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Grant, city funds to provide new equipment at Cheese Park

Hoopeston has received a grant that will help provide new playground equipment at Hoopeston's North Side (Cheese) Park.

An \$8,383 grant was awarded by Cunningham Recreation, makers of playground equipment, to help offset the total \$22,405 of upgrades, said Ald. Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Funds for the remainder of the project, which will also include assembly materials and mulch, will come from the parks accrual fund, nearly all from a change in a planned vehicle purchase.

The parks department budgeted \$20,000 for a new truck this year but Houmes said a Club Car RT 4x4, for \$6,000, will save money and better meet park needs.

The utility vehicle will come with a hitch, snow blade and winch and, with a trailer, will be able to haul almost all of the park's trash barrels, he said.

Aldermen unanimously approved purchasing the playground equipment and the budget change.

In other business, Ald. Bill McElhane said Steve Baker, water superintendent, has created files on each of the new fire hydrants, including a picture of each, where it is, how deep it goes and other information, as well as a place to keep notes on each hydrant. The water and fire departments will each have copies of the files for their records.

McElhane also said that in the future, hydrants will not be used for art projects and asked Fire Chief Joel Bird to explain why.

Bird told the council that when firemen are on the way to a fire, they scan the sides of the streets for the red of the hydrants. Hydrants in the downtown area which were artistically painted by Hoopeston Area art students, are more difficult to spot.

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McElhanehy noted that with the new hydrants, firemen will be looking for both red and yellow hydrants.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Mayor Bill Crusinberry that he has no new information on the status of Rod's Home and Auto, which caved in last week. He related that the timer for the downtown Christmas lights was on the building and will be moved, possibly to Rotary Park or Elephant Park.
- Heard from Ald. Carl Ankenbrand about the 1993 Ford

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 12:03 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of West Washington.

Police said Fernando R. Molina, of Hoopeston, backed a 2013 Honda CR-V from a driveway into a parked 2008 Chrysler Pacifica owned by Amelia N. Young, also of Hoopeston.

A 63-year-old Hoopeston man reported at 1:58 p.m. Tuesday that his window screens had been damaged. The damage occurred in the 300 block of West Penn.

F800 diesel bucket truck the city will purchase, saying city workers said the interior is very clean and no leaks were found. Employees put the truck through its paces before the purchase. "We've already cut down four trees with it," McElhanehy said. The truck will also be used to put up Christmas decorations, Crusinberry added.

Discussed a house in the 700 block of East Washington. Neighbors had complained about unsanitary and unsafe conditions in the home, which had been occupied by an elderly woman. The woman's son has been cleaning out the house since his mother was put in a nursing home and plans to live in it when work is done.

Ankebrand said he stopped by the house and was given a tour to see what the son has accomplished. "He's made a ton of progress," he said.

The city will hire an inspector to make sure sanitary conditions are met before allowing the house to be inhabited.

Obituaries

DAZEY - Carolyn Sue (Martin) Dazey, 76, of Hoopeston, died at 10:21 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2016 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the noon celebration of her life Saturday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Public Library/Children Programs, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Weather

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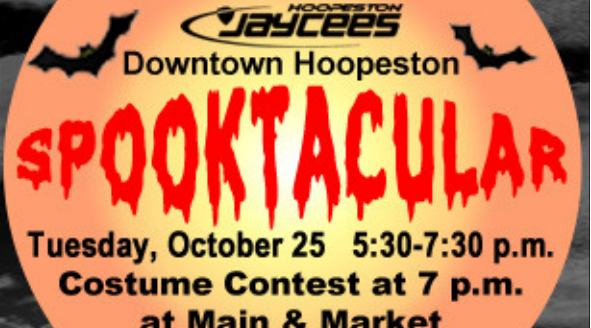
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• Heard from Darren Duncan, District 1 Vermilion County Board representative, who said the county land bank hopes to land a Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) grant to help tear down blighted residential properties in Hoopeston and Georgetown.

Before he died, Ald. Randy Carter submitted a list of 14 residential properties to Duncan. That list and the ones in Georgetown, will be submitted by the land bank by the October 21 deadline.

The TARP grant program had \$1.5 billion available last year and has about \$2 billion this year and covers all aspects of the process, from purchasing properties, to demolition and disposal.



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