JEAN BRIGGS REMEMBERED
Shelly Gregory speaks at the 2019 Warren County Relay For Life. Gregory was one of several cancer survivors who spoke in honor of Jean and Al Briggs, who provided support and encouragement for many cancer patients and their families. Jean Briggs passed away the week of the Relay.

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$50 fee for the inspections. Homeowners or landlords who allow a property to be occupied without the inspection could face a fine. Rental property owners also will be required to register all of their property with the city.

City staff and elected officials fielded questions and commented on the new rules during the town hall meeting. For example, Building Commissioner Mike Cross said the city would require a safety inspection for a home that already received a private inspection. He further explained that homes will not "fail" an inspection unless the city identifies a life safety issue.

Jim Hunter, who owns four rental properties in Warrenston, said he is angry about the new rules. He said landlords being charged a mandatory fee from the city will have to pass that cost to their tenants.

Hunter also said he dislikes the new registration requirement.

Other property owners said they have less of an issue with the inspections, and don't expect the city to find any issues with their properties.

Homeowner Emily Tipton said she came to the town hall because she wasn't sure if the mandate would require her to have her current home inspected. She said she understands why safety checks might be required for rental properties or older homes at risk of having problems. But Tipton said if she decides to move to a newer home anywhere, she is getting her own private inspection. She doesn't think it's necessary to have to pass that cost to the city for another, separate inspection.

A common concern was that the new rules would cause landlords to move out of the town to keep the cost of housing affordable. City officials said they believed the negative impact will be minimal, and that the inspections will ensure the safety and health of city residents.

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for a time. There was an orphanage. Children took trains from across the United States to live there.

"When people sit down to hear the stories about who we are and how we got here, they'll be amazed," Blondin said.

This won't be the first Fruhlingfest for a lot of longtime residents.

"In the early 1980s they makers... It didn't last very long, just a few years," she said.

Among those vendors based on a 1982 event brochure, were leathers, paintings, folk art, quill pens, gemstone jewelry, pottery and baked goods. They were set up on the sidewalk along stores on Main Street like Spicker Jewelry, Lohans Variety, Avis Hardware, Kathryn's, Gennie's Hobby Shop and others.

The pie eating contests this year start at 6 p.m. Space