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# Just the Facts

**Thursday, August 4, 2022**

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## Council approves three-year police contract, approves gaming fees starting in 2023-24

Hoopeston City Council unanimously approved a three-year contract with Hoopeston Police Department patrol officers.

Officers will receive a 4.75 percent pay increase the first year of the contract and 3.25 and 3 percent, respectively, for years two and three.

This year's raise will be retroactive to May 1, as the previous contract expired April 30.

The percentages will affect all city employees, Ankenbrand said.

Ankenbrand also announced that Officer Andrew Xiong completed his probationary time and is now a full-fledged officer. Xiong was hired July 12, 2021.

In related business, Ankenbrand said four new auxiliary officers were approved, including Mercy Linder, Mark Tyszkowski, Gage Cloud and Logan Garrett, and that a new squad car arrived. Its graphics have been applied but the vehicle is still waiting on electronics, he said.

In other action, the council unanimously approved Jesse Gonzalez and new Ward 3 alderman. He replaces Louridine Florek, who stepped down May 6.

Gonzalez will chair the city's street and alley, said Mayor Jeff Wise.

Ald. Stephen Eyrich, who was moved from the cemetery committee to the street and alley committee when Wise became mayor, was named to replace Florek as chairman of the water/sewer committee.

In his final report as street and alley chairman, Eyrich said seeding along Thompson Ave. is expected to be done August 8. He also thanked his department and the parks department for getting rid of stumps in the park. He had previously said the stumps could be a danger during the National Sweetcorn Festival.

In other action, the council:

Heard from Ald. Kyle Richards that the parks committee approved a \$100 rental fee for McFerren Park - equal to the \$25 per shelter rental fee - when the entire park is rented for an event. Charging the fee would be at the discretion of the council, Richards said, with Wise adding

that for nonprofits or things that benefit the entire community, "we can waive it."

Asked by Ankenbrand for a skate park update, Richards said the Silver Brothers will do concrete work but has been busy. As for the features that will go in the skate park, Richards expects them in "Octoberish." A representative of the company providing the features reported



Hoopeston City Clerk Gail Lane swears in new Ward 3 Alderman Jesse Gonzalez at Tuesday's Hoopeston City Council meeting.

this year has been the busiest in the company's history.

Unanimously approved a fee for gaming machines. No fee will be implemented this year, Wise said. Next year, half the fee - \$125 - will go into effect, followed by the full \$250 fee in 2024-25.

Illinois approved a law allowing the fee for gaming operations in non-home rule communities. Half the fee is to be paid by the business owner and half by the terminal operator.

Approved hiring Steve Miller as the new city attorney. He will consult with former city attorney David Wesner on issues facing the city. Miller, who has a Hoopeston office, "will be at the meetings," Wise said.

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# Obituaries

**MARTINEZ** - Ramon Martinez, 65, of Hoopeston, passed away on July 30, 2022. He was born in McAllen, TX on July 19, 1957, the son of Felipe and Santos Martinez. On February 9, 1976, Ramon married the love of his life Lina Martinez, she survives.

Ramon is also survived by his children, Viola Martinez, Eva Martinez, Kristopher (Amber) Martinez; grandchildren, Aisha



RAMON MARTINEZ

Coonce, Odalies Resendez, Eric Resendez, Gissele Resendez, Felipe Resendez, Laura Martinez, Robert Dykeman, Willa Martinez; siblings, Octavio Martinez, Ester Martinez, Juan Martinez, Jose Martinez, Felipe Martinez, Roberto Martinez, and Criselda Enriquez.

He is preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Hannah Winters.

Ramon was the life of the party, he loved spending time with his family and friends, playing cards and showing off his card tricks. Ramon also enjoyed fishing and gardening. He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Visitation will be held Friday August 5, 2022, from 9

a.m. to 11 a.m. at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 3940 N Vermilion St. Danville. A Celebration of Ramon's life will be held immediately following the visitation at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Please join Ramon's family in sharing memories and photos on his tribute wall at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com)

## Briefly

### Bowling meetings

Bowling leagues are holding meetings at Fast Lanes prior to the start of fall season. The schedule includes:

- Thursday Night Men's League, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4.
- Sunday Night Mixed League, 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7.
- Monday Night Women's League 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8.

### At the Library

Upcoming events at Hoopeston Public Library include:

**Crafternoon at the Library**, 12-4 p.m. Thursday. Assorted craft stations for kids, teens and adults set up in the lower level meeting room. Stop by for a few minutes or for the afternoon and enjoy some free cool summer crafting. Bring the family!

Kids 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

### Card shower

Bonnie Berglund, well-known area seamstress who created and altered hundreds of gowns while having owned a bridal store and working at The Sewing Boutique, will celebrate her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday September 2.

Please shower her with birthday wishes from her friends in Hoopeston, Rossville and surrounding areas. Cards and well wishes may be sent to

Bonnie Berglund  
c/o Terry Campbell  
1883 Wembley Ave.  
Ottawa, ON K2 A1A6.

Mail to Canada takes about a week and a standard card stamp to Canada is \$1.40.

## Weather

Showers likely today. High 82. Tonight, chance of showers. Low 64. Tomorrow, chance of showers then mostly clear. High 85, low 68.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit [justthefacts.net/weather/](http://justthefacts.net/weather/).



Photo submitted

## Getting a head start on skills

Hoopeston Area boys and girls coaches recently held a basketball camp for athletes in grades K-8. Pictured are the participants with the t-shirts they got for attending. Coaching staff involved in the camp were Aaron Fell, Kevin Root, Robert Gossett, Nate Burkowski, Tyler Rush and Michl Kearney.

# Classifieds

## HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is **HIRING**, starting pay \$18/hour. Apply at [www.full-fill.com](http://www.full-fill.com) or applications available on-site. EOE

Premier Cooperative is looking to fill fall seasonal (operational & scale) positions at Rossville, Ellis, Collison, Reilly, Dillsburg, and Royal. Call 217-599-0310.

Seeking a bartender for weekdays and nights. Possibly a weekend day. Our hours are from 7a-7p. Must have a Bassett and Food handlers Cert within 30 days. Stop by Hubbard Trail Country Club or call 217-748-6521.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: [silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0](http://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0)

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

## HOUSES FOR RENT

Hoopeston 4 bedroom one level house large yard, and 2 bedroom ground level duplex. Text or call 217-495-2274

## MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

2 children's desks, storm door, porcelain bathroom sink, 2adult bikes & assorted items. Call 217 283-4045 for prices.

## NOTICES

The City of Hoopeston is seeking sealed bids for the sale of 2 lots located at 105 E Main St. and 107 E Main St. The bidder is required to include a monetary bid and the specific intended use of the property. Bid specs can be obtained from the Administration Office at City Hall, 301 W. Main St. Bids are due by Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 am. Bid openings will be held at City Hall at 9:00 am on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Thank you,

Gail Lane,  
City Clerk

Publication Dates:  
Thursday, August 4, 2022  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022

## RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 407 W Dice St. Fri. & Sat., 8-5. Lots of decorating items, fans, pictures, like new A/C unit, kitchen items, vacuum. Childs riding JD tractor/trailer. Some men/women jeans, etc. Elec hedge trimmer, gas powered lawn trimmer.

HOOPESTON: 725 W. Washington. Fri. & Sat., 7-? Huge moving sale.