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Curbside recycling to begin locally in October: manager

Curbside recycling is coming to Hoopeston. Paul Beezhold, manager of Vermilion Waste and Hoopeston's Illinois Landfills, Inc. site announced at Tuesday's city council meeting that curbside pickup will begin in October.

Collection, which may begin the first week of October, will be done on a specified day every two weeks, Beezhold said.

Residents interested in recycling will register their names and addresses and will receive a free recycling container.

Accepted recyclable materials will include clear, brown and green glass, plastic soda and milk bottles and newspapers, which may be bundled or bagged and placed beside the recycling container.

The announcement of curbside recycling was announced two weeks after Alderman John Haughee, at the Aug. 3 meeting, criticized Vermilion Waste's recycling roll off box at McFerren Park.

Haughee said he is pleased that curbside service will be available but said more needs to be done, including

constructing a materials recovery facility in Hoopeston.

Haughee cited documents from the landfill siting hearings that stated a recycling center would be built at the landfill.

Alderman Dave Borders suggested city officials "give them a chance. I think they're moving along speedy," he said. "If they're getting rid of it, short of having that building, what's the difference?"

Beezhold explained that when the documents were drawn, Vermilion Waste's parent company, Allied Waste, did not have a nearby recycling facility. Since then, the company purchased a facility in Champaign. "It's not a feasible option (at the local landfill)" Beezhold said, adding he will pass Haughee's request on to company management.

In unrelated business, Alderman Rod Kaag suggested the council review the city's liquor ordinances and consider allowing Sunday sales.

Borders will call a civic improvement committee meeting to get input from liquor license holders and residents. A date for the meeting has not been set.

Rossville police chief reports for duty, no answer on vote

ROSSVILLE—Police chief Paul DeWitt showed up for duty this morning even though he may not have a job.

On Monday, the village board split 3-3 on whether to remove DeWitt as chief. Trustees agreed to leave the matter up to Vermilion County State's Attorney Larry Mills to decide whether trustee Tom Mills, acting as mayor pro tem, had the right to cast the tie-making vote.

"Off the top of my head, I don't know (if the vote was legal)," Larry Mills said Tuesday morning.

Mills said he received a call at home Monday night

from someone on a cellular phone wanting an opinion on the vote.

Mills said he would refer future calls to village attorney Steve Miller or to Chuck Zollar, special prosecutor in a case involving several accusations against the board.

Zollar also referred the matter to the village attorney. Although named special prosecutor, "I haven't necessarily been appointed arbiter of all conflicts in the village of Rossville, of which there are many," he said. "I don't think it would be appropriate to inject myself into a

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Profiles begin for more than 30 contestants in this year's National Sweetheart Pageant

Thirty two girls will compete Labor Day Weekend for the title of National Sweetheart.

The National Sweetheart Pageant, held in conjunction with the National Sweetcorn Festival, attracts first runners-up from state pageants across the United States.

This year's contestants include:

Arizona – Emily Romney, 20, of Thatcher, AZ, has an associate of arts degree from Eastern Arizona College. She will attend Northern Arizona University this fall where she will major in music education. She will play "Etude Opus 10 Number 12 (Revolutionary Etude)" on the piano during the talent competition.

Arkansas – Brandi Jeane Watkins, 20, of Brinkley, AK., attends the University of Central Arkansas, majoring in nursing. She plans to work as an authorized practical nurse specializing in trauma and emergency room medicine after graduating. She will sing "You

Don't Know Me" during talent competition.

California – Jennifer Lynn Davelaar, 23, of Pleasonton, CA, will sing "A New Life" during the talent competition. Davelaar is a 1999 graduate of Santa Clara University, where she majored in communications with an emphasis in journalism. She plans to be an entertainer.

Connecticut – Marissa Perez, 21, of Meriden, CN., majors in communications and music performance at the University of New Haven. She hopes to become a television broadcaster and well-known bilingual vocalist. She will sing "Journey to the Past" as her

Obituaries

COWAN – C. Earl (Dusty) Cowan, 79, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday, July 26, 1999. Graveside services with military rites will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Floral Hill Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LOCKHART – Harold (Skinny) Lockhart, 94, of Wellington, died at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 1999 at Wateka Health Care, Wateka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Wellington United Methodist Church, Wellington, IL 60973.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Aug. 16

Admitted: Alyson Haas, Anna Coffman, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Lowey Jarrett.

Weather



Partly cloudy today, chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. High 85, low 65. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 79, low 62.

For current weather conditions, call the Hoopeston Weather Line at (217) 283-6221.

Police News



A 16-year-old boy was arrested at 3:31 p.m. Monday in the 700 block of North Fifth St. The boy, wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, was released on his own recognizance.

A blue, 20 inch Huffy Triathlon Mountain Man bike was found Monday night at Maple and Market. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

A computer, disk drive, printer, cable and software was reported missing Tuesday from the 1000 block of Route 9.

The items are valued at more than \$300.

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situation outside the purview of what I was requested to do."

Zollar, too, had received an earlier call from a resident seeking an opinion on the issue.

Village attorney Miller, who did not attend Monday's meeting, did not immediately return phone calls.

DeWitt declined to comment Tuesday but said he would make a statement in the next few days.

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