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## Joint Review Board approves two new tax increment areas

Representatives of taxing bodies in Hoopeston approved the city's plan to form two new Tax Increment Financing areas in the city.

Mark Conolly, superintendent of Hoopeston Area schools, Lou Graham of the Hoopeston Public Library, Bill Boose, Grant Township supervisor, Mayor Chalmers Flint and Alderman John Haughee, designated to represent the public, met Friday with TIF consultant Dan Walker of Jacob & Associates and Tom Lowe of development company Gallagher Commercial at a Joint Review Board meeting to review the new districts.

The new districts are being taken from parcels in the original TIF district formed in 1999, Walker said. TIF 2 includes the new CVS and former Baer's Trailer Court slated for commercial development. "We're looking to get a motel out there but don't know if that will happen," Walker said. Other plans include a restaurant and more commercial development.

TIF 3 is currently farmland east of Euclid owned by Larry Petrie that is proposed for residential development.

The new districts solve boundary problems associated with the original TIF district, Walker said. While the original TIF could have been amended to fix the problems but the clock would have been running on its 23-year lifespan. The new districts will each last up to 23 years, he said.

Walker praised Grant Township Assessor Susie Sheppard for her role in getting the boundaries ironed out. "She's always been right there for us," he said. "Susie has really helped straighten it out."

Walker explained that TIF 3 is expected to be especially helpful to Hoopeston Area schools both because developers hope to attract families with children to attend the school and also because Illinois statutes added since the original TIF was formed require schools to be

taken into consideration when TIFs are formed.

In Tax Increment Financing areas, a base year of property taxes is established. Taxing bodies continue to receive property taxes in the amount of the base year but subsequent increases, resulting from development or other reasons, are put in a special city TIF fund. That money is used to reimburse eligible TIF-related expenses and can be used for capital improvements on structures of other taxing bodies or special projects. Money from the city's TIF fund has already been given to the school district for a new roof and for things like Project Playground 2002 which put new playground equipment at McFerren Park.

Old TIF guidelines did not make special allowances for school districts but new rules for residential TIFs ignore increases in equalized assessed valuation in planning school state aid. "Theoretically, you're not losing that state aid that goes along with EAV," Walker said, adding there is a maximum cap of 25 percent of TIF funds that may go to the school district.

The board reviewed the history of the original TIF and its role in constructing the new CVS Pharmacy. Project developer Lowe talked about problems with the project, including working out an agreement with the Baer family and doing environmental studies on the property that showed the presence of asbestos in existing structures and soil contamination from underground gasoline storage tanks that had been removed.

Because the city received a Brownfields grant and agreed to incentives, the project was able to move forward, Flint said.

The total area of the city in TIF districts is somewhat smaller than the original TIF because three areas were removed. They include old railroad right of way not in the city limits, homes near the Petrie property and the area surrounding the city slab.

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## Police News



**Anthony J. Chandler**, 23, of 614 E. McNeil was arrested at 3:15 p.m. Thursday at South Second Ave. and West Penn.

He was charged with no valid license and was released on \$100 cash bond.

A **39-year-old** man reported Friday that his license plate sticker was either lost or stolen. The man noticed the missing sticker when he was changing plates in the 300 block of West Elm.

**Justin B. Martin**, 24, of 925 E. Orange was arrested at 2:57 a.m. Saturday after a traffic stop at North Market and Thompson. He was charged with no valid driver's license and illegal transportation of alcohol and was released on a notice to appear in court.

**Thomas A. Teirnam**, 24, of 1411 Warrington, Danville, was arrested after a traffic stop at 7 a.m. Saturday

at West Elm and Rt. 1.

Teirnam was found to be wanted on a warrant for failure to appear to pay or appear. He was released on \$119 cash bond.

**Brian L. Smith**, 29, of 719 E. Seminary was arrested after a disturbance at 11:16 p.m. Saturday in the alley north of the 300 block of East Main.

Police were called to a large crowd fighting and after separating and dispersing the crowd, arrested Smith, charging him with aggravated battery. Smith was charged on a complaint from a 33-year-old Hoopeston man who alleged Smith struck the man in the face.

Smith was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

## Briefly

### Multi Agency van schedule

This week's schedule for the Hoopeston Multi Agency transportation project is: Monday, Hoopeston/Rossville shuttle; Tuesday, information unavailable; Wednesday, Danville; Thursday, Hoopeston shuttle; Friday, Danville. To arrange a ride, call the Multi Agency at 283 - 5544.

Community center activities include: Monday-Friday, cards, noon; Thursday, men's coffee 9 a.m.

### Neighborhood Watch

Keith Sousa and Sgt. Steve Swisher of the Vermilion County Crime Stoppers will be the featured speakers at the Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at County Terrace. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Tiny Tots

"Valentine's Day" is the theme of this week's Tiny Tots story program in the Hoopeston Public Library

## Obituaries

**BEDDOW** - Helen Beddow, 77, of Alvin died at 8:26 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005 at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Morrison Funeral Home, Bismarck. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery south of Rossville. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**ZIEBART** - Mary E. Ziebart, 90 of rural Wellington died at 8:25 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette, Ind. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Antioch Church of Christ. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Antioch Church Missions.

Children's room. Tiny Tots is held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays and is open to children ages 1-4 who are accompanied by an adult.

### Magazines available

Hoopeston Public Library has back issue of magazines for sale by donation. Approximately 50 different titles

## Music Booster winners listed

Winners to date in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing are:

Jan. 3-7: Alva and Sandy Cramer; Kelly and Nathan Irvin; Dorothy Holmes, Community Bank; Hank and Tammy Hornbeck; Hoopeston Lions Club.

Jan. 10-14: Cole Alkire, Susan Sheppard, Randall Lockhart, Mark and Deanna Schaumburg, Mary Hanon.

Jan. 17-21: Ron and Brenda Dunavan, Freddie and Faith Pruitt, Nancy Mann, Linda Lee, Agnes Umbanhowar.

Jan. 24-28: Charlie Cannon, Matt Alt, Don McBride, Loren Huffman, Kim and Rob Joyner.

Jan. 31-Feb. 4: Donna R. Judy, Angie Cade, Dale McCord, Jerry's IGA, Greene Welding and Hardware.

Calendars are \$25 each and are available from any band/chorus student and at Brown's Woodworks, Russ Leigh & Associates, Global Fashions, Terry's Beauty & Barber and Carolynn's/Razor's Edge.

## Weather



Chance of rain today and tonight. High 48, low 34. Tomorrow, rain possibly changing to snow late. High 37, low 30.

For current weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

are available, including women's sports, men's and crafts.

### Music Boosters

The Hoopeston Area Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the chorus room.

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