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**Rust problem to continue while officials look into possible cause**

Hoopeston officials hope to have a rust problem in the water solved later this month.

An advisory for high rust content in the water was issued last week and will continue until the middle or end of December, said alderman Drew Allen, chairman of the city water/sewer committee, at Tuesday's city council meeting.

The reason for the rust has not been determined, but could be related to filter problems at the pumping station or an oxygenation problem in a retention tank blower, he said.

Rust may damage laundry, but will not harm residents, Allen said. "I want to reiterate that here is no health hazard involved with this," he said, adding rust levels

are "in the limits, but higher than we'd like to see it."

Most residents may not notice a problem, he said, adding it may be worse in low-lying areas.

Residents whose laundry is damaged by rust may request free rust remover at the municipal building, Allen said.

In other business, the council discussed houses without street numbers.

The issue was raised last month, when Alderwoman Susan Comstock asked police chief Carl Valentine to check on the number of unmarked homes.

Valentine said Tuesday that he has found approximately 140 houses without proper identifying numbers, violating a city ordinance.

**Security systems discussed at Neighborhood Watch meeting**

'Tis the season for thieves to gift themselves with other people's possessions, according to a Danville security expert.

"Generally, between Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas kinda brings the thieves out of the woodwork," said Jim King of Night Eye Alarm Co.

King spoke at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Alarm systems, ranging from simple systems involving motion detectors, to more complicated ones involving direct wiring to a police station, were discussed.

King urged residents to be more cautious during this season. Often, he said, con artists will get themselves invited into homes under the pretense of talking about the need for a new hot water heater or furnace. These people then return when residents are not at home to burglarize the home. "The intruder knows exactly what

he's looking for and where it is," he said.

Some con artists try to pass themselves off as security company representatives, King said, adding all employees of security companies carry state-mandated photo identification and are licensed through the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

King offered tips to keep people safe, including:

- mounting motion lights in hallways to provide light for late-night trips to the kitchen and alerting residents of a burglar. Mounting lights upside down will keep small animals from setting them off, King said.

- keeping a cordless phone near one's bed, with 9-1-1 programmed into the phone's automatic dialer.

King said when making a report to police, residents should tell dispatchers what room they are in and stay in that room unless directed by police to leave.

- installing smoke detectors as part of a security system.

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## Hoopeston Ambulance Service to host informational meeting for potential EMTs

If you've ever wondered what emergency medical technicians do, now is your chance to find out.

The Hoopeston Ambulance Service needs EMTs and will host an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the ambulance barn for people interested in joining the service.

The meeting will cover what the city offers anyone joining the ambulance service, including reimbursing cost of EMT classes.

Fees for classes, which include textbook, workbook and state testing fee, are \$135 for members of the Carle system and \$235 for non-members.

Anyone interested in joining the Hoopeston Ambulance Service can be listed on the service roster and pay the lower cost, said ambulance coordinator

Mike Dean.

Also, Dean said, after one year with the service, the city will refund the cost of the class.

Carle will offer classes on Monday and Wednesday nights in Paxton, beginning Jan. 12, 1998. Classes will run from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Sessions will end May 13, 1998.

A daytime class may also be held in Hoopeston, if enough interest is shown, Dean said. Five or six people must sign up for classes before one will be offered locally. Days and times of the daytime class will be discussed at the Dec. 10 meeting.

Hoopeston EMTs will also hold study sessions one Saturday per month throughout the class for anyone wanting help.

For more information on the meeting or classes, call Dean at (217) 283-9608; Chris Coon, 283-7026, Shannon Ramos, 283-6509 or leave a message on the Ambulance

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## Court Dispositions

**Nov. 6: Edward Givney**, Danville, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

**Kevin Strawser**, Rossville, uninsured; nolle pros.

**Joseph Skelton**, Rossville, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95.

**Edward Scott**, Champaign, disobeying stop sign, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

**Fernado Salinas**, Bradley, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

**David Shafer Jr.**, Rankin, unlawful use of emergency lights, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

**Jason Traylor**, Danville, paid \$45 in full.

**Jackie Wallace**, Hoopeston, failure to reduce speed, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

**Penny Warner**, Danville, illegal squealing, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

**Fred Hasbargen**, Hoopeston, passed school bus, pleaded guilty; \$150 total.

**Easy Rider Redden**, Rossville, illegal transportation, continued.

**Latoya Rhodes**, Danville, uninsured, forfeited license; speeding, exparte judgment.

**Stephen Taylor**, Potomac, uninsured, nolle pros.

**Nov. 20: Bonnie Abel**, Rossville, disobeyed stop sign, pleaded guilty; \$75, one year court supervision.

**Richard Cappellano**, Wellington, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$75.

## Police News

**Police are investigating** an accident at 4:45 p.m. Monday at Market and Penn.

Police said an unidentified driver knocked over a traffic light, then left the scene.

**A report of illegal dumping** was made Monday and solved Tuesday.

Police were called Monday to 801 E. Seminary to investigate someone dumping fluid from a torque converter into a drain in the alleyway.

Tuesday, Stewart Galloway of Danville reported

the torque converter rolled from the back of his truck and that when he learned of it, he cleaned the drain.

## Weather

Showers today. High 38. Tonight, rain, possibly changing to snow. Low 28. Tomorrow, snow showers. High 34, low 27.

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