Approximately 150 surveys were delivered July 11. The number returned on July 12 was "somewhere in the neighborhood of 25," Rose said. "We were hoping to get back somewhere between 40 and 75."

Community interest in the grant is one factor used to determine if a city will receive funds.

Rose cited several possibilities for the low return. Some residents may have been gone, others may not have understood the survey, while others

See **RESPONSE** on other side

Emergency phone board money to fund improvements

The Hoopeston police department's communication department will be updated soon due in part to money from the Vermilion County 9-1-1 board.

The Hoopeston city council Tuesday night approved seeking bids for a radio console and cabinet for the communications portion of the police department.

Bids are scheduled to be opened at the Aug. 16 council meeting.

The console and cabinet will combine communications equipment for the police, fire and ambulance departments.

Mayor Bob Ault said approximately half the money for the project, estimated at \$45,000, will come from the 9-1-1 board because the console/cabinet will update the city's 9-1-1 equipment.

Additionally, the 9-1-1 fund owes the city money, which will pay for another portion. "We should be very, very close to paying for those

items through the 9-1-1 board," he said.

Vic Vanesse, Vermilion County communications director, will help with the project, so "we should have a state of the art system," Ault said.

In other action, the council approved new auxiliary police officers, including John Senn, Steve McKinney, Mike Strink, Joey Torres and Tom Guzik.

Open house set at city hall

Hoopeston residents will get a chance to see their new city hall later this month.

The city council Tuesday night approved holding the event from 1-5 p.m. July 30.

Residents will be given tours of the new city hall, located in the former Jerry's IGA building at the corner of Main and Second Ave.

City offices moved to the new location last month.

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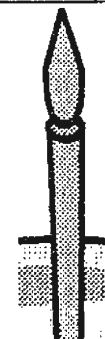


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Court dispositions




Valerino Zarate, Hoopeston, uninsured, \$500 and costs, one year court supervision, failure to apply for plates, \$95; no safety glass, costs only; no red tail lights, costs only.

Robert T. Wallace, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, trespassing, disobeying a stop sign, pleaded not guilty. Trial is set for Oct. 18 in Danville.

Richard Martinez, Hoopeston, aggravated assault, unlawful use of a weapon, pleaded not guilty. Bench trial is set for Sept. 1 in Hoopeston.

Shane York, Hoopeston, illegal possession of alcohol, not filed by the state's attorney at this time; to report for court supervision; discharged.

Police News




Jason W. Irvin, 21, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 9:22 p.m. Tuesday, charged with loitering at 109 E. Main. He was released on a notice to appear.

Greg M. Bird, no age given, of 703 W. Washington, was arrested at 9:22 p.m. Tuesday, charged with loitering at 109 E. Main. He was released on a notice to appear.

A 15-year-old male was arrested at 6:50 a.m. Wednesday on a Vermilion County warrant. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

Betty Roach, 109 Perry, Rossville, reported Wednesday that someone broke the rear window of vehicle while it was parked in front of American National Can. on the 300 block of West Main.

In the hospital




Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
 July 19, 1994

Admitted: Elizabeth Walker, Nolan Gonzalez and Alta Longest, all of Hoopeston.

Discharged: Jordan Crose and Vivian Gaona, both of Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny today with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, cloudy. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 85, low near 66.

Correction

Due to incorrect information supplied to Just the Facts, it was incorrectly reported that Ron Justice pleaded not guilty to battery. The charge against Mr. Justice was dismissed.

Response continued from other side

may have thought the survey was done by a marketing firm.

Since approximately 300 homes on the north-east side could qualify for grant assistance, Rose said another survey will be conducted next month. Questionnaires and cover letters will be delivered Aug. 8 to about 100 homes not previously surveyed. Responses will be picked up Aug. 9

If enough interest is generated to continue the application process - and if the state awards money to Hoopeston - 30-35 homeowners would be eligible for home repairs. Although that number could be scaled back if less interest is shown, Rose said the 30 to 35 range "should make a good start" on helping local homeowners.

Grant money - an average of \$13,000 per home - is used for health and safety issues first, such as electrical work, plumbing, heating, structural repairs, roofing and insulation.

Maintenance work, such as adding siding, is done only if money is left after completing health and safety work, Rose said.

City officials plan to apply for two grants. One would pay 80 percent of repair costs, while the other would pick up the tab for remaining costs.



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