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Once one of Hoopeston's most stately home, the former Dyer mansion, at 520 E. Honeywell, is set to be demolished next week.

Land bank to demolish mansion, other dilapidated homes

The remains of an historic Hoopeston home are expected to be put to rest next week.

The Dyer mansion, at 520 E. Honeywell, was among the showplaces of homes in Hoopeston's heyday. But time took its toll and the once grand manor ended up for several years on the county's delinquent tax rolls.

The most recent owners were working on the house, when, on August 28, 2015, the mansion caught fire. Despite the efforts of Hoopeston Fire Department and neighboring firemen, the home sustained serious damage. The owners had no insurance on the structure and were not

able to have it razed. Last year, Hoopeston took the owners to court to take possession of the property. Ownership was then transferred to the Central Illinois Land Bank earlier this year.

The Dyer mansion, along residential properties at 201 E. Washington, 320 Front and 406 E. Thompson, are set to be taken down next week. Two others - 322 Front and 908 W. Washington - require asbestos abatement and will be demolished the following week, said Mike Davis, land bank executive director.

See MANSION continued on other side

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Briefly

Easter closings

- Hoopeston city offices will be closed Good Friday. Hoopeston Police Department will be open.
- Bulk garbage collection will not be held Saturday.
- Just the Facts will not be printed Monday, April 18. Publication will resume Tuesday.
- Fast Lanes and The Pit Stop will be closed Easter Sunday.

Free Easter dinners

112 Wine and Coffee Shoppe will be providing 400 free meals on Easter Sunday. These meals are available to anyone. Stop by between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon to pick them up.

Reservations not required. Just stop by and tell us how many you need and we will get them prepared for you.

Addiction recovery group

Addiction recovery group for men will not meet Easter Sunday. The group will meet again at 6 p.m.

Mansion continued from other side

Of the six, two were donated, two were purchased from the county tax trustee and two required nine months of legal work to obtain the property title.

Lee Farms Excavating's bid of \$78,500 was the lowest of five bids submitted for the demolition work. Lee Farms Excavating was also the contractor for the Honeywell School demolition.

Funds for the demolition came from a \$125,000 Illinois Housing Authority Development *Strong Communities Program* grant, a \$100,000 matching grant from Hoopeston Retirement Village Foundation and a \$50,000 matching grant from the City of Hoopeston.

Bill Nicholls, a member of both the land bank and HRVF boards, called the effort "a great example of collaboration," and said the land bank has been "a great resource for technical and legal assistance that smaller communities don't have access to."

Ald. Kellie Ferrell, who chairs the city's civic improvement committee, said the land bank "has been a great resource in tackling some eyesore properties that were top priorities for the city. "The land bank has identified another four properties for demolition, she said.

Once the properties are cleared, they will be sold. Davis said he will list them on the land bank website, www.cilba.org/properties. The land bank does "best offer" on sales of vacant land and, for the highest bidder, Davis checks with the local government to ensure the

next Sunday in Rossville. For more information, text/call 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361.

Meetings

- Hoopeston City Council budget meeting, 5 p.m. Monday at city hall.
- Hoopeston City Council meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to review ordinances and will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall. Agenda items include amending the general nuisance ordinance, fireworks ordinance,

From the Blotter

Joseph Cannon, 49, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 2:08 a.m. Wednesday on a complaint from a 41-year-old Hoopeston woman for an event that occurred at 10:22 p.m. Sunday.

Cannon was charged with domestic battery and taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

applicant is in good standing; does not owe back taxes, have egregious code violations, recent bankruptcy or foreclosures, etc.

"My goal is to ensure these properties wind up in good hands and will be taken care of," he said. "If I get multiple bids, I allow people to outbid each other until we have the winning bidder."

People have already expressed interest in purchasing the vacant lot at 908 W. Washington and 210 E. Washington, but thus far, no one has inquired about the Dyer property, Davis said.

Over the last two years, the land bank has raised over \$500,000 for demolition work throughout Vermilion County. Besides Hoopeston, the land bank has written grant applications for Georgetown, Rankin, Ridge Farm and Westville. Each community received a \$45,000 grant from the IHDA *Strong Communities Program* that will administered by the land bank.

Weather

Chance of showers today, tonight. High 59, low 36. Tomorrow, sunny. High 49, low 29. Sunday, partly sunny, chance of showers late. High 50, low 37. Monday, partly sunny, chance of showers. High 52, low 33.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

agreement with Grant Township for fire protection and approval of the new budget. Agenda and Zoom link at cityofhoopeston.com.

Alley cleanup

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City of Hoopeston Parks Department is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications are available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or

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