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## Residents asked to still let water drip while ground thaws

The air temperature has warmed but frozen ground is still leading to frozen water pipes in Hoopeston.

Residents are still experiencing frozen water lines or meters and should continue to leave water dripping in their homes, said Water Superintendent Steve Baker at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

As the air warms up, the frost will go deeper, Baker said, adding that continuous cold has frozen the ground for about 30 inches.

As of Tuesday, 10 service lines were frozen. "There's nothing you can do except jump the meter," Baker said.

The city has purchased jumping equipment—including hoses and connectors—at a cost of \$150 each.

Frozen meters are most those located where people shovel, on sidewalks and driveways, while those in other areas tended to be insulated by the snow, Baker said.

Other communities are experiencing the same problems. In Milford, Baker said, village crews are digging up frozen lines and trying to thaw them.

Rossville officials contacted a company that will

thaw the ground but the company charges \$7,500 just to show up, said Baker, who oversees Ross-  
**See WATER on other side**



Karen Wall, Vermilion County Associate Circuit Judge, addressed the audience at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. Wall, a Democrat, is running for the circuit judge seat formerly held by Michael Clary.

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**Water** continued from other side

ville's water department.  
 Leaving a water line dripping will not add much, if anything, to a resident's water bill, said Mayor Bill Crusinberry.  
 Baker also reported that the water line on Route 1 south from Main has already experienced three breaks this winter. Breaks are most often caused by ground shifts caused by freezing, although the Route 1 line also shows its age and has some bad spots.  
 In related business, engineer Mike Streff of Foth Infrastructure and Environmental requested a joint meeting of the water/sewer and finance committees to discuss whether the water treatment plant filter will be cleaned and refilled.  
 Streff said the committees need to discuss and the council decide whether the project will be done and if a proposal by Leander Construction will be approved or if the city will seek bids for the project.

Streff said he would like council action at the March 4 meeting.  
 Leander is currently refurbishing Hoopeston ground and aerial water storage tanks.  
 In other business, the council:  
 • Heard from Alderman Joe Fell that the fire department received an \$18,000 grant from Illinois State Fire Marshall's office for small equipment for the department's new ladder truck.  
 • Approved an amendment to the smoke detector ordinance also mandating carbon monoxide detectors. The council approved the ordinance, which mirrors the state statute, in a 6-1 vote. Alderman Bill Goodwine voted against it after questioning how it would be enforced and whether officials could get a search warrant to make sure a home is properly equipped.  
 "I seriously doubt it," said city attorney Andrew

Mudd.  
 Alderman Randy Carter said having the detectors is "just common sense," leading Goodwine to ask "are we going to legalize common sense now?"  
 Heard from Alderman Carl Ankenbrand that applications are now available for pool manager and assistant manager. Applicants may apply at city hall.  
 • Heard from Karen Wall, associate circuit judge, who is running for the circuit judge seat vacated when Michael Clary retired.  
 Wall outlined her history, which included a stint at Hoopeston city attorney and working in private practice in Danville, before being tapped as an associate judge.  
 • Heard from resident Karon Gibson who asked why the swimming pool is not handicapped accessible. Ankenbrand responded that it is and that a lift was installed last year.  
 • Heard from resident Jeff Keith about ice in the handicapped parking spaces at city hall and deep snow at Centennial Manor which, he said, could impede EMTs called for medical issues.  
 • Heard from Alderman Larry Baughn that Hoopeston Area Sports Boosters would like to close some streets for a 5K race on June 7.

**Obituaries**

**GRISWOLD** - Richard R. Griswold, 87, died February 15, 2014 while in hospice care at Ocala, Fla.  
 He was born December 1, 1926 in Cerro Gordo. He married Frances Johnson on March 18, 1955 and she survives, along with their daughter, Susan Bailey. He was proceeded in death by his parents, 1 brother and 3 sisters.  
 Mr. Griswold retired to On Top of The World in Ocala in 1986 from Hoopeston, where he was an avid golfer and bridge player. He worked for FMC Corporation for 41 years and subsequent to his retirement was asked, and did work as a consultant for Ross Laboratories. Mr. Griswold was in the Navy and a Veteran of WW2. He was proud to go on the Honor Flight in 2012.  
 There will be a service at the Florida National Cemetery at 1 p.m. on February 27, 2014.  
 Memorials are suggested to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hospice Hearts Sanctuary, P.O. box 181, Penfield IL 61862.  
**Police News**  
 Gary E. Watson, 49, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 9:38 a.m. Tuesday. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant for failure to appear/status check, he was released on \$445 bond and fees.  
**Fire Calls**  
 Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 12:08 p.m. Tuesday to a farm building on fire 41314 N 2000 East Rd., one-fourth mile east of Cheneyville. Mutual aid was provided by Rossville, Wellington and Boswell fire departments, as well as Crop Production Services. No injuries were reported.

**Weather**  
 Flood watch 3 a.m.- 6 p.m. Thursday. Today, showers. High 52. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 25. Tomorrow, breezy. High 38, low 24.

**Classifieds**  
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