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Braidwood City Council aims to fill empty seats on zoning board

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

With multiple property developments set to come before the city, Braidwood is urgently looking to fill out the vacant seats on the zoning board to move those projects ahead. On Tuesday, the City Council was expected to approve the appointment of Deborah Jackson to one of the vacant unexpired terms on the board. Officially listed by code as the Plan Commission, the board acts as

the zoning board of appeals and is colloquially referred to as the zoning board. The board is made up of seven members appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council, and each member serves for a period of five years. Jackson will fill the remainder of a term originally held by Joe Wood, who passed away in 2022. The board has one additional empty seat to fill, vacated when member Greg Boyer resigned earlier

this month. In order to hold a meeting, at least four members must be present for a quorum. A meeting scheduled earlier this month was canceled due to a no-show, Boyer's resignation, and one member out on a planned vacation, in addition to the vacant seat. City administrator Tony Altiery said that while there is only one vacant seat to be filled currently, one member of the board has repeatedly not shown up for meetings, and the city is in the process of removing that

member in order to fill their term. "We've had so few zoning meetings that five or six was sufficient [up until now] to have a quorum," Altiery said. "But, one seat is filled with a person who does not show up ever. So, that leaves five people. Then the day of the last meeting, [Boyer] resigned." But, with two public hearings on the horizon, the city needs to move ahead with appointing a full board. By city code, the members of the zoning board have several specific duties, including:

- Hear, review, and offer recommendations to the City Council on applications for variances, special use permits, planned unit developments, and site plan approvals or denials.
 - Conduct public hearings for zoning matters.
 - Review appeals, orders, decisions, or determinations made by the code official.
 - Conduct reviews of the Chapter 23 Zoning Code, including offering
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Much to be thankful for



Photo by Marney Simon

MAKING MEALS EASIER — Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition member Janie Votta helps prepare bundles of Thanksgiving sides during the coalition's meeting on Monday, Nov. 13. About 10 members of the organization spent time during their monthly meeting putting together side dishes, which will then be donated to residents in need to help round out their Thanksgiving meals this year. The coalition collected and put together traditional side dishes, fixings for pumpkin pie, and other desserts for distribution.

Tryner farm development plans to return to City Hall

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

A builder hoping to turn the Tryner Farm into a combined industrial and residential development will return to City Hall in December, seeking amendments to place small scale industrial buildings and townhomes along 78 acres of the farmland at 1121 N. Division St. Mike Guinta will bring an update of his original proposal to the zoning board for a public hearing on Monday, Dec. 4. The proposal is an amended version of the original concept plan brought to the board back in August, adapted after some heated public debate over those initial plans. "He wants to take four lots and make them I-2 [industri-

al], the middle lot is for the flood area and detention, and the Center Street side he would like to do townhomes," City Administrator Tony Altiery said of the new plans set to come to the board. "So, instead of apartments he wants to do townhomes, so it would be zoned multifamily but it would be for the townhome design, not just for whatever he wants." The new proposal calls for four lots of just under 13 acres each bordering Division Street, with those sites set to hold small industrial buildings with a height limit of 36-feet. Along Center Street, the proposal for housing has changed dramatically, calling for 20 8-unit townhome dwellings, for a total of 160

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Jewel gets its first neighbor

BY ERIC FISHER
PUBLISHER

The mild weather is providing D Construction with bonus days as earth-moving equipment continues to carve the site that will become the Diamond Marketplace Shopping Center. Two of the eight proposed lots are already earmarked as

the 40-acre site at Division Street and Will Road is being marketed by Mid-America Asset Management, Inc. Heroes West Sports Grill, with locations in Joliet and Lemont, is the latest tenant interested in a 1.33-acre lot located along Route 113 in Diamond. Four other lots fronting the busy highway are shown as still available.

To the south, with access off Will Road, will be a Jewel-Osco store occupying almost 64,000 sq. feet. To the south and east will be future development on parcels of 10 and 4.18 acres. The level of excitement inside the Diamond Village Hall is at a high as Mayor Terry Kernc watches the shopping center is finally taking shape

after being acquired in 2004 by TBS Development Services Group, Inc., for Albertsons, the parent company of Jewel. Initial site work including grading, construction of a retaining wall, multi-use paths and access points is taking place. Ingress and egress from the shopping center will be

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D'Orazio subdivision plans set for review

BY MARNEY SIMON
EDITOR

More than a year after the agreement was first penned, representatives from D'Orazio Ford and Arnie Bauer Chevrolet/GMC will be before the city of Braidwood this month with the next step for bringing the two dealerships to Braidwood's north side. The Braidwood Zoning Board will have a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 29 in order to hold a public hearing on the subdivision of the property along Division and EZ Streets. City leaders said the hearing for the property at 1140 N. Division will only

involve subdividing the property. "All they are doing is putting in property corners," Braidwood City Administrator Tony Altiery said. "It's already zoned industrial, there is no rezoning at all. All they are doing is putting in the corner posts for the properties and marking where the road is going to go. There are no changes or allowing for anything else, it's just putting pins and doing a final subdivision"

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