

“Livingston”

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curely enclosed and locked outdoor pen or shelter.

Penalties for these offenses, following a first warning, range from \$20 to \$200 and up for each offense.

The ordinance providing for the health, safety, welfare and protection of the environment of and for the residents and property owners regulates the outdoor parking, storage and repair of motor vehicles or new or used motor vehicle parts or junk therefrom within the city.

It assesses penalties of \$50 up to \$400 for violation of the ordinance.

The ordinance involving curfew hours for minors covers any person under the age or 18 and says it shall be unlawful for any minor to remain in any public assembly, building, place, street, highway, sidewalk, alleyway or premises within the city from midnight to 6 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays and from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. When school is not in session the curfew will begin at midnight Monday through Friday.

Exceptions to the curfew include when the minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, by an adult 21 or older authorized by the parent or legal guardian, a legitimate errand for the parent or legal guardian, employment or an emergency.

Following a warning for the first offense, the penalty for a repeat offense is \$500 and a three time offender can be charged in juvenile court as being beyond parental control.

Routine sidewalk maintenance and enforcement is the subject of the fourth ordinance adopted and establishes the public and private responsibilities for maintenance and repair of public sidewalks and landscaping located on public rights-of-way. The ordinance covers sidewalk improvements, construction, repair and replacement that must conform to approved city standards, maintenance by abutting property owners, the maintenance of landscaping

in public right-of-way and the duty to reconstruct or repair sidewalks if the need is caused by the neglect or abuse of the sidewalk by the property owner.

The nuisance code involves blighted or deteriorated property, including an unimproved lot or parcel of land within the city limits.

The city commissioners will serve as a review board to determine if any property qualifies for action under the nuisance code.

If a property is determined to be blighted or deteriorated and constitutes a nuisance the owner will be notified to eliminate the conditions in violation. Failure to do so by the property owner renders the property subject to condemnation by the city. There will be an appeal process available to the property owner but, if that fails, the charges for the city abating the nuisance shall be a lien on the premises and can result in foreclosure on the property which can then be sold for nonpayment.

The second reading of the ordinances will be held at a special meeting of the commission on Wednesday, May 22nd. A summary of the ordinances will appear in the *Signal* next week.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners were reminded that Gov. Steve Beshear will be in Livingston on June 4th and the purchase of the Foster Mullins’ building on Main Street at a cost of \$20,000 was discussed.

Mayor Jason Medley said that, after repairs and renovations, City Hall will be moved to the property but there will still be space for other activities.

“Cave”

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Owens said many articles on the Internet will talk about saltpetre being mined from the cave to be used in the Mexican War and the Civil War as well.

However, Owens said he has never seen any documentation to support this and believes that saltpetre was just mined from the cave for personal use only after the War of 1812.

Although the cave was not used during the Civil War to mine saltpetre,

Owens did say he found reports of it being used by locals to hide horses, food and other supplies inside the cave so the Confederate Army wouldn’t pillage their supplies as they were marching through the area toward Perryville and Richmond.

After the Civil War, the cave went into a period of seclusion until 1940 when Renfro Valley founder John Lair purchased the cave with the intention of promoting it into a major tourist attraction in Kentucky.

Lair broadcasted the “Renfro Valley Barn Dance” from an open area in the cave he called “Echo Auditorium” which he reportedly named due to the great natural acoustics it produced.

However in 1943, the cave would go back into seclusion as it did not attract enough tourists to keep it open commercially.

The cave remained under Lair’s ownership for years and it was used for ballroom dances, weddings, meeting rooms, etc.

Today, the cave is currently owned and managed by the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy. It’s only opened to the public a few days a year.

Artifacts from the Great Saltpetre Cave’s mining days are still visible inside and are being preserved by the group.

RKC encourages everyone to use the opportunity this weekend to experience this unique piece of history that played a major role in not only our county but our country as well.

For more information about the RKC, visit www.rkci.org. More information about the Great Saltpetre is available at www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp.

“Brodhead”

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were.

“That’s one of the main causes of the wear and tear on that street,” Bray said. “That street is not designed for tractor-trailers.”

Clerk Becky Bussell agreed and said that when the new Hwy 150 opened, the Kentucky Department of Transportation told them West Street should only be

used by local residents.

Councilman Larry Taylor agreed with Bray and Bussell. However, he believed the council should ask the trucking companies to use Main Street and Brodhead Road before trying to enforce DOT signs.

“If we put up DOT signs then we will have to request the local police agencies to enforce it,” Taylor said. “I think it would be more effective if we ask them first. If that doesn’t work, then we can look at other measures.”

The council agreed to request the trucking companies to turn off Hwy 150 onto South Main Street or Brodhead Road instead of West Street.

Mayor Walter Cash also provided the council with an update on their new park. Cash said contractor Kenny Dyehouse is on schedule to have the park’s shelter completed by June 15th.

The council also discussed other items about the park including installing two water spigots and lights. However, the council was in agreement that they shouldn’t start those

KBC hosting blood drive next Wednesday

The Kentucky Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Mt. Vernon next Wednesday.

Those wishing to donate in Rockcastle County can do so at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Every donor will receive a free \$10 Wal-Mart gift card and everyone who registers to give blood through September 13th is eligible to win a 2013 Toyota Prius.

To schedule a donation visit kybloodcenter.org or call 1-800-775-2522. Blood donors must have a photo ID, be seventeen-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and meet other additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip which can be found at www.kybloodcenter.org.

projects until the shelter is finished.

Councilman Ronnie Cash also suggested to open bids for a door and shelter on the old historic railroad pumphouse inside the park. The rest of the council also agreed to advertise for bids for a new roof and door on the pumphouse.

The City of Brodhead received a \$40,000 matching land grant from the Kentucky Land and Water Conservation last year to help build the shelter with picnic tables, restroom and pebble walking trails.

The city also recently received a \$40,000 grant, involving \$20,000 in in-kind participation by the city. The Rockcastle County Fiscal

Court recently approved a cash contribution of up to \$15,000. The county also pledged work release prisoners and county equipment usage for the park as well.

All work must be completed by June 30th in order to receive reimbursement from the grants.

The council also passed a Kentucky Department of Rural and Municipal Aid resolution and agreed to enter into a cooperative contract with the department.

The contract allocates state funding for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of city streets and bridges. Municipal road aid funding is based on population determined by the most recent census.



Green Pine Carver Lucas Pennington carved various carvings out of wood at the Founder’s Day Festival last weekend.

Volunteer Orientation Day at equestrian center

The Appalachian Foot-hills Therapeutic Equestrian Center announces a Volunteer Orientation Session in Madison County on Saturday, May 18th.

Please call 606-965-2158 or email aftec@prtcnet.org to reserve your spot at the training and to learn the time and location. Feel free to bring a friend.


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