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Ferrell rules out grant application, updates on buildings

Hoopeston will not take part in a state grant program geared to improving downtowns and tourism.

At Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting, Ald. Kellie Ferrell, chair of the city's civic improvement committee, said she decided to sit out the grant due to the January 10, 2022 application date.

Ferrell said there is not enough time to gathering information and write the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant. Additionally, she said, she is

Rural Grant Township residents to pay more for fire protection

Rural Grant Township residents will pay more for fire protection beginning in August 2022.

The township pays the City of Hoopeston to provide fire services outside the city limits. Payments under the decades-old are currently \$13,200 per year.

An increase to \$20,000 was approved after a Truth in Taxation hearing prior to the November 9 Grant Township Board meeting. Hoopeston Fire Chief Joel Bird attended the hearing to answer questions on the request.

Bird said the fire department has seen an increase in the number of calls to the rural area, as well as increased costs. Firefighters respond to an average 20 calls per year at a cost of about \$1,000 per call for equipment and personnel.

Part of that is the increased cost of vehicles. For example, Bird said, the city bought a pumper truck in 2021 for \$225,000. The newest pumper was purchased last year at \$330,000.

Hoopeston Fire Department has added equipment to its fleet that is useful in fighting fires in the rural area, including a brush truck, a tanker truck to carry water to rural fires, and a fire engine that can draft water, Bird said.

The increase will equalize the levy paid by in- and out-of-city residents, at .15. Rural residents paid .08 under the current fee, Bird said. While higher, the new amount is far less than the .40 rate rural residents pay south of Boardman's Corner, he added.

unsure of a timeline to get possession of dilapidated downtown buildings, seek bids and complete demolition.

The decision was a difficult one because of how badly she wanted to do something to help Hoopeston, she said, adding hopefully another grant will be offered in the future.

Ferrell also updated aldermen on building statuses, saying the former China Wok building passed its inspection, Jesse Zarate is working with her on the former food locker and it appears the former Kelley's Pub needs to be boarded up.

She also issued a reminders that all houses are to have house numbers visible from the street and that she cannot help residents with questions about other departments. If someone needs the water department or police, I'm not the person to come to," she said, adding she can only pass the information on.

For police matters or after-hours emergencies, residents may call (217) 283-5196, for water issues, (217) 283-5631 and for other departments, (217) 283-5833.

Briefly

Meetings

Hoopeston Area School Board, 6 p.m. Thursday, John Greer STEM lab. Board will go into executive session at 6 p.m. Public portion of the meeting will follow. Agenda will be available at www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

The Gathering

Rossville Community Organization will hold The Gathering from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at Rossville Fire Station. Everyone is welcome to the social senior citizen event.

Breast cancer support

Hoopeston Breast Cancer Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Pit Stop at Fast Lanes Bowling Alley. The next meeting will be November 18. All past and present breast cancer survivors are welcome. For more information, call Pat Foster, (815) 984-4040 or (309) 208-9829.

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Obituaries

HAGGERTY - Rita Lynne Haggerty, 49, passed away peacefully at home on Friday (Nov. 12, 2021) surrounded by loving family.

Born in Hoopeston on June 23, 1972, Rita grew up in Hoopeston.

Rita is survived by her loving children, Chip and Cydney; mother, Janet; siblings Joseph Jr. (Karen), Barbara (Daniel), Jean, Elizabeth (Todd), Mark, Michael (Gina), Alice (Roger) and Linda (Brian); along with 30 nieces and nephews; followed by 14 great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Sr., and infant siblings, Karen and Patrick.

Rita was proud of the huge Haggerty clan to which she belonged, one of 78 grandchildren of Richard and Alice Haggerty!



RITA HAGGERTY

Rita attended Hoopeston-East Lynn (Illinois) schools, graduating in 1990, then traveled to Danville Area Community College, where she graduated in 1993. Following graduation, she spent eight cherished years working with the Ravens family at Ravens Trucking. She moved on to a long career with Blue Cross Blue Shield, working a total of 13 years while developing deep friendships. She took a five-year break from BCBS with the Allen family, working with East Lynn Fertilizer. Mixed among a busy life of family, work and church, Rita fulfilled her passion of becoming a nail technician, taking care of many loving friends and family! Rita was no stranger to hard work and sacrifice.

Rita made the world more beautiful. She worked with artist/horticulturist Molly Culbert in Hoopeston, developing a beautiful art of bow making and decorating. She created beautiful Christmas trees for local businesses and her home. They were stellar! Her love of all things happy was seen in her love of all things Disney, making the annual trek to Walt Disney World with her children. But, a beautiful voice is what many will remember when thinking of dear Rita. From her little days, Rita would be found twirling around, singing and dancing day and

night. Throughout her school years, Rita was deeply involved in music, which followed into her adult life, leading the choir at her Hoopeston parish, St. Anthony, along with regular cantoring. Upon relocating to the Champaign area, a member of St. Patrick Parish, Urbana, Rita was a cantor at St. Matthew Parish, Champaign. Rita was beautiful inside and out.

Rita had a three-year fight with the dreaded disease of systemic scleroderma. Her scleroderma was discovered by a caring doctor who was treating her for carpal tunnel syndrome. In the fall of 2018, Rita began experiencing a tightening/numbness in her fingertips and toes. She first tried fighting with natural remedies and diet. By December, her disease had progressed quickly, and she was working to find a specialist who understood this rare disease. After connecting with Northwestern Medicine early in 2019, she began medical interventions and was recommended for a stem cell transplant. While only considered an experimental treatment at the time, it was approved as best course of treatment only days before her treatment began in January, 2020. While great hope laid in this treatment, it was not successful. Rita spent March 2020 through November 2021 in steady decline as the systemic scleroderma ravaged her body, overproducing collagen in her cells, most pronounced in her skin and other organs. Rita never gave up ... she was a fighter.

Thanks to Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital (Denver, Colo.), Dr. Richard Nash's Stem Cell Transplant Team (PSL, Denver), Transitions Hospice (Illinois), Angel Flight (Tulsa, Okla.), Kindred Pulmonary Rehabilitation (Peoria), Accolades Healthcare (Peoria), Dr. Chase Correia (Northwestern Medicine) and the plethora of friends and family who supported Rita in prayer and thought. More than anyone enough thanks cannot be expressed to, her sister, Alice, her steadfast caretaker - lovingly nicknamed as "Angel Aly."

Praying for a day we see no other person ravaged by this dreaded disease, memorials are requested in Rita's honor to the Scleroderma Foundation at [scleroderma.org](https://www.scleroderma.org).

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 423 S. Third St., Hoopeston, with Father Ted Pracz presiding and Fa-

ther Thomas Gibson and Father Bowan Schmitt celebrating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation will be at the church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Freese Funeral Home, 302 E. Grand Ave., St. Joseph, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left at [freeseffh.com](https://www.freeseffh.com).

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