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Job retention, attraction to be main focus of TIF money

Getting and keeping jobs will be the primary focus of Hoopeston's tax increment financing (TIF) fund.

Alderman Bill Goodwine, city finance committee chairman, said the committee established three guidelines for disseminating TIF funds: job creation and retention, housing and improvements that make Hoopeston a better place to live.

The committee will have future meetings to expand the areas. "It's a skeleton," Goodwine said. "We need to put flesh on the skeleton."

However, the guidelines will help as officials receive requests for TIF funds. "The program is really subject to a lot of abuse if we don't keep it under control," he said.

In other action, the council:

- learned bids will be sought for a thermal imaging camera for the fire department and a filtering system for the swimming pool.
- learned the Hoopeston Police Department received a grant from the National Organization for Missing and Exploited Children for a new computer and software. The system will allow the department to create posters of missing children to be put out locally and on the internet.
- heard from resident John Hanson about unsafe driving conditions at Seventh St. and Rt. 9.

Wiccans second visit to Hoopeston draws smiles from locals

Wiccans said they got a better reception at their second appearance in Hoopeston than they did at their first.

Don Lewis, Ruth Ann Amarteifio, Casey Carraher and Mark Gray, representing WitchSchool.com, spoke at Monday's Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Lewis, Amarteifio and Carraher attended a July 1 meeting between Wiccans and area residents about opening a WitchSchool headquarters in Hoopeston. "Our last visit ended badly," Amarteifio said. "But I see a lot of smiling faces here tonight. That's good.

Lewis, founder of the Correllian Temple and WitchSchool shareholder, explained the Wiccan religion as one that is nature-based, celebrating the cycles of life and the university. "A major philosophy is if you want to know Deity, you need to look at what Deity has done," he said. Wiccans, he added, respect all people and all things, seeing everything as being part of Deity.

While worshipping male and female aspects of deity, many Wiccan traditions -similar to sects in Christianity have the goddess as their primary deity, Amarteifio said.

Wiccans believe in reincarnation and karma and incorporate aspects of other religions, such as Taoism, Buddhism and Native American practices, into their ceremonies and beliefs.

Ceremonies vary by tradition and usually include invoking the god or goddess, as well as the "four quarters": earth, air, fire and water. Ceremonies are used as celebrations, for healings, plantings or craft things, Amarteifio said.

Wiccans perform magick, defined as changing something with one's will However, magick is not what as it is portrayed on television and movies. "Nobody's going to levitate, nobody's going to ride the broom" Amarteifio said.

Modern Wicca dates back to the 1920s but did not gain prominence until the 1950s when Gerald Gardner brought the religion into the open with his book, Witchcraft Today. The religion gained more followers during the 1980s, Lewis said.

See WICCA on other side

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Wicca continued from other side

Spells are also part of the religion but bad spells are not done, in part because they violate the main tenet, called the Wiccan Rede: "As you harm none, do what you will."

Amarteifio said the group followed that rule when trying to open WitchSchool in Hoopeston. Officials of the school, which is currently located in Chicago, wanted a place outside the city. She found the former Grant Township building in a real estate magazine and thought it would meet the school's needs. "At the time, it made sense to us," she said. "We did no harm."

After the July 1 meeting, when opposition to the school

was voiced, school director Ed Hubbard decided not to bring the school to Hoopeston, she said. "The director was afraid," she said.

The problem may have been partly caused by lack of communication. "I think we failed to understand the level at which people did not understand our religion," Lewis said. "I think we would have done things a little differently."

Since then, WitchSchool has received calls and emails from residents expressing their support of the school, from local witches and non-Wiccans alike, Amarteifio



Police News



A 29-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Monday that someone entered her home in the 300 block of North Market and moved things around over the weekend. A screen frame and basement window were broken and a back door left open.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 1:20 p.m. Monday at Parkview Court.

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Darla C. Crawford, 48, of 213 W. Maple, was arrested at 8:53 p.m. Monday at Maple and Third St.

She was cited for driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol, disobeying a traffic control devise, fleeing or attempting to elude police and failing to wear a seat belt.

Police said officers saw Crawford fail to stop at a stop sign at the intersection, then refused to pull over until the 200 block of East Main.

Crawford was released on \$100 cash bond. Her car was towed from the scene.

Obituaries

JEWELL - Chloa M. Jewell, 67, of Rossville, died at 6:40 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2003 at Colonial Manor, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Wolfe Funeral Home, Rossville. Burial will be in Locust Grove Cemetery, Ambia, Ind. Visitation will be one hour before services Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

TAYLOR - Robert Taylor, 90, of Hoopeston died at 12:52 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003 at Hoopeston Community Memorial Nursing Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Rest Haven Cemetery, Globe, Ariz. Wolfe Funeral Home, Hoopeston, was in charge of local arrangements.

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Road work

CIPS will move light poles and trim trees on South Market this week which may result in detours and traffic congestion. Residents are asked to use another route.

Rules of the Road

A Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11 at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main. For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

Town Hall meeting

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (15-IL) will hold a town meeting from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main. All constituents are invited.

Trash Walkers

Trash Walkers, a weekly volunteer clean-up group, will meet from 9 -10 a.m. Saturday at city hall, 301 W.

Main, to pick up trash in the area. Anyone who wishes to volunteer is welcome.

DACC at HMA

Kevin Jett, Coordinator for Community Education and Training Specialist in Corporate and Community Education at Danville Area Community College, will hold office hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 7 at the Hoopeston Multi-Agency, 206 S. First Avenue.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Jett at 217-443-8561 or e-mail kjett@dacc.edu.

Weather



Chance of thunderstorms today and tonight. High 82, low 62. Tomorrow, partly sunny. High 82, low 65.

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