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EPA publication available about tire fire health hazards

The potential health hazards of tire fires and ways residents may protect themselves are covered in an Illinois EPA publication available online and at the water department at Hoopeston City Hall.

The information sheet lists the chemical compounds resulting from a tire fire which include caustic gases, heavy metals and various hydrocarbons.

Health effects associated with exposure may include reversible short-term effects such as eye or skin or mucous membrane irritation, temporary respiratory effects and central nervous system depression. Short term expo-

sure is not believed to result in an increased risk of cancer.

Evacuations, such as the one that occurred after the June 19 tire fire, are typically advised for neighborhoods downwind of tire fires, to prevent exposure to airborne chemicals.

Residents who were evacuated should consider replacing HVAC system filters often to reduce exposure to ash and dust that may enter their homes.

Cleanup workers were in Hoopeston last week to pick up pieces of debris from the fire. If debris is found, the publication says to contact emergency responders for information and assistance in cleaning up debris.

Outdoor living spaces, including outdoor furniture and hard surfaces, may be cleaned with a biodegradable detergent solution. Lawns should be deeply watered and the leaves of plants that children or adults come in contact with should be rinsed off, removing contaminants.

Garden produce is generally safe to eat, once washed. A garden downhill from the site may be affected by water runoff, so residents affected in this way may want to have the soil analyzed for contaminants.

Information is available online at www.epa.state.il.us/community-relations/fact-sheets/tire-fires/index.pdf.



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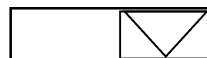
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Residents thankful for firemen

A big Thank You to all the firefighters who battled the fire at J&R Tire Recycling in Hoopeston. You saved our homes and we appreciate all the long hours and hard work you put in.

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Letters to the Editor



Concerns voiced about tire recycler

I have voiced concern about the obvious fire hazard. I have been told "Oh they, are not as volatile as you think." The person I spoke with stated that they just burn on the surface and not throughout the pile! How many tons of ground product is allowed to be onsite, in close proximity to residential areas? Did this business ever receive a license to operate this type of business, and be provided a list of regulations?

Tires are made of many products that when exposed to spark will ignite. The EPA, OSHA, city building/code enforcement officer dropped the ball.

I thought the production facility would have placed a concrete pad under the large area west of the railroad tracks. A pad would be better able to control runoff into a retention basin to filter petroleum products from enter-

Weather



Chance of showers today, tonight. High 73, low 58. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 77, low 62.

ing our storm water catch basins.

As a taxpayer, I am hopeful that the city has an insurance policy for a mass mess clean up. Look at the equipment city officials have to take from various coffers to replace many thousands of dollars of hose, bunker gear, fire fighting coats boots etc. of our own.

What about the area communities that lost that same equipment, I realize that they have a mutual aid (thank God) agreement with all these departments, but we should be able to include their loss on our incident and help each other get fully stocked.

We also need to be thankful to these individuals for their dedication the hours of training to handle this with as far as I am aware only minimal injury. These departments - fire, EMS, hospital - are volunteer, They stood shoulder to shoulder with the paid professionals and showed the pros just what a wonderful group we have.

We also need to thank the businesses that employ the individuals whose dedication to protect their hometown, many losing pay for time not at work.

Be proud of our Hoopeston Heroes!

Jeff Keith
 Hoopeston



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