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As Toby Wolfe listens, Tony Moore makes a point at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting. Wolfe is operations manager for Republic Services, while Moore is municipal manager for the waste company.

Aldermen, residents, company officials talk trash Tuesday

An appearance at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting by two Republic Services representatives drew only a handful of residents with concerns about trash collection in the city.

Toby Wolfe, operations manager, and Tony Moore, municipal manager, met with the council and residents to air concerns and work towards solutions.

Wolfe and Moore brought pictures of garbage that was placed at curbside that violates the company's contract with the city, including construction waste, furniture, carpeting and similar items. Some of the blue totes were loaded with what appeared to be sediment, exceeding the

weight limit of the tote.

Those items are not considered household trash and are not meant for the totes. Additionally, household waste compacts easily, making for fewer trips to the landfill. Construction and other waste does not compact and should not be placed with household waste, Wolfe stressed.

On the other side, Ald. Robin Lawson had pictures sent to her by residents, of their garbage that had not been picked up or had been strewn at curbside.

Questions for Wolfe and Moore covered many areas of
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Trash continued from other side

concern.

Ald. Bill Goodwine wondered if Hoopeston often has new drivers. One week, he said, half the totes on his street, which were left at the curb, were left lying in the street after trash was collected. Looking at totes on Maple and Fifth St., he saw they were all placed at the curb but not in the street.

Wolfe said the last two weeks, two trucks were in Hoopeston daily to collect trash before and after Christmas and that drivers new to the city were used.

Lawson said residents have complained that garbage was picked up on one side of the street, then the truck left - purportedly to dump its load - but didn't return to pick up the other side. "What happens if it doesn't come back and there's a family with kids who are in Pampers," she asked.

Wolfe urged residents to call when such situations occur, a sentiment echoed by Moore. "Communication is really key to how we make things better," he said. "I'd rather have way more communication than none at all."

Contrary to misinformation on social media, the men said its contract with Hoopeston allows for two totes for each residence. Additional totes may be had at a cost of

\$6 per tote per month.

Officials wondered if any residences had more than two and Moore assured them there are. "There are close to 100 homes in the area that have three totes," he said. Another has seven but is only paying for two, which "kind of goes against what we're trying to do."

Wolfe said that a recent article in Just the Facts stated cans filled so the lid did not close would not be picked up but at the meeting, he said the company prefers lids to close to keep out animals and to preserve neighborhood aesthetics "but of course we'll pick them up," he added.

Wolfe suggested residents put their totes at the curb the night before scheduled pickup because drivers are on a flex schedule, based on the weather and other factors, and can start their routes at 2 a.m. or 3 a.m., if necessary.

Briefly

The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a monthly get-together held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by Rossville Community Organization.

If totes are out the night before, routes may be run in their entirety without having to go back to empty totes that were not out early.

Both men encouraged residents to have questions or complaints to call (217) 554-7016.

Weather

Breezy, cloudy, chance of rain today. High 49. Tonight, rain, breezy. Low 46. Tomorrow, rain, sometimes heavy. High 55, low 41. The National Weather Service is predicting three to four inches of rain in central Illinois from Thursday through Saturday.

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Police said Heather L. Moore, 34, of Hoopeston, in a 2003 Jeep, was stopped in the drive lane of South Fourth going southbound, backed up going northbound and hit a 2012 Chevrolet truck driven by Gary D. Deck, 75, also of Hoopeston.

Roel Alaniz Jr. 55, of Boswell, Ind., was arrested after a traffic stop at 3:19 p.m. Tuesday at Euclid and East Elm.

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