

COMMUNITY

Salt Lick prepares for a busy summer

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Salt Lick City Council members reviewed a host of upcoming programs in the town during last Tuesday evening’s regular June council meeting.

Council member Myke Copher gave an update on the city’s summer youth activities and festival planning. She said the Salt Lick Hometown Festival planning committee met the night before. She said there are currently 47 vendors who have applied to set up, and Elliott’s Pizza in Farmers is sponsoring a cornhole tournament this year. The Festival and Car Show are scheduled for Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Salt Lick. This is the fourth year of the festival.

Copher also talked about upcoming Friendship Fusion activities. They started June 9 with a tie-dying activity in the park and will continue every Monday at 11 a.m. also at the park, in the month of June. July activities will take place at 5:30 p.m. either at the park or civic center. She said they have worked with the school district to allow easy access to the Summer Feeding program.

For kids who can’t participate regularly, Friendship Fusion will be having an Art Showcase on July 10 from 3 to 6 p.m., and

kids can pick up art project packets to take part, with pick-up times to be announced on Facebook.

They will also be hosting a Little Vendor Village, on Saturday, June 14, at the Depot in Salt Lick, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will feature items made and sold by kids, including bird houses, walking sticks, jams and jellies, and fresh eggs. Copher said they have 17 kids participating.

Copher also said she will be applying for a grant from the Sisters of Notre Dame, with the deadline in the fall.

Mayor Bill Unchester said he had been contacted by Alice Hilton, Director of the Robert L. Brown Foundation in Sharpsburg, and she is also applying for a \$40,000 grant to promote music for kids in the county, and she asked for Salt Lick’s support.

Unchester also said the People’s Food Bank, located at the old Peoples Bank building on Main Street, has seen tremendous growth. The food bank has weekly food giveaways on Tuesdays and the first two Thursdays of the month, and Unchester said more people signed up this week. The food bank is operated by the Bluebank Church of God and volunteers.

Salt Lickin’ and Park Pickin’ is scheduled to start having regular music performances at the city park, beginning Saturday, June 14, from 6 to 8 p.m.



Photo by Cecil Lawson  
Salt Lick City Clerk Lainey Jones, Fire Chief L. W. Patton, and City Council members Myke Copher and Robbie Powell check out some of the donated art and craft supplies donated for an upcoming Art Showcase, scheduled for July 10, at the Salt Lick Civic Center.

Brock Donohew is scheduled to kick off this year’s performances, with different performers every other week through the summer.

Council members discussed standing water in part of the city park, following heavy rains the last couple of months. Troy Hogge suggested they have a contractor build a catch basin for the water and pump it to a nearby culvert to keep it drained.

They also discussed debris along culverts and drains along Caney Avenue, Reeves Lane, and at the trailer park on Sycamore Street. They agreed to have the same contract look at possibly cleaning up the debris.

Mayor Unchester said the city’s flood mitigation project continues to move

along. He said two local property owners have agreed to allow “green sink” basins to be constructed on their properties along Salt Lick Creek. However, support for cleaning debris out of the creek has waned, he said, after landowners discovered they would have to pay a contractor before being reimbursed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. He noted, however, that some contractors would wait for payment after property owners were invoiced for the work and

turned in those invoices.

Council members also noted the new air conditioning/heating split system installed at the Civic Center last week. Unchester said it was installed for less than \$5000 by David Hunt.

Unchester also told council members that he had been contacted by Morehead State University’s media, and the town would be featured in an upcoming story about its helicopter pad and its youth activities.

He also noted that a family is working on renovating several homes in the town and are planning on adding nine new “mini-homes.”

“I’m really proud of our little city,” he said. “Things are really coming up.”

Mayor Unchester reported that construction is expected to continue on the city’s helicopter pad this week, weather pending. He said that students from Frenchburg Job Corps are expected to come Thursday morning, along with WLEX Channel 18 to help showcase their work.

Unchester noted that the heli-pad has already been used once by a medical helicopter which was called in on May 23. Salt Lick Fire Chief L.W. Patton said the individual was a stroke patient, and the transport

may have saved the person’s life. Unchester said the helicopter pilot was very pleased with the pad, even uncompleted.

Council members reviewed the monthly financial reconciliation, with Mayor Unchester noting that the bank balance was down but the city would be receiving \$6000 from People’s Bank to assist with the helicopter pad construction and \$15,000 from the Bath County Fiscal Court in occupational tax sharing. Unchester said this is the most the city has received in occupational sharing from the county. Occupational tax is collected by the Fiscal Court, and 10 percent is shared with Salt Lick and Sharpsburg, and 10 percent is shared with Owingsville.

Council members also held a first reading of their FY 2025-26 city budget. Mayor Unchester said he is including a copy of the city’s profit/loss details from the previous Fiscal Year. He said the overall budget is down a few thousand dollars from previous year due to the end of pandemic funds from the federal government.

Menifee Court News

6/3/25  
Hon. William W. Roberts

Kristoffer Brown, other hearing, surety agrees to apply bond for amount owed waive \$25 bond filing fee.

Harrison Wayne Bush, motion hour, motion sustained, order entered.

Chester Lee Carty, entry on land to shoot/hunt/fish/trap w/o consent 1st off, \$100 fine plus cost due

12/9/25 at 9am, def not to be on subject property without consent, illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey, dismissed.

Christopher L Chidester, motion hour, motion sustained order entered.

Landen Scott Collins, speeding 17mph over limit, \$34 fine plus cost due 12/9/25 at 9am.

Tiffany J King, motion hour, motion granted, order enterd.

Wilburn Clay Rudd, motion hour, motion sustained, order entered.

Terry Wayne Sparks, motion hour, motion sustained, order entered.

Dewey E Tharpe, motion hour, motion sustained, order entered.

Johnathan Arla Thomas, cruelty to animals 2nd degree, pc 6/17/25 at 10am.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 – 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OWINGSVILLE, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CITY OF OWINGSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES §50.130 ESTABLISHING CITY WATER UTILITY RATES FOR CITY RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Owingsville presently has an ordinance establishing water utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owingsville is subject to a rate increase from its water supplier; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owingsville must now readjust its water customer rates, to compensate the City for its increased cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Owingsville, Kentucky, HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

§50.130 (A) & (B) of the Owingsville Code of Ordinances shall be amended.

All other provisions of Chapter 50 shall remain in full force and effect.

First reading of this Ordinance was held on the 12th day of May, 2025.

Melissa Berry  
City Clerk

Second reading of this Ordinance was held on the 9th day of June, 2025 and upon roll call of vote, was adopted by the Council of the City of Owingsville, Kentucky.

Melissa Berry  
City Clerk

I, Gary Hunt, Mayor of the City of Owingsville, Kentucky, hereby accept and approve the Ordinance and direct same to be published, this the 9th day of June, 2025.

Attest: Melissa Berry, City Clerk  
Gary Hunt, Mayor  
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