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Improvements at McFerren Park, water department listed

Aldermen learned of improvements at McFerren Park and approved an improvement for the water department at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Ald. Alex Houmes, parks committee chairman, said a list of winter tasks is being drawn up. Topping the list is trimming or removing trees in the park.

Thirty trees have been identified for trimming or removal, Houmes said, adding the goal is to attend to a minimum of 10 of them this year. Trees not near buildings can be felled quickly, with more care used on those near park structures, he said.

Houmes also announced he has met with representatives of the local Girl Scouts about improving the city-owned Girl Scout House in the park.

Scouts plan to hold fundraisers to help pay for improvements, the first of which is painting the exterior. Houmes said scout representatives wanted to paint it in colors representative of the Girl Scouts, but that since the building is also rented by local residents, neutral colors will be chosen.

Other items on the fix-it list include patching a large crack by the fireplace inside and replacing tables and chairs.

Aldermen also approved, 8-0, a measure to improve temperature control at the water plant. Ald. Lourdine

Groups to hold free household hazardous waste collection

A free household hazardous waste collection for Vermilion County residents will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at Danville Area Community College, 2000 E. Main St., Danville.

The collection will accept oil based paints, used motor oil, old gasoline, expired or unwanted medicine, fluorescent lamp bulbs, pool chemicals, pesticides, mercury, antifreeze, lawn chemicals, drain cleaners, household batteries, cleaning products and herbicides.

Residents are asked to not bring latex paint because it is not hazardous and can be safely dried or ab-

Florek, water/sewer committee chair, said the existing cooling system is failing to keep humidity down and condensation has been forming on pipes above the electronics used to regulate the water system.

Florek said she considered the situation an emergency and made a motion that bids be waived, which was approved 8-0.

The council then approved spending not more than \$15,000 on the project, based on an estimate from Cade's Heating and Air for \$12,588.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Chad Yaden that the new mower is in service. He also mentioned two businesses recently opened: a vape shop on Rt. 1 across near Casey's on Penn. and Kimberly's Tan at 227 S. Market.

- Mayor Bill Crusinberry said he started getting calls from the vape shop about six months ago regarding city regulations. The city has no ordinances regulating vape shops, so Crusinberry said he referred them to state laws.

- Heard a proclamation submitted by Barbara Standish Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and read by Crusinberry marking Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week. This is the 231st anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution.

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sorbed and discarded with regular trash.

Items that will not be accepted include TVs and computer monitors, fire extinguishers, explosives and fireworks, business or commercial waste, propane tanks and other pressurized fuel and gas tanks, controlled substances, smoke detectors, agriculture chemicals, medical sharps or other medical waste.

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Gage Foster, Hoopeston, given 30-day notice for payment..

Jesse Zarate, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

Crystal Robinson, Hoopeston, status check September 6.

From the Blotter

A Hoopeston man reported at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday that sometime in the last week, someone took his black Roadmaster mountain bike from his yard in the 200 block of West Lincoln. Police are investigating.



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Improvements continued from other side

●Heard from Crusinberry that election packets are available at the water office for anyone interested in running in the April 2019 election. Four alderman positions are up for election, including those held by Chad Yaden, Ryan Anderson, Alex Houmes and Brandon Hamilton.

●Crusinberry also said election judges are needed. Those interested may contact Melissa Bowles, election judge coordinator, (217) 554-1907 or email mbowles@vercounty.org.

Weather

Slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 91. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 71. Tomorrow, chance of storms. High 82, low 63.

Obituaries

BEAM - Shirley C. (Camp) Beam, 86, of Watseka, formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 at Prairieview Lutheran Home, Hoopeston. Visitation was 4 -7 p.m. Wednesday at Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka. Funeral will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Prairie Dell Cemetery, Iroquois. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Kankakee Valley Hospice or donor's choice.

GERTH - Dennis John Gerth, 75, of Wellington, died at 6:25 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated and services held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

RASCHER - Elsie E. (Dettmering) Rascher, 94, of Cissna Park, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 at Heritage Woods, Watseka. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Friday at ST. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth. Burial will follow in St. Pau Lutheran Cemetery, Woodworth. Memorials are suggested to the church or school.

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