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Plan will affect fewer mailboxes

Daily Journal staff report

Fewer Prince's Lakes residents will need to move their mailboxes.

Outcry from residents prompted a review of the postal service's plan to move 103 mailboxes.

Officials from the Indianapolis district office have decided to cut the number of houses affected to 62, said Kim Yates, customer relations coordinator for the postal service district office.

The plan was to move the mailboxes from homes to stands at the ends of the streets so mail carriers would not have to back out of dead end streets.

Residents complained that homeowners would have to walk or drive farther to get their mail. They said that posed an additional risk to older residents.

The change is good for the community, Yates said, because not as many residents will have to worry about moving their mailboxes.

GREENWOOD

Fire department seeks loan from city

The Greenwood Fire Department is asking city officials for

BRIEFS

LOCAL

GREENWOOD

Church hosts night out for middle school girls

Seventh- and eighth-grade girls are invited to attend "It's a Girl Thing Fun Night" from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Mount Auburn Church, 3100 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood.

Girls will spend an evening eating pizza and getting manicures with friends.

The event takes place one Friday evening a month at various locations on the southside. Activities may include going to the movies, shopping at the mall, getting an up-hairdo or just hanging out.

Information: Cheryl Curry, 924-3450, Ext. 129, or ccurry@gshcc.org

FRANKLIN

Art show seeks entries for March 18 exhibit

Registration for the Ethos Art Show ends Monday at Franklin Parks and Recreation.

The show takes place March 18. Each artist may enter three pieces. The cost is \$3 per entry.

Ribbons and cash awards will be given out. The show is sponsored by the Branigin Foundation and Franklin Parks and Recreation.

Information: 346-1198

GREENWOOD

Seniors can get tax, Medicare help at center

The Greenwood Senior Citizens Center, 550 Polk Ave., offers the following services:

- Trained tax counselors will be at the center to assist seniors with their tax returns from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. The service is free, but appointments are necessary.

For an appointment, call 881-4810.

NEWS BRIEFS

about \$175,000 to \$200,000 to help with operating expenses until the department gets more tax dollars in June.

The department typically requests a loan from the city each year to help it with cash-flow problems.

The amount for this year's request is less than in previous years, Greenwood Fire Chief Steve Dhondt said.

The department receives little money other than what it gets from its tax rate, which is collected in two payments each year.

This year, the department asked the city council to let the city clerk-treasurer approve temporary loans as they were needed by the department.

Council members said they would prefer that departments request loans in specific amounts from a specific fund, which is the way the department has asked for money in the past.

Dhondt said he would revise the department's request so it could be presented in that way.

- Five free individual counseling sessions on the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, provided by Insurance Connection, will be at the center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 22, 23 and 28. Appointments must be made by calling 882-4810.

GREENWOOD

Parents of preschoolers invited to open house

Concordia Lutheran Preschool is hosting an open house for prospective students from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 23.

The preschool offers both morning and afternoon classes for children who have had their third or fourth birthday prior to Aug. 1.

Classes for 3-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday while 4-year-olds' classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Danielle Frazier serves as preschool director and teacher.

A nonrefundable registration fee of \$50 is due with the enrollment form. The \$20 supply fee will be waived for all registrations received before May 1.

Monthly tuition includes most field trip costs.

Classes begin following Labor Day.

The church is located at 305 N. Howard Road in Greenwood.

For additional information or to receive an enrollment form in advance, call the church office at 881-4477.

FRANKLIN

Grab bowl of chili at PTO's auction

Needham Elementary PTO will host a chili supper and auction from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the school, 1399 Upper Shelbyville Road, Franklin.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Information: Stacy Duckworth, 738-5250

ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin

Personal-injury accident
• 6:18 p.m. Monday — State Road 44 and the northbound Interstate 65 exit ramp

Greenwood

Theft
• 600 block of Wooddale Terrace: A resident reported that someone stole a license plate from a vehicle on Sunday.

Personal-injury accident

• 4:22 p.m. Monday — County Line Road, north of Scarborough Lane: Joshua R. Miller, 21, Indianapolis; Van F. Birk, 48, Indianapolis. A passenger in Birk's vehicle, Sheila Birk, 46, Indianapolis, complained of abdominal or pelvic pain.

Property-damage accidents
• 2:08 p.m. Monday — U.S. 31, south of Fry Road

• 10:04 a.m. Monday — Madison Avenue and U.S. 31

• 8:48 p.m. Friday — Stop 18 Road and Bluegrass Parkway

Johnson County

Residential entry

• 600 block of South Noy Road, Clark Township: An officer responded to an alarm at 8:21 p.m. Monday. A glass panel on a garage door had been kicked out. It appeared that no one had entered the garage or residence.

Thefts

• 600 block of Peterman Road, White River Township: A man reported that someone stole his motorized scooter Monday night.

• Pizza Hut, 4800 W. Smith Valley Road, White River Township: Managers reported that a cash deposit from Friday containing \$1,573 had been stolen over the weekend.

Criminal mischief

• 4500 block of Silver Springs Drive, White River Township: A resident reported Sunday that someone drove over a speed limit sign and a small tree, and through the resident's yard.

Property-damage accidents

• 9 a.m. Monday — County Road 300S, east of County Road 525W, Union Township

• 7:05 a.m. Monday — County Road 700N, east of Trojan Lane

Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Jeffrey S. Wooldridge, 27, 104 Shady Brook Heights, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Amber R. Smith, 24, 1740 S. Meridian St., Greenwood; arrested on a Hancock County warrant; held without bond.

Michael L. Hayes, 34, 625 W. State Road 44, Franklin; arrested on a charge of residential entry; held on \$3,000 bond.

Joseph Ryan Garry, 20, 2305 Wedgeway Court, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of dealing in a Schedule IV controlled substance; held without bond.

Ryan L. Moreland, 30, 1816 Salem Square, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Brandon Allen Gonterman, 20, 441 South Gate Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for violation of probation; held without bond.

Jimmy A. Lloyd, 40, 4260 Foxglove Trace, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$750 bond.

Laura A. Birge, 58, 1407 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$500 bond.

Benjamin R. Clerkin, 35, 551 E. Adams St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of domestic battery; held on \$1,000 bond.

Mark Allen Hooker, 43, 1202 Paula Road, Charleston, W.V.; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.

Mark Ryan Slater, 18, address unknown, Morgantown; arrested on a charge of driving without ever receiving a license; held on \$2,000 bond.

Stephanie M. Kent, 33, 1452 Natalie Court, Franklin; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Timothy Eugene Duncan, 28, address unknown; arrested on charges of possession of cocaine, narcotics or methamphetamine and driving while suspended; held on \$101,000 bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Kresta Carter and Christopher Richards, boy born March 6.

Kristy and Scott Hodson, boy born March 5.

Kate and Greg Taylor, Trafalgar, girl born March 2.

Minutes

Johnson County

Board of commissioners

On Monday, the board:

- Voted 2-0 to use CLS Benefits Solutions in Indianapolis for wellness programs in the county's health insurance. Commissioner R.J. McConnell, who is an attorney, abstained from the vote because the health company is a client of his law firm.

- Discussed summer hours for the highway department's work schedule, which starts April 1. Monday through Thursday will be scheduled for road paving and Tuesday through Friday will be designated for bridge work.

- Heard an update from highway director Don Sanders that the third part of a Smith Valley Road project will be put up for bids in May and a bridge on Main Street

near the railroad tracks in Greenwood will begin accepting bids July 18.

- Voted 3-0 to allow the emergency management department to apply for a state grant to conduct a countywide emergency exercise May 6.

- Appointed Kay Stephens from the auditor's office as the contact person when establishing the county's geographic information systems department.

- Voted 3-0 to spend \$300,000 for the sheriff's office to buy new cars, contingent on a vote Monday by the county council to approve a \$3.5 million bond that can be used partly for the vehicles. The money will be paid back after the bond money is received during the summer.

- Approved 3-0 a \$3,174 annual maintenance agreement for a copier in the clerk's office.

- Voted 3-0 to waive a \$200 planning department filing fee for David Degeyer.
- Voted 3-0 to appoint Steven Shaul to the Union Township Advisory Board. He replaces Mike Miller, who died Jan. 30.

- Approved putting up a stop sign at U.S. 31 and County Road 550E in Blue River Township.

- Discussed extending a lease for the Johnson County Fairgrounds from an annual renewal to a two-year cycle. The commissioners will discuss the issue again

in April with the fair board before a decision is made.

Greenwood City council

On Monday, the council:

- Passed 7-0 the first reading of an ordinance that would pay city employees time-and-a-half for working on designated holidays and triple time for working on actual holidays. The measure was meant to clarify how employees should be paid when holidays fall on weekends, but they have other weekdays off as designated holidays.

- Passed 7-0 the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 49 acres on the northeast corner of East Main Street and Combs Road, known as Rock Lane Properties LLC property. The area would be zoned for commercial business.

- Passed 7-0 a measure to prohibit parking on public paths and trails and on the area between the street and any public sidewalk, path or trail in Greenwood.

- Introduced a proposal to grant a 10-year property tax break to J. Greg Allen & Associates, who will invest \$10.3 million in Greenbrooke Medical Pavilion, a three-story medical office building at 723 E. County Line Road. The 92,000-square-foot property is near Greenwood Municipal Airport.

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