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Land bank to seek funds for pilot housing rehab program

If someone wants to get grand money for home rehabilitation program, but has no experience, and the programs want to give money to organizations with proven track records, what is one to do?

For Mike Davis, director of Central Illinois Land Bank (CILB), the answer is simple: get startup money, create a program and establish a track record, while still applying for state funds.

Davis spoke at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, telling the group that he plans to ask Vermilion and Champaign counties to kick in \$500,000 of stimulus money to fund a rehabilitation program that would focus on updating siding, roofs and porches for low- to moderate-income residents.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has a rehabilitation grant program, applications for which are due August 2. The maximum grant is \$550,000.

To apply, Davis needs names of qualifying homeowners, pictures of their homes and financial information and is asking for help from the council to identify people in their wards who could benefit from the program. "We're going to need a whole bunch of help in the month of July," he said.

Ald. Lourdine Florek, who served as mayor pro tem in



Ald. Joe Garrett, front, and residents listen to a presentation from Mike Davis, director of Central Illinois Land Bank, about starting a home rehabilitation program. Davis spoke at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

Mayor Bill Crusinberry's absence, said a similar program several years ago had limited success because senior citizens the program was geared towards did not want to provide financial information. "That's something I thought you should be aware of," she said.

Davis said information from weatherization databases from Champaign Regional Planning and Vermilion County Community Action Agency can be used to find candidates.

He also plans to revamp marketing materials used by Coles County for its county rehab program.

Once the land bank gets its foot in the home rehabilitation door, "There's a boatload of money we can go after," Davis said.

Presenting information at this meeting, Davis will be back July 6 to make a formal request and ask for official council approval.

In related business, Davis updated the council on demolition efforts on properties in the city. Currently, CILB has taken on three locations, including 305 S. Second Ave., 406 Front St., and one at the corner of Wyman and Eighth St. Asbestos testing was done and demolition should be completed by the end of August.

The land bank legal team is filing abandonment paperwork on two other properties: 210 E. Washington, a

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Briefly

Meetings

Rossville Village Board, 7 p.m. Monday, village office. Finance committee meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. Agenda available at www.villageofrossville.org.

Obituaries

CLINE - Darin A. Cline, 53, of Wellington, died Thursday, June 17, 2021, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral Thursday at Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park. Memorials are suggested to Wellington Fire Department. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

FREEMAN - Charles Guy Freeman, 92, formerly of Veedersburg, Ind., died June 17, 2021, at his daughter's home in Rossville. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday at Sunset Funeral Home, Danville. A celebration of his life graveside service will be held at 9 a.m. (CST) Tuesday at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery, Waynetown, Ind. Memorials are suggested to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.sunsetfuneralhome.com.

Rehab continued from other side

house owned by the late Brian Suiter, and 520 E. Honeywell, the former Dyer mansion, owned by Erik and Tina Pelikant. Despite repeated efforts, neither Mr. Suiter's heirs nor the Pelikants have been willing to sign over ownership of their properties.

Davis has previously said that, if all goes well, both could be demolished by the end of the year.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from Ald. Stephen Eyrich that Sarah Miller submitted the winning bid of \$5,555 for the 1970s-era tractor/backhoe. "She can pay for it and pick it up," he said.
- Eyrich also reported that cemetery workers are struggling to keep up with mowing, with only two of four mowers functional. New mowers were selected, but will not be available for several weeks. Other options are under consideration, he said.
- Heard from Florek that the pool water heater was replaced, but that a pipe burst on the new one and it leaked over the weekend. The chlorinator, programmed to feed chlorine into the pool, has also been fixed. She reported that some aerators at the lagoons have been repaired and others are in the process now.
- Heard from the Save the Pool group that a luau fundraiser is being planned.

At the library

● **Let's Create!**, 2-3 p.m. Tuesday For Middle Schoolers (those entering sixth grade through those just out of eighth grade). Week Two: Mosaic, Collage and Sculpture. Space is limited. Masks required for students not yet fully vaccinated.

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● **PBS Fun with Ms. Kellie**, Thursday - 1 p.m. ages preschool-eight; 2 p.m. ages nine-12.

The library is located at 110 N. Fourth St. For more information, call (217) 283-6711 or visit www.hooplib.org.

From the Blotter

Travis C. Lackey, 44, of Hoopeston, turned himself in to police at 2:49 p.m. Friday. Wanted on a warrant, he was released on bond with a new court date.

A **16-year-old** Hoopeston boy was arrested after police were called at 7:50 p.m. Friday for a dispute between juveniles at Union Park, 619 E. McNeil. All juveniles were asked to leave the park, but the 16-year-old refused, police said. He was charged with disobeying police and released to a parent on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

A **27-year-old** Hoopeston man reported at 9:10 p.m. Friday that someone took several items from his home in the 400 block of East Honeywell. Police are investigating.

Harrington Matherne, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested after a 38-year-old woman reported that he violated an order of protection. According to the police report, the woman said the incident occurred at 1:10 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of East McNeil. It was reported at 7:24 p.m. Saturday, police said.

Matherne was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

A **52-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 7:48 p.m. Saturday that someone damaged a security camera in the 900 block of South Second Ave.

Weather

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