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Codes, officer in place, officials look at new properties to raze

Hoopeston officials have identified three blighted properties for demolition and at Tuesday's city council meeting, added two more that could come down by year's end.

A house at 210 E. Washington, owned by the late Brian Suiter, and the Dyer mansion at 520 E. Honeywell, with Erik and Tina Pelikant listed as the owners, could be demolished by the end of the year, said Mike Davis, director of Central Illinois Land Bank, at the meeting.

Mr. Suiter died last year of injuries he received when another building he owned, the former Hoopeston Plumbing and Heating building at 219 S. Market, collapsed while he was working inside of it. Mayor Bill Crusinberry said several attempts to reach Suiter's heirs have gone without response.

The Pelikants had worked on the Dyer mansion in hopes of living there, but a 2015 fire caused significant damage. While the family did not live there, squatters have been reported staying in what was once one of Hoopeston's grandest homes.

Davis said that with the International Property Maintenance Code in place, along with an intergovernmental agreement between Hoopeston and the land bank, and code enforcement officer Dave Biggerstaff hired, the land bank can now begin action to take control of both.

Basing his timeline on it taking abandonment legalities to take six months, Davis said the land bank could have

title to the properties by October. If that happens, "my thought is let's get this done yesterday," he said, adding he would immediately issue requests for proposals and demolition could be done in November or December.

The abandonment program approved by the council on Tuesday lists criteria for abandonment as either the property taxes or water bills have been delinquent for two or more years, the property is not occupied by those legally in possession and the building is unsafe or dangerous for reasons listed in the petition for abandonment. If those criteria are met, photos of the property will be taken and information presented at a court hearing.

Hoopeston Area schools name 2020, 2021 Golden Ruler winners

Hoopeston Area is catching up on Golden Ruler winners for last year and this year.

Last year, the Vermilion County Regional Office of Education, which sponsors the awards, had to cancel plans due to Covid. Those winners were Maple aide Jo Beauvois, fifth grade teacher Sara Anderson, former sixth grade math teacher Megan Weeks and Spanish teacher Michele Kachmar, Supt. Robert Richardson announced at last week's district board meeting.

Winners for 2021 are outgoing board member Lisa Leigh, Maple special education teacher Hannah Rattin, elementary band teacher Jennifer Mandel, middle school math teacher Audrey Price, high school secretary Heidi Crouch and bus mechanic Rod Comstock.

Richardson said he wanted to "share a little story" about Comstock, who portrays Santa and is "kind of a gruff individual. I gave him his plaque today and Santa Clause smiled from ear to ear. It was a joyous occasion."

Due to Covid restrictions, no ceremony will be held this year, but Richardson said he hopes the awards can be celebrated next year.

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Briefly

Alley cleanup set

The City of Hoopeston Street Department will start alley cleanup Monday, April 19, weather permitting. Concrete, bricks, landscape materials, or lumber will not be picked up. If any of these items are in the pile of yard waste, the pile will not be picked up.

Hydrant flushing to begin

Hoopeston Water Department will begin flushing hydrants Friday, weather permitting, and on Fridays through the summer. This may cause rust in the water system. Please adjust laundry schedules accordingly.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 9:23 p.m. Wednesday to the 800 block of East Main for an active carbon monoxide detector. No levels were found and there was no report of injury or illness.

Obituaries

BAILEY - Ina "Jean" (Cessna) Bailey, 93, of Potomac, died at 2:23 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac. A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hope United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Embury Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the church. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

CARPENTER - Donna Kay (Putnam) Carpenter, 66, of Potomac, died Friday, April 16, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. She will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date. Blurton Funeral Home, Potomac, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

CRAWFORD - Estella Pearl (Cox) Crawford, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 1:47 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2021, at home. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

Weather

Partly sunny, then chance of showers today, tonight. High 58, low 46. Tomorrow, showers likely. High 58, low 39. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 59, low 42.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

From the Blotter

Allen C. Taylor, 28, of Hoopeston, was arrested April 18 by Iroquois County Sheriff's Police. Wanted on an active out-of-county warrant, he was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where he posted bond and was released.

Antonietta R. Spina, 52, of Milford, was arrested by Milford Police on April 20. Wanted on an Iroquois County warrant for domestic battery, she was taken to the Iroquois County Jail, where she was being held in lieu of bond.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 2:24 p.m. Wednesday at South First Ave. and West Penn.

Police said Ricardo Garcia, 35, of Hoopeston, was northbound in a 2009 Chrysler. He stopped at the intersection and continued on, not seeing Troy L. Pentecost, 57, also of Hoopeston, in a 2011 Volkswagen. Garcia's vehicle struck the front driver's side of Pentecost's car.

Police reported that both vehicles were driven from the scene.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Small Wonders Preschool is accepting applications for its Preschool Director position for the 2021-22 school year. Candidates must be Director qualified with DCFS. Send cover letter and resume to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 297, Hoopeston, IL 60942 by May 15.

Handyman help wanted. 217-283-7426

The Legion, formerly the American Legion, will be opening soon and is now hiring bar tenders. Call 217-260-5630 for inquiries.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for swimming pool manager, assistant manager and lifeguards. Application and job description are available at www.cityofhoopeston.com or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for seasonal employees. Applications are available at www.cityofhoopeston.com or at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

Pizza King is taking applications for lunch hour and evening kitchen employment. Please apply in person at 111 E Main St Hoopeston.

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Silver Brothers is looking for part-time mixer drivers. Hours will vary. Must have Class B CDL, pass a drug test, be able to climb a ladder, and lift 75 lbs. Pay will be \$20/hour to an experienced driver. Perfect opportunity for a retired person wanting some extra money. Stop by 105 E. Washington, Hoopeston for application.

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Mustard Seed Christian Daycare is looking to hire 2-3 part time assistant teachers. Requirements include: 18 or older, high school diploma or GED, college credits are preferred but not mandatory for the right candidate, willing to undergo a background check and fingerprinting, flexible and able to work as early as 6:30 a.m. and as late as 5:30 p.m., and have reliable transportation. Please email Nicole Gregory at mustardseed.christiandaycare@gmail.com for application information.

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