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## City workers to receive bonus, get praised for pandemic work

City workers got praised and rewarded from different fronts at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

First, full time employees will be rewarded for their dedication during the coronavirus pandemic.

In a 7-0 vote - with Ald. Louridine Florek absent - Hoopeston City Council approved \$1,000 bonuses for full time workers for their efforts in the wake of Covid-19. Money will come from federal money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, earmarked for Covid relief and economic stimulus.

Ald. Jeff Wise suggested the bonus at a joint meeting of Hoopeston's finance and police committees. Members met August 9 to review funding requests proposed for the windfall money.

The next bit of praise came from Wise, city street and alley committee chairman, who defended his employees against resident complaints of slacking. "Street and alley has four guys," Wise said. "Everything gets dumped on street and alley. I have four guys. They do a hell of a job. My guys are getting railed at everywhere they go right now and that's wrong."

Finally, during public comment, Brian Silver, owner of

Silver Brothers, said, in response to complaints about the police department, that over the last two years, officers have responded quickly and acted professionally. "As a business owner and a taxpayer - and I pay a lot of taxes - I'm very satisfied with the service of Hoopeston Police Department."

In other business, the council:

- approved, 7-0, suggested expenditures from Block 1 of ARPA funds.
- Unanimously approved removing the framework of a new Hoopeston Emergency Management Agency/Hoopeston Auxiliary Police building and seeking bids to start the project over. The site will be cleaned up before the National Sweetcorn Festival is held.
- Heard from residents who want a skate park created in the city. Possible locations and ways of funding the attraction were discussed but no final action was taken.
- Approved Jeremy Welch as a new Hoopeston Police Commissioner. Welch retired from Hoopeston Police Department in June, having served for 21 years and attaining the rank of sergeant. He replaces Danny Danner who died in March.

## From the Blotter

**Brandon N. Beverage**, 31, of Hoopeston, was ticketed for failure to yield or stop after an accident August 16 at 700 E and 2950 N in Iroquois County.

According to an Iroquois County Sheriff's Department release, Beverage was northbound, entered the intersection and was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by Richard L. Dauphin, 68, of Essex.

Minor injuries were reported in the accident.

**While on patrol** at 2:44 a.m. Thursday, police found the CSX junction box in the 100 block of East Main and several locations at Teasdale Foods had been spray painted. The damage is under investigation.

**Thad A. Finnell**, 23, of Hoopeston, was arrested after officers were called at 2:11 p.m. Thursday for a

fight in progress in the 1000 block of West Elm. He was taken into custody on a preliminary charge of aggravated battery (public way) and was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**Police are investigating** a door damaged at Nutrien Ag Solutions, 101 W. Thompson. A 25-year-old man reported the damage at 3:50 p.m. Thursday.

**A wallet with** identification for Robert B. Colunga was found at 7 a.m. Friday at East Maple and Third St. He can claim it at the police station.

**Cherrica Hamby**, 33, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 6:37 p.m. Friday at South First Ave. and Orange. Wanted on a Vermilion County warrant, she was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Stop bashing city workers

I was told recently that on Facebook, someone complained about the cemetery workers not doing their jobs and keeping the cemetery looking good. I'm telling you now that all three of the workers at the cemetery are very busy mowing and weeding from starting time to quitting time. The only time they don't mow is when they are digging graves or having a funeral. On rainy days, they work on equipment. If you feel that they aren't working hard enough, and keeping the cemetery looking nice, PLEASE go volunteer. I'm sure they would like the help.

The Street and Alley Department works hard to maintain the streets in town, picking up tree limbs that have fallen and removing dead trees. They are called out at night to put up barricades to block streets that have flooded due to heavy rains. They plow snow in the winter, sometimes 16 to 18 hours a day, with people complaining about snow getting pushed back into their driveways. Where else is the snow going to go but to the side of the road? Alley cleanup is not easy. It takes a lot of time and manpower.

The Water Department is very busy maintaining the

water lines, sewer lines, storm drains and tiles. They go into holes to repair lines and drains that I wouldn't get into for anything. I have personally seen several of the workers get into holes filled with water when the temp outside was 10 to 20 degrees below zero. They had to go underwater to repair a leak so as not to turn the water main off. When they came out of the hole, their clothes froze before they could get to their vehicle. Want to complain, then you try it one time.

The Parks Department has three parks and a soccer field to mow and maintain plus other city-owned property in town. About 15 years ago, I helped the Parks Department weld and repair all the picnic tables at all three parks. The tables were broken down from people walking and jumping on the tops. I have seen the same thing happening with kids and adults sitting and jumping on the tables with their parents watching. Everybody needs to see how much our City employees do from the top all the way down the ladder. I am very much pro Police because I was one for almost 30 years so I will leave that alone until someone speaks badly about them.

James "Fuzzy" Goodrum  
Hoopeston

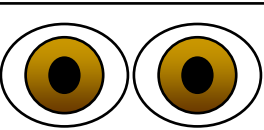
## Obituaries

**GAFFNEY** - Donald Lee Gaffney, 83, of Hoopeston, died at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. memorial service Wednesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. No burial will be held. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or HART, 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be left at [www.anderson-funeral-home.com](http://www.anderson-funeral-home.com).

## Weather

Sunny, then slight chance of thunderstorms today. High 87. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 70. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 90, low 72.

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Local company looking for office personnel to help with payroll -billing-data entry 30-40 hours per week. Please send resume to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) with Resume in the subject line.

NAPA Hoopeston is looking for a full time Counter/Delivery person. Successful candidate will be very knowledgeable about automotive/truck parts and computers, able to answer phones and wait on customers. Must do daily and monthly paperwork and be capable of doing all activities the store manager does in case of his absence. ASE certified counter person preferred but not required. If interested, pick up a application at NAPA 226 E Main St. Hoopeston.

Floral Hill Cemetery is seeking applications for a full time cemetery employee. Must be willing to work in the elements, have basic computer skills, and work well with the public. Questions, please call City Hall at 217-283-5833 or Floral Hill Cemetery at 217-283-6311. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W Main St. at the Administration Office Monday -Thursday, 8 am-3 pm and Friday, 8 am-1 pm and must be turned in to the Administration Office at City Hall. Applications available to fill out online at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com), Services, Employment Opportunities.

Greene Galvanized Stairs seeks a full time customer service representative in East Lynn. Position covers receptionist, data entry, and administrative support duties. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills and demonstrate attention to detail. General computer usage and data entry skills required. Send resume and cover letter with salary expectations to PO Box 191, East Lynn IL 60932 or [careers@greenebinstairs.com](mailto:careers@greenebinstairs.com).

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking a full time applicator. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

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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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