James Prather, Hoopeston Street & Alley employee, tamps down items Wednesday at Hoopeston’s bulk roll off site. The container was to be permanently removed Wednesday. A new bulk garbage collection plan will begin July 20.

Republic Services to work with city on bulk garbage problem

A planned two-month trial to determine how bulk garbage handling will best meet Hoopeston’s needs may be extended for a third month.

Dan Winter, general manager, and Toby Wolfe, operations manager, for Republic Services in Danville, attended Tuesday’s Hoopeston City Council meeting to answer questions and help devise a solution to removing bulk garbage from the city.

Currently, a 30-yard roll off is at the soccer fields on South Sixth Ave. The container is full; it was to be removed Wednesday and not replaced.

Instead, beginning Saturday, July 20, Hoopeston will begin a new plan. A roll off will be available from 6 a.m.-noon the first and third Saturdays of each month in the parking spaces on Second Ave., east of the city hall parking lot.

Although Republic Services is normally closed on Saturdays, Winters said he would have employees bring the roll off to the site and be available to the city until the event closes, then remove the container.

Collections will be manned by a city worker and identification will be checked so only city residents may use the service.

Winters said Hoopeston historically generates 13 tons of bulk waste per month. Since the roll off was put at the soccer field, 18 tons has been collected. He suggested Hoopeston try the new plan for a couple months to collect data and help work towards a permanent solution.

Wolfe suggested the soccer field location was “inviting” to out-of-town people who had items to dump because it was isolated.

Also, people disposed of items not allowed in a landfill and while the program was intended for residential use, See GARBAGE on other side
Garbage continued from other side

pictures were taken of construction waste being dumped by a contractor.
Although the measure was unanimously approved, not all aldermen were satisfied with the new system.
Ald. Alex Houmeley asked what the cost would be to have once-a-month curbside bulk pickup. Figures were not available at the meeting but Winters said he would find out.
Ald. Jeff Wise suggested eliminating the middleman.
“If they can put it on a truck and haul it here, they can haul it out there (to the landfill),” he said.
Residents may take items directly to Hoopeston’s landfill, Winters said, where they may pay with cash or credit card.

Weather

Chance of thunderstorms today, tonight. High 88, low 70. tomorrow, chance of storms, then mostly cloudy. High 84, low 64. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 82, low 63.

Obituaries

RUBIO - Humberto Rubio, 59, of Hoopeston, died at 10:42 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2019, at home. Ar-
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