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Hoopeston City Council approves Tax Increment changes

The Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday approved changes in its original Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, modifying the original area into three separate ones.

Land not in the city was removed from the original plat as were the new CVS store and Baer's Trailer Court, which were put in TIF 2, and property east of Euclid, owned by Larry Petry, which will comprise TIF 3.

TIF 2 property is expected to be used for commercial development while TIF 3 will be for single-family homes and duplexes.

Gallagher Commercial, which is developing TIF 2, is sending out its own marketing materials on the area, including a site plan, and has also hired a Champaign company to market the property, said Tom Lowe of Gallagher Commercial.

The property, which extends from Rt. 9 to Crown Ford, is expected to be developed with a retail component, including new shops and perhaps current businesses relocated there. Up to 10,000 square feet can be used for Also, Lowe said, the

company is still trying to land a motel for the site. Demolishing the former video store and motel and moving CVS to the location makes it "arguably better than it was a couple of years ago," Lowe said.

The residential TIF, which will be developed by Jack Piper, is expected to begin with eight to 10 single-family homes and perhaps six duplexes, said Dan Walker of Jacob & Associates, Hoopeston's TIF consulting firm.

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.

In unrelated business, the council heard from Rodney Ramos of Vermilion Waste about a planned change in a garbage pickup route. An area bounded by the west side of South Fourth St., Rt. 9, East Penn and the railroad tracks, will be switched to Monday, effective April 4.

Ramos said company representatives will go door-to-door in the area to inform customers.

Parole hearing set for man convicted of murder in 1963

A former area man will have a parole hearing on May 25 at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center.

Raymond Roe Long Jr., who was sentenced for the Nov. 27, 1962 murder of Henry Burge, will have a parole hearing at 9 a.m. on that date.

Long was 19 when he was arrested in January 1963 for killing Henry and Eva Burge at their Hoopeston home. He was charged with and con-



LONG

victed of one count of murder and entered the Department of Corrections in May 1963. He was first eligible for parole in April 1970.

Letters opposing or favoring Long's parole may be sent to Prisoner Review Board, 319 E. Madison St., Suite A, Springfield, IL 62701. Letters must be received no less than 10 days before the hearing.

Anyone wishing to appear in person must notify the office no less than 10

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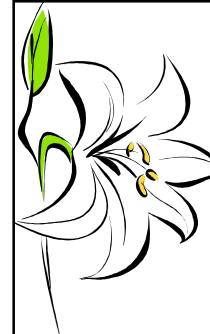


5-8 p.m.

Friday

American Legion

502 E. Penn, Hoopeston



Just the Facts
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Monday, March 28
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Publication will resume
Tuesday, March 29

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Briefly

Corrections

The filing date for write-in candidates for the April 5 election was incorrect in Wednesday's issue. The last day to file as a write-in candidate is March 29.

It was incorrectly reported in Wednesday's issue that the Rossville Village Board approved the first of three subdivisions. In fact, the board approved the third of three.

Just the Facts regrets the errors.

Skating party set

Women Making a Difference, together with Junior Women's Club, are hosting a skating party from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday at Skater's Paradise, 425 Cedar, Hoopeston. All boys and girls in the area are invited. There will be a free drink for each child attending. No

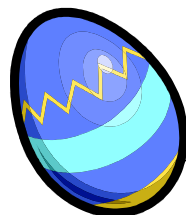
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Council continued from other side

Ramos also said that trash pickup is only affected by six holidays, including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- In unrelated action, the council:
- approved the 2005 Motor Fuel Tax and Road and Bridge resolutions. The resolutions set road repair and maintenance projects for the coming year.
 - heard from Alderman Brandon Hamilton that the city will accept bids on an old ambulance. The ambulance had previously been put out for bids. The only bid received was rejected.
 - learned bids are sought for spring lawn care. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. April 8. Applications are also being accepted at city hall for swimming pool man-

Hubbard Trail Country Club
No breakfast



Easter Lunch
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
\$11.50 per person
Full Buffet and Dessert Bar

reservations are needed.

Names sought

Grant Township Veterans Memorial is nearing completion. Coordinators are seeking the names of veterans to be included. To submit names, send them to: V.F.W. Post 4826, 428 W. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942, (217) 283-5025 or American Legion Post 384, P.O. Box 423, Hoopeston, IL 60942-0423, (217) 283-6312.

In June, a final list of proposed names will be printed with a final appeal for names to be added to the list.

Girls' softball signups

Hoopeston Girls Softball Association is still accepting signups for players. Leagues include minor

ager, assistant manager, lifeguards, concessions people and office staff. Lifeguard candidates must be at least 16.

- learned a civic improvement committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. April 4 to discuss the possibility of implementing a contractor licensing fee in Hoopeston.
- heard from Mayor Chalmers Flint that the

Weather



Chance of rain today and tonight. High 54, low 43. Tomorrow, chance of rain, then mostly cloudy. High 51, low 35.

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



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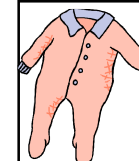
(ages 8-10), middle (ages 11-13) and major (ages 14-18). Cost is \$30 for one daughter, \$20 for an additional daughter.

To register or for information, call John Fowler, 283-7563 or John Hardcastle 283-7456.

Girls must be registered by April 6.

Neighborhood Watch

Sgt. Nathan Wells of Hoopeston, who has served in Iraq with the Illinois National Guard, will be the fea-



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