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Some aldermen want to trash drop off recycling program

A newly-started recycling program should be bagged, according to some Hoopeston aldermen.

Vermilion Waste recently started the program, allowing residents to take recyclable materials to a roll off box at McFerren Park.

However, some aldermen at Tuesday's city council meeting said an agreement between the city and the company calls for curbside pick up of recyclables.

"I don't know what their problems are out there but an agreement is an agreement," said Alderman John Haughee, citing condition 10 of the 1992 host agreement.

That condition states: "Upon the issuance of the permit and approval by IEPA, (Vermilion Waste) shall create and make available a recycling system and such facilities that meet the State mandates and requirements of Hoopeston and the residents thereof, shall provide curbside pick up of recyclables at no cost, and shall recycle those mandated recyclable products at no cost to the City for the term of this agreement. The Materials Recycling Facility shall be operational by such date as the city itself institutes same or within one year of the date of issuance of the permit for the expanded site and the expiration of all appeal periods, thereon, whichever is sooner."

Alderman Bill Goodwine said that since the state does not mandate recycling, Vermilion Waste is not violating the agreement, but Alderman Drew Allen disagreed.

"I don't recall them tying it to any mandate," Allen said. "I think they're violating the spirit of the host agreement."

Haughee also questioned how items would be recycled, saying landfill owners agreed to construct a "state of the art materials recycling facility. That box in the park wouldn't fall into that category," he said.

Mayor Bob Ault said Vermilion Waste started with the drop off site to "get a handle on" the number of people who are willing to recycle.

However, Allen said he does not believe the drop off site will be accurate. "You're not going to have very many people haul their stuff to the park," he said.

Ault said a company representative plans to attend an upcoming council meeting to present an update and answer questions about the landfill and recycling program.

In unrelated action, the council, in a 6-1 vote, turned down a request from JoAnne Gress of Pla-Mor Lanes to allow Sunday alcohol sales on Oct. 17 and Nov. 14.

Gress requested the council allow alcohol sales for two tournaments sponsored by beer companies.

Goodwine made a motion to approve Gress' request, but then voted against it.

Alderman Rod Kaag, who seconded Goodwine's motion, was the sole yes vote. After the meeting, Kaag said he voted for the motion because he disagrees with the present ordinance. "We're trying to build Hoopeston, to go into the future," he said. "The same old ordinances and ideas aren't getting anywhere."

Gress estimated the bowling alley will lose \$1,500 for each day of the tournament.

In further business, the council discussed whether the siren should be sounded for fires and inclement weather. Haughee said, based on a survey conducted by police chief Mark Drollinger, that Hoopeston and Bismarck are the only communities that sound a siren for both fires and storms.

However, Alderman Don York said the city's favorable fire rating, which affects insurance rates, is based on sounding the siren for fires.

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Preschool screening

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Parents are asked to bring their child's immunizations record and Social Security number.

To schedule an appointment, call (217) 283-6668.

Bowlers needed

The Sunday Night Mixed League needs two full, two-man, two-woman teams. If interested, call Suzanne Lawson, (217) 283-5326.

Coaches meeting

A meeting for all youth soccer coaches and anyone interested in coaching soccer will be held at 7 p.m.

Police News



Shawn E. Rees, 24, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 4:05 p.m. Monday in the 500 block of South Second. Rees, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, was taken to the Public Safety Building, Danville, in lieu of bond.

A **37-year-old** Hoopeston man reported Monday that someone entered his Parkview Court home, emptying dresser drawers and knocking over fans. Nothing was reported missing.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Police said Charles E. Matthews, in a 1988 Chevrolet truck, hit a parked 1997 Ford truck owned by the city of Hoopeston.

A **cell phone**, CDs, and a gold watch were reported missing Tuesday from a vehicle in the 300 block of East Penn.

A **right front tire** was cut on a vehicle parked in the 700 block of South First Ave.

Jeff H. Chandler, 22, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 10:42 a.m. Tuesday, charged with criminal damage to property after police said he kicked in a door in the 700 block of South Sixth Ave. He was released on a notice to appear.

Thursday at Kankakee Federal Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Franklin at 283-9540 for details.

DACC nursing graduates

Fifteen practical nursing students graduated from Danville Area Community College on July 8 during ceremonies at the DACC Bremer Theater.

Local graduates included Amber Obenland of Hoopeston and Jennifer Colwell of Rossville.

Bowling meetings

A Thursday Night Men's City League meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at Pla-Mor Lanes. The Friday Mixed League will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 also at Pla-Mor Lanes. For more information, call the bowling alley, 283-5195.

Arts in the Park

The North Vermilion County Boys & Girls Club will host Arts in the Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at McFerren Park. The free program will provide local children with instruction on different creative projects.

Obituaries

LEPPARD – Ruby (O'Neal) Leppard, 80, of Arlington, Tex., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 2:35 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2, 1999 at the Medical Center of Arlington. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 2

Admitted: Hazel Anderson, Milford.

Discharged: Clinton Lake.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 85. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 67. Tomorrow, sunny. High 87, low 63

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Bulletin: Sidewalk Sale feature - Butterflies



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