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Lake Le-Aqua-Na Photo Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Lake Le-Aqua-Na drained

Photo by Charles Herbst

## Where Did Lake Le-Aqua-Na Go?

by Charles Herbst

After several years of deferred maintenance, major construction projects are under way at Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park in Stephenson County and Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County.

Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park is being completely renovated. The park is located about 15 miles northwest of Freeport, just north of the picturesque and charming village of Lena. The focal point of the 715-acre park is a 40-acre lake. At least it was until this past Labor Day, when the lake began to be drained.

As explained by Brennan Caputo, Natural Resources Specialist for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the life of a lake is only so long, and Lake Le-Aqua-Na was past its prime. The Illinois DNR decided it was time to rehabilitate and give the lake new life.

Many years ago, there was an informal plan to create a state park with a lake in every county in Illinois. The Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park was the park built for Stephenson County, beginning in 1948. The original design was for a larger park with two lakes, similar to the present arrangement at the later-built Rock Cut State Park. Lake Le-Aqua-Na was to be the upper lake, with a larger lake to be built east of the existing park. Given state budget constraints then and now, an eastern expansion is unlikely to ever be built.

Lake Le-Aqua-Na was created in 1956 by building a dam on Waddam's Creek. Waddam's Creek flows into the Pecatonica River, which meets the Rock River at the Macktown Forest Preserve near Rockton.

In its earlier years, Lake Le-Aqua-Na was popular, and known as a good fishing spot. Over the years though, the fishery has declined as lake has become filled with silt. Desirable species like largemouth bass, bluegill and walleye have been replaced by carp and blue-green algae.

Caputo explained that, for a lake of 40 acres, the lake has a very large upstream catchment basin of about 2000 acres. Former cattle farms upstream and the geology of the area have combined to send years of debris into Lake Le-Aqua-Na.

The decision was made to drain and dredge the lake. This is a first for an Illinois state park, although the process has been done successfully in Iowa and many other places. Once the dredging is complete, the spillway will be closed, allowing the lake to refill naturally. Finally, the lake will be restocked with fish.

### Closing the Park for 2020

Lake Le-Aqua-Na has a ring road that circles the lake and provides access to the park's many facilities. This road is in poor condition and practically impassable in places. Realizing the need to rebuild the road, the DNR decided to coordinate road repairs with the dredging of the lake. Also, there are a number of hairpin turns in the road that will be softened, making it easier for vehicles with camping trailers.

Several other new facilities will be constructed. A relocated, sanitary dump station will be separate from the main entrance to the camping area. A new, handicapped-accessible fishing pier will be built. To alleviate the silt problem, several small ponds will be constructed in the park, upstream from the lake. These ponds will have weirs that will trap silt and other material, reducing the amount of debris that will reach the lake. A weir is a small, notched dam often used to catch fish, but used in this case to trap sediments in the water.



Fish habitats made of wood

Photo by Charles Herbst

With the amount of construction going on in the park, the decision was made to close the park to visitors for the calendar year 2020. When the park reopens in 2021, the new facilities will be completed and ready for use.

The rehabilitation began on Labor Day of this year, with the draining of the lake. Given the unusually wet weather we have been experiencing, the lake has since refilled itself twice naturally. As of this writing, the lake has again been drained to several feet of thick mud, with Waddam's Creek running through what was once a lake. The dredging will take place during 2020 after the lakebed has dried.

No bodies or skeletons were found on the lake bottom, nor was any gold bullion (yet). Apart from the usual amount of litter, detritus, and other expected objects, among the more interesting finds were old, man-made fish habitats, constructed of wood. Modern structures typically use concrete or other materials. These will remain in the lake after the rehabilitation is complete.

### Bridge out at Rock Cut

During 2019, a major road project has been underway at Rock Cut State Park. Rock Cut is a popular, 3,092-acre park with two large lakes. Similar to Lake LeAquaNa, a ring road circles the 156-acre Pierce Lake, and provides a scenic loop for motorists, bicycles and pedestrians. The park straddles Interstate 90, with the 56-acre Olson Lake and a swimming beach in the eastern portion. A bridge over the highway connects the two sections of the park.

While the lakes at Rock Cut are in much better shape than at Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Rock Cut's roadways are narrow and heavily traveled by both cars and pedestrians. A bridge on the loop road at the Pierce Lake spillway was obsolete and is being replaced.

The current project is to widen about half of the loop road from the campground, along the western perimeter of the lake, past the concessions area, to a road connecting to the park office. Trees and other vegetation have been pruned back, but the drive still offers a pleasant, scenic experience. By widening the road from 22 to 36 feet, a bike lane will be established on either side of the road. From the bridge to the concession stand, the bike path will diverge from the road and pass through the woods along the shore of Pierce Lake. A curb will separate the bike path from the roadway across the bridge.

These safety improvements also include better segregation of the parking areas in the West Lake Picnic Area. With a curving road, this area was a free-for-all between cars parking in the picnic area, through traffic, pedestrians and bicycles. The new design will eliminate some of these conflicts.

Hart Road, an old township road in the western part of the park that provides access to the horse camp is being modernized and resurfaced. Hart

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# Community News & Events

**Native American Harvest Gathering-** Dressed in her Native regalia, Ojibwa presenter, Kim McIver Sigafus, will be sharing what daily life was like for the Native Americans in this area in the 1800's. Participants will be able to take a look at Native items up close, and listen to storytelling that has been passed down from generation to generation. She will lead a drum/dance circle, where the steps of the traditional Jingle Dress dance will be taught. Afterwards, participants will give thanks to the Creator, while listening to Native flute music and preparing traditional Native foods. The event will end with participants sitting down for a traditional Native meal. This event will take place on Saturday, October 12, from 6:00-8:30 P.M. at Womanspace, (3333 Maria Linden Drive, Rockford) in the outdoor Anjali Pavilion. Participants can register at <http://womanspace-rockford.org/event-3469828>

**34th Annual Fall Diddley-** Saturday, October 12, 2019, 9 A.M.- 4 P.M. Sunday, October 13, 2019, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. Located at the Boone County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds are located on Illinois Rt. 76 just north of Business Rt. 20 in Belvidere. For additional directions, visit the Fairgrounds Website at: [www.boonecountyfair.com](http://www.boonecountyfair.com)

**University of Illinois Extension Hosting Mini Nature Camp-** Monday, October 14, 2019, Beginning at 8 A.M.-Noon. Your child will be immersed in nature and fun during this event! Each activity will be fun for the participants and will include a nature hike, migration games, and nature arts and crafts. Participants will also learn about monarchs and their migration, storm water movement, and outdoor recreation/fishing skills like how to cast and tie fishing knots, in a hands-on, interactive way. All youth who are currently in K-12th grade are invited to attend and a 4-H membership is not required. This event will take place at the Horseshoe Mound Preserve located at (1679 N. Blackjack Road, Galena, IL). Horseshoe Mound is a remarkable

place to explore. With 40-acres, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy one of the most scenic properties in all of northern Illinois.

**The Autism Program of Easterseals Upcoming Trick-or-Treat Event-** YMCA of Rock River Valley (8451 Orth Road, Loves Park, IL 61111). Friday, October 18, 2019, hours will be from 5:30 P.M.- 8:30 P.M. Trunk-or-Treat. Activities will continue until 8:00 P.M. There will be 20 themed trucks, inflatables, and other games and activities.

**Belvidere High School Class of 1974 45th Reunion-** Main Event Saturday, October 19, 2019. The Social starts at 6:00 P.M. with dinner and entertainment starting at 6:30 P.M. Located at Sam's Ristorante, (6075 E. Riverside Blvd. Loves Park, IL). Cost is \$30 per person with a cash bar, guests are welcome and there's more, join us for a Casual Mixer on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 6:30 P.M., location Concordia Lanes Bowling Alley, (1205 Logan Ave, Belvidere). No cover fee with a cash bar. Reservations for Saturday must be received by October 8, 2019. Email [BelvidereHSClassof74@gmail.com](mailto:BelvidereHSClassof74@gmail.com) or call Patti at 815-979-8764 for further information.

**The Southern Lakes Auto Modelers Club Host's 4th Annual NNL Model and Toy Show-** Saturday, October 19th from 9 A.M.- 4 P.M. at the Johnstown Community Center, (9937 E. County Road A, Johnstown, just outside of Janesville, Wisconsin). If you are interested in more information about the event, please contact Rick Allen at 262-745-5500 or Alex Drake at 262-661-4432.

**The Autism Program of Easterseals Upcoming Trick-or-Treat Event-** Friday, October 25, 2019. Located at the IDA Public Library (320 N. State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008). The hours will be from 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Training-** A Youth Mental Health First Aid Training session will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Belvidere (1045 Belvidere Road, Belvidere, IL 61008) from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. with registration starting at 8:30 A.M. Participants should enter through door #4. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human service workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-25) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. A \$40 fee covers the cost of training and manual. A light lunch will

be provided. Register early, as space is limited to 30 participants. Deadline is October 21. To register for this training, visit our website at [web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo) or call the Boone County Extension office at 815-544-3710. Free CEU's and CPDU's are available for LPC, LCPC, LSW, LCSW and teacher who complete the entire workshop. For more information, please contact Judy Hodge, Extension Program Coordinator at 815-544-3710 or [hodg@illinois.edu](mailto:hodg@illinois.edu)

**Genoa Township Park District Halloween Happenings-** October 26, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. at Chamberlain Park. Food, games, prizes, balloon artist, inflatables, costume contest, wagon rides and face painting. This event is FREE!

**Music Academy Presents Heartstrings-** Heartstrings Night at the Museum, the biennial fundraising event of The Music Academy in Rockford, will be held Saturday evening, November 2 at the Burpee Museum of Natural History. Heartstrings celebrate the connection between music, medicine and science and benefits the school's scholarship, financial aid and professional development fund. For reservations and information call 815-987-0036 or go to [www.musicacademyinrockford.com](http://www.musicacademyinrockford.com)

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**On Sunday a statue created by Jeff Adams of Mount Morris, IL was given to the city by Jack and Peggy Wolf and placed in Towner Park. The statue represents a tribute to the police and fire departments in Boone County.**

Road between the horse camp and the main park loop road will be gated and reserved for authorized vehicles only. This will limit the Perryville Road entrance to traffic bound for the horse camp, rather than for use by general park traffic.

The Rock Cut project is expected to be completed by the end of this year, and will make visits to the park in 2020 and beyond safer and presumably more enjoyable. The remaining park roads will be upgraded at a later date.

Although Rock Cut is being used by a number of visitors during construction, with the disruptions, we suggest that alternate leaf-peeping excursions might be more enjoyable this year. In the vicinity, we suggest Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, overlooking the Kishwaukee River at the junction of Mulford and Blackhawk Roads, south of Rockford. The area has diverse foliage and is an enjoyable ride for leaf peepers. There is also a 2.9-mile, paved bike trail along the river. The Kishwaukee River Forest Preserve has over 200 acres and Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve has 630 acres of attractive forest lands. Like the state parks, admission to these Winnebago County parks is free. These parks are also connected to several other forest preserves in the area.

## State Military Leaders Call Obesity Rates a National Security Threat

*'Mission: Readiness' program aims to focus on nutrition, fitness in early childhood education*

by Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Current and former leaders of the Illinois Air National Guard said Tuesday the obesity rate in the United States has become a national security threat and they urged state lawmakers to invest more in early childhood education programs that focus on nutrition, health and physical activity.

Speaking at the Springfield school district's Early Learning Center, Brig. Gen. Richard Neely, adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard, and three retired generals pointed to a recent study entitled "Unhealthy and Unprepared in Illinois." It found 70 percent of young adults aged 17 to 24 in Illinois cannot qualify for military service, including 31 percent who would be disqualified due to obesity.

Those numbers are almost identical to national averages, and the report says it's a major reason why the U.S. Army fell short of its recruiting goals in 2018.

"As a commander who over the years has really served at all different levels within the organization, it's surprising to see how challenging recruiting has become over the years," Neely said. "I was not shocked by it because we've seen this in the recruiting numbers, but it was very nice to have the report to then really back up the data that we're seeing through our experiences."

Neely was joined at the news conference by retired Gens. Mark Rabin, William Cabetto and Jay Sheedy, all of the Illinois Air National Guard. They are among roughly 750 current or retired generals and admirals who make up a national group, Mission: Readiness, an operation of the Council for a Strong America. Rabin said the

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# County Analyzes 2020 Budget Decisions

By David Larson

Boone County government is about as transparent as any government body could be when it comes to making its budget. The County Finance Committee has been sorting through the data and issues for some weeks now. Every meeting begins with public comment and, to the degree that order is maintained, welcomes input during the meeting. Sometimes, when things are working, it needs to be said!

Now the good news and the bad!

With the State of Illinois gasoline tax increase of 19 cents per gallon Boone County, not including funds paid directly to the townships, will see an estimated increase in motor fuel tax revenue from the state of about \$365,000. That would bring annual motor fuel revenue to about 1 million dollars for 2020. The bad news goes with the cost of salt for the coming winter. In 2018, the cost for salt was \$150,000 annually. In the past two years, the price of road salt has increased to \$300,000, reports the county engineer, Justin Krohn. Krohn also reported to the committee that he is working on a project to replace rural bridges that built in the 1960s with wood foundations. The county has several. Consideration is being given to replace one bridge, with the possibility of costing-out the efficiency of replacing three, nearly-identical bridges in close proximity to the bridge scheduled for replacement as a better way to manage the county's bridge fund.

County Clerk, Julie Stapler, gave a report to the committee on a subject that came before them at the last month's meeting. The County Clerk is mandated to produce and certify elections in the County. It has become clear that the present voting equipment is at the end of its life and the vendor will no longer support it. Stapler has not been satisfied with the service she has been getting from the present vendor, and only three vendors are certified in Illinois. The remaining available vendor has a price that is \$75,000 more than the Clerks preference. This was calculated by contacting other counties in Illinois who are using the potential new vendor's equipment. The price of the new system, being the most competitive, is \$375,000.

The finance committee is faced with deciding whether to pay cash or lease it from the company on a lease-to-purchase option. A third possibility was to borrow from a local bank, which would make a five-year loan at approximately the same rate as what the county is presently being paid on its reserve funds. No decision has been made as yet and many more meeting will be held before the budget is finished.

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## Obesity

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purpose of Mission: Readiness is, “to promote physical fitness amongst children so that they grow up into productive and healthy human beings.”

“We know that starting at a young age being physically fit is important to qualify not only just for military service but for life in general,” Rabin said. “You have to be physically fit to be mentally sharp and able to do your job. And we who have been in the military, of course, have seen so many situations where physical fitness is a requirement, not only just to get into the service, but to perform your duties and be mentally sharp.”

The U.S. military has long advocated for educational programs that focus on health and fitness at an early age. In fact, Congress passed the National School Lunch Act in 1946, shortly after the end of World War II, calling it “a measure of national security.” During that war, many young men were rejected for military service because, having grown up during the Great Depression, they were underweight.

But now the military is facing the opposite problem and it has former leaders like Sheedy concerned.

“The fact is, we will not have a sufficient pool of talented recruits to serve in our military in the future unless we support early learning, healthy eating and physical activity that these young people need,” he said.

Charlena Jackson, principal at the Early Learning Center in Springfield, said healthy eating and physical activity are a major focus of that school’s program. The state-funded center serves a little more than 600 at-risk children, ages 3 to 5, who live in the city.

“We have seen the enormous positive impact that pre-K can have in our community,” she said. “We hope that our pre-K program, and programs like it all over the state, continue to serve even more children who need help at such a critical phase in their early learning and healthy development.”

Tim Carpenter, Illinois state director of the Mission: Readiness program, said he believes it’s important for state lawmakers to recognize

the value to national security of early childhood education.

“Ongoing trends in obesity must be reversed before our national security is further compromised,” he said. “So we’re calling on state legislators to continue to prioritize investments that promote nutrition and encourage physical activity from an early age, and those continued investments will help us to achieve our goal of ensuring more of our youngest learners can enter kindergarten and start life healthy and better prepared for success in whatever they may choose when they grow up.”

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By Jim Nowlan

Illinois higher education is in disarray as a result of an exodus of students from our state, uncertain state funding, declining high school graduation numbers, excess capacity, and the seeming implosion of several state universities.

**Background.** Three-quarters of a million of our citizens enroll each year at the state's 12 public university campuses, 48 community college districts (with many campuses) and 110 private non-profit and for-profit institutions of post-secondary learning. In addition, our major research universities such as the University of Illinois in Urbana and Chicago pump out top engineers and scientists, who generate patents and startups. Strong higher education is critical to our state's future.

In 2000, a national group that knows about such things declared Illinois to have the best higher education offerings among the states for quality and affordability. No longer.

Because of reduced state spending for higher ed in recent years, Illinois' public universities and colleges jacked up their tuition, making our in-state student costs among the highest in the nation.

Further, under former Gov. Bruce Rauner, higher education went for two recent years with zippo state funding, which sent alarm bells clanging throughout our colleges and among students worried about their financial aid. Seeing the disarray, universities in neighboring states began offering lower tuition than our own institutions. As a result, nearly half of all Illinois high school graduates going on to four-year schools now enroll out of state.

Some Illinois institutions are weathering the storm quite nicely; others, not.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign hangs on as one of the world's great research centers. In recent years, for example, UIUC has been winning more National Science Foundation grant money annually than any campus in the nation. And enrollment has climbed to 50,000.

I say "hangs on" because the competition for top-tier status is brutal, and most competitors

have been dealt better hands. For example, most elite research universities are located in mega-city regions on the coasts, where it is much easier to find good jobs for professional spouses of young faculty being recruited than it is in the small twin cities in the corn fields. And of course, the recent funding hiatus gave top faculty recruits qualms about starting their careers at UIUC.

Further, the U. of I. endowment is less than a tenth that of the top research schools. Offsetting this, according to former U.I. president Bob Easter, is a UIUC reputation for an inviting culture, which nurtures faculty research among budding faculty stars.

The UI-Chicago is the really hot campus, enrollment having shot above 30,000 in the past couple of years. Located at the foot of the Loop's soaring skyscrapers, UIC can be reached easily by millions of people via the region's dense public transit offerings. Once a poor stepchild of UIUC, UIC was ranked this year by the Wall Street Journal as one of the 10 best universities in the nation for quality and cost.

Just a chip shot down old Route 66 and Amtrak, Illinois State University is well-managed and going strong. The same can't be said, however, for the directional state universities out in Carbondale, Charleston and Macomb, which now enroll less than half the numbers of a decade or so back.

State lawmakers representing these schools will fight tooth and toenail to keep them from being shuttered. But if these institutions don't get their acts together, they will simply continue withering.

And the future doesn't look promising. The state has no new money for higher education. Any new revenue from a proposed tax on the wealthy will be scooped up to pay old bills, Medicaid, pensions, K-12 education and starving state agencies such as those for children's services and natural resources. And high school graduation numbers are projected to decline steadily over coming years.

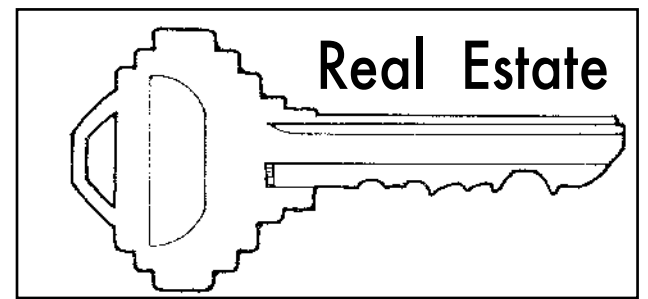
What to do? The options would appear to include laissez-faire, survival of the fittest, as at present or, as some suggest, putting all state higher education under one controlling board. I think the former is better than the latter.

I do think state leaders should strengthen the once powerful, now toothless, Illinois Board of Higher Education. This agency used to have the ear of the governor and Legislature, which allowed

it to coordinate among the institutions, and reject new programs that weren't needed.

The IBHE, university leaders, state political and civic leaders need to come together to inventory all public and private higher ed resources; determine what we want to accomplish, and how best to apply scarce resources in order to keep our best and brightest in the state, while attracting other young talent to Illinois.

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and publishes a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
19 CH 82  
DONNA M. MARTENSON, AKA DONNA MARTENSON, AKA DONNA M. ZASTROW; TERRY G. MARTENSON; CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION INC. Defendants,  
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, November 14, 2019, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 217 TAMARACK HOLLOW STREET SOUTH WEST, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065.  
P.I.N. 03-28-201-001.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 19-022060 F2  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff,

-v.- 2019 CH 45  
ROBERT A. BOYKIN et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 28, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on November 4, 2019, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 417 STAFFORDSHIRE DRIVE NE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065  
Property Index No. 03-22-252-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100  
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527  
630-794-5300

E-Mail: [pleadings@il.cslegal.com](mailto:pleadings@il.cslegal.com)  
Attorney File No. 14-19-02130  
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002  
Attorney Code. 21762  
Case Number: 2019 CH 45  
TJSC#: 39-4619

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Illinois  
Annual Treasurers Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2019

Published in compliance with Chapter 65, Section 5/3.1-35-65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes

FUND	GENERAL REVENUE	SPECIAL SERVICE	DEBT PROJECTS	CAPITAL	ENTERPRISE	FIDUCIARY	I N T E R N A L SERVICE
BEG. BALANCE	1,908,105	531,844	27,302	449,587	8,157,605	0	0
REVENUE	1,773,101	140,677	121	960	1,430,352	0	0
EXPENDITURES	-1,382,783	-273,373	-218,428	-336,544	-1,553,917	0	0
OTHER SOURCES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRANSFERS	-371,427	0	-218,427	-153,000	0	0	0
ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
END FUND BALANCE	1,926,996	399,148	27,422	267,002	8,034,040	0	0

**Receipts: GENERAL FUND;**

PROPERTY TAXES - CORPORATE 210,570; PROPERTY TAXES - ROAD & BRIDGE 79,884; PROPERTY TAXES - AUDIT 14,088; PROPERTY TAXES - LIABILITY INSURANCE 19,721; PROPERTY TAXES - SOCIAL SECURITY 18,775; STATE INCOME TAXES 487,678; STATE USE TAXES 156,387; STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX 69,434; STATE SALES TAXES 276,539; STATE VIDEO GAMING TAX 88,120; REPLACEMENT TAX 4,058; MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAX - ELECTRICITY 136,129; MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAXES - NATURAL GAS 70,383; COURT FINES AND FEES 2,152; FILING FEES 4,975; BUILDING PERMIT 66,313; VIDEO GAMING LICENSES 950; OTHER LICENSE FEES 440; TRUCK PERMITS 3,044; LIQUOR LICENSES 21,000; TOBACCO LICENSE FEES 180; RENTS RECEIVED 21,800; MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE 15,379; DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS 1,300; PARK DONATIONS 100; INTEREST 3,705; TOTAL 1,773,104

**MOTOR FUEL FUND;**

MOTOR FUEL TAX 139,513; INTEREST 1,164; TOTAL 140,677

**WATER & SEWER FUND:**

WATER & SEWER SALES 1,379,646; WATER / SEWER PENALTIES 18,060; WATER & SEWER CONNECTION FEES 24,700; BULK WATER SALES 450; METER & MXU SALES 2,935; TURN ON/OFF WATER FEES 2,155; MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE 1,043; INTEREST 1,363; TOTAL 1,430,352

**DEBT SERVICE FUND;**

INTEREST 121; TRANSFERS IN - FROM GENERAL FUND 218,427; TOTAL 218,548

**GOV FUNDS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND;**

INTEREST 960; TRANSFERS IN - FROM GENERAL FUND 153,000; TOTAL 153,960

**PAYROLL: 0.01 TO 24,999.99**

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**PAYROLL: 25,000.00 TO 49,999.99**

BOYD, CARINA; CATALANI, YVONNE; HOWE, DAVID; JASTER, KATELYN; KASPER, JACOB

**PAYROLL: 50,000.00 TO 74,999.99**

DYKSTRA, DIANA; HILDEN, MITCHELL

**LIABILITY:**

GC SERVICES 4,639; LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH PLAN 168,706; ILLINOIS DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT SEC 6,469; IMRF 41,807; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE 89,615; NCPERS 1,392; STATE OF ILLINOIS 13,976; STATE OF WISCONSIN 4,985; I.U.O.E. LOCAL 150 4,104; MEMBERS ALLIANCE CREDIT UNION 546; TOTAL 336,240

**EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES:**

AMAZON.COM 5,441; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES 7,998; A.A. ANDERSON, INC 5,886; ABBY PEST ELIMINATION LLC 3,390; AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING CORP. 2,988; AQUAAZUL 6,337; ARNESON OIL COMPANY 3,481; B&F CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICE, INC. 61,090; BELVIDERE DISTRICT 100 11,418; BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET 5,494; BLAKE OIL COMPANY 5,899; BONNELL INDUSTRIES, INC. 52,880; BOONE COUNTY JOURNAL 3,165; BS&A SOFTWARE 6,310; CARGILL, INCORPORATED 46,336; CLARK BAIRD SMITH LLP 4,546; COMED 219,633; COMFORT SOLUTIONS HEATING & AIR 16,705; CONSERV FS INC 5,580; CONTRY HOMES OF ILLINOIS 6,000; CORE & MAIN LP 31,470; CUSTOM PLAYGROUND, INC. 7,050; DECKER 24HR TRUCK & TRAILER REPAIR 17,755; DURACLEAN CLEANING & RESTORATION 4,134; ED WINTERS TRUST 4,500; ENTRE COMPUTER SOLUTIONS 26,816; FRINK'S SEWER & DRAIN INC. 6,321; FRONTIER 9,024; G5 ENVIRONMENTAL LTD 3,758; GROWTH DIMENSIONS 5,300; HACH COMPANY 15,200; HAWKINS, INC. 19,023; HEARTLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY 847,973; ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MGMT TRUST 49,228; ILLINOIS EPA 22,500; IRONWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL INC. 23,750; LAKESIDE INTERNATIONAL, LLC 5,878; LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP 16,500; LINCOLN RENT-ALL & LAWN EQUIP SALES 2,512; LIONS CLUB 12,000; MCMAHON ASSOCIATES, INC. 61,685; MEDIACOM 7,320; MELROSE PYROTECHNICS, INC 5,000; MENARDS 8,081; MICHAEL CASSIDY 4,200; MUNICODE MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION 3,400; NAPA AUTO PARTS 4,751; NICOR GA S29,657; NORTH BOONE CUSD #200 6,959; NORWEST CONSTRUCTION, INC. 5,696; ODYSSEY TRANSPORTATION LLC 2,574; PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SRVS 4,333; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC. 3,965; POPLAR GROVE STATE BANK 9,201; QUILL 3,926; R & R ELECTRIC 3,913; ROCK ROAD COMPANIES 252,225; RUBBER SAFE PLAYGROUNDS 5,600; RUSH POWER SYSTEMS, LLC. 5,760; SABEL MECHANICAL LLC. 35,582; SCOTT'S RV, TRUCK & AUTO REPAIR 4,812; SIKICH LLP - ACCOUNTING SERVICES 31,483; SIMERL, ROBINETTE K. 12,916; SOSNOWSKI SZETO, LLP 121,545; SSR COMMERCIAL SNOW REMOVAL, LLC. 15,480; STENSTROM EXCAVATION & BLACKTOP 157,452; STRAW, ELIZABETH A. 12,916; TAYLOR DEVELOPMENT INC. 2,977; TELEDYNE INSTRUMENTS, INC. 2,532; TEMPLE DISPLAY LTD 3,987; TEST INC. 201,073; THREE HAMMER CONSTRUCTION INC. 12,700; TREE CARE ENTERPRISES, INC. 2,700; USA BLUE BOOK 9,319; VORTEX TECHNOLOGIES INC 3,983; WEX BANK - MARATHON FLEET CARD 13,297; WILLIAM CHARLES CONSTRUCTION, LLC 5,323; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00 107,313

**TOTAL: 2,796,904**

Subscribed and sworn to this 8th day of October, 2019

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ASSUMED NAME  
CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION  
State of Illinois County  
of Boone) ss This is to certify  
that the undersigned intend...  
to conduct and transact a Mini  
Storage Facility business in said  
County and State under the name  
of Poplar Grove Mini Storage at  
the following addresses 478 S.  
State Street, Poplar Grove IL,  
61065 and that the true and real  
full names of all persons owning,  
conducting or transacting such  
business, with the respective  
residence address of each, are as  
follows: NAME AND ADDRESS  
OF RESIDENCE: Jared & Amy  
Ruper, 9619 Brenda Dr., Roscoe  
IL, 61073 Signed: Jared & Amy  
Ruper 09/27/19

Subscribed and sworn (or  
affirmed) to before me, this 27rd  
day of September 2019.

Julie A. Stapler, County  
Clerk, by Giselle Lenover,  
Deputy

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introduced several bills  
in recent years to ban the  
use of red-light cameras.  
One of those passed  
the House in 2015 but  
died in the Senate.  
Another one, House  
Bill 323, introduced in  
January, is still pending  
in the House, and last  
week it picked up two  
new Democratic co-  
sponsors, Reps. Rita  
Mayfield, of Waukegan,  
and Sam Yingling, of  
Grayslake.

And on Monday,  
Rep. Grant Wehrli,  
R - Naperville,  
introduced a virtually  
identical bill, House Bill  
3909.

In a news release,  
Wehrli also claimed the  
devices are a source of  
political corruption.

"As the FBI's  
federal investigation  
into Senator Sandoval's  
shady dealings  
intensifies, it's time to

# Support Building for Ban on Red-Light Cameras

Critics say devices are a 'revenue grab' for cities  
and source of political corruption

by Peter Hancock  
Capitol News Illinois

Bipartisan support appears to be building in the  
Illinois General Assembly for a statewide ban on red-  
light cameras.

Those are devices that some municipalities install  
at intersections to detect drivers running through red  
lights or turning without coming to a full stop.

Critics of those devices, however, argue they  
serve only to generate revenue and are a potential  
source of political corruption.

"Studies have shown that it does not improve  
safety. In fact, that it increases rear-end collisions,"  
Rep. David McSweeney, R-Barrington Hills, said in  
an interview. "So this is really a revenue grab by  
local governments. And, as we've seen recently, this  
is obviously tied up, but likely with corruption."

McSweeney was referring to recent news reports  
indicating that one private company, SafeSpeed  
LLC, which supplies red-light cameras to several  
Chicago suburbs, is the focus of a federal probe that  
led to raids on the offices and home of state Sen.  
Martin Sandoval, chairman of the powerful Senate  
Transportation Committee.

In 2017, the Chicago Tribune reported that  
Sandoval had personally interceded, on SafeSpeed's

re-examine the use of red-light cameras in Illinois and  
consider the type of ban he has repeatedly blocked,"  
Wehrli said.

Sandoval, who has not been charged with any  
wrongdoing, did not respond to a request for comment.

McSweeney, meanwhile, said that even without  
the alleged corruption, he would still oppose the use  
of red-light cameras.

"My issue is that I think the red-light cameras, again,  
are designed for a specific purpose of raising revenue,"  
he said. "I believe that they're unreliable in a number  
of cases that have been shown. I don't believe they  
increase safety. In fact, actually, I believe they increase  
rear-end collisions based on the studies. But of course,  
if a policeman sees a person violating the law, that  
person should be ticketed, but it should be done like  
any other traffic violation, not through an automated  
system that is designed to produce revenue."

behalf, with Illinois  
Department  
of Transportation officials  
to get approval for a  
red-light camera in  
Oakbrook Terrace  
while accepting tens  
of thousands of dollars  
in campaign donations  
from the company.  
McSweeney has

**The Mildred and Melvin Banks  
Memorial Trail Dedication**  
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