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Greater Hoopeston residents petition for more city services

Residents of Greater Hoopeston feel they're getting short shrift when it comes to city services and 104 of them signed a petition to ask why.

The petition, read at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, talked about flooding and standing water in the 300 and 400 blocks of Ninth Ave. Signers wondered why the city has money for other projects but none to help the area.

In response, Alderman Kevin Davis, water/sewer committee chairman, said he and water superintendent Steve Baker have compiled a list of projects which have been rated by need, not location. "It doesn't matter (where the problem is located)," he said. "We're going to fix the worst problems first."

Money for the projects will come from water/sewer rates. "One of the reasons why we raised water rates was so we can have the money to fix these problems," Davis said.

The water committee will look into the Ninth Ave. problem, he added.

In unrelated action, the

council:

- approved a drug testing policy for all city employees including volunteer firemen and auxiliary police. The cost is \$67 for new hire screens and \$42 per employee per year for random testing.
- Employees who test positive for drugs or alcohol will be on unpaid leave until and may request a second screen at their expense.
- referred the question of spraying for mosquitoes to the civic improvement committee.
- approved a stop sign on the southwest corner of West Maple at Sixth Ave.

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Paxton man injured in rollover

A Paxton man was in surgery Tuesday night for injuries received in a one-vehicle accident at 10:52 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Reginal H. Cole, 84, of 434 Pine St., Paxton, was in surgery at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, a hospital spokesperson said.

Police said Cole, in a 1999 Ford truck, was westbound in the 800 block of West Orange when he went across the center line into the eastbound lane and hit a curb at 851 E. Orange, causing the vehicle to roll and striking nearby mailboxes. Cole, who was extricated from his truck, told officers he must have fallen asleep, according to police reports.

He was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.



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At the 2002 National Sweetcorn Festival



Amy Sheppard salts cooked corn during the National Sweetcorn Festival. About 30 tons of corn were served during the event.



John Shaffer, left, takes and holds the lead in the Sweetcorn 5K Classic Saturday morning. Right, cars collide during Saturday night's demo derby as a nearly full house looks on.



Louise Bury Nelson, Miss Hoopston 1941 rides in the Sweetcorn Festival Parade Saturday, accompanied by her grandchildren. Nelson now lives in Tennessee. Above, festival-goers take to the midway for carnival attractions. Left, members of the Rossville and Cissna Park fire departments battle in a water ball fight Sunday. Although the Cissna Park squad, with members Vincent Lober, Deana Moser and Travis Young, won the heat, defeating Richard Duncan, Kyle Zarate and Jason Rayfield, Cissna Park took last place overall while Rossville came in third. Rankin 1 and Rankin 2 took the top spots, respectively.

