LOCALSENE

Thursday, June 27
* Will Work meeting 200 W. Waller, Warrenton, 9 p.m.
* Wright City Board of Aldermen meeting 8:30 p.m., city hall
* Annex Club meeting 7 p.m., Handicap Guiding Club, 101 E. Broad
* Kiwanis and Grinnel Deerfield on Main 5:30 p.m.
* Warren County Farmers Market and Artisan, Deighner Park, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
* Warren County Commission, administration building, 6 p.m.
* Garden State Library Warren, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 29
* Found and Free, Cedar Lake Cellars, 9-10:30 p.m., Live music, 14 p.m.
* Warren County Foster Home Outpatient Program, 7 a.m.
* Story Time and Family Fun at the Library, Deighner Park, 12:30-2 p.m.
* Live music, N.C. Home and Garden Show 6-9 p.m.
* Live music, C.W. Carnes, 6-9 p.m.
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* Garden State Library Warren, 6 p.m.
* Live music, Michael Heffernan, 6-9 p.m.

Monday, July 1
* Marion County United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
* No Church Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Live music, 6:30 p.m.
* American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117 meeting, 107 E. Veterans Memorial, 6 p.m.
* Design & Wine Workshop, A Moment of Grace, 6 p.m.
* Warren Coliseum, 6 p.m.
* Warren County Library, Memorial Library, 6 p.m.
* Meeting of Friends, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 2
* Karen's Board of Aldermen meeting, 6 p.m.
* Marionville Area Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.
* Michelle Offsenses Sensory (TOPS), 5:30 p.m.
* Grace Bible Church, 2541-5 S. Highway 41, Warren
* Veterans Coffee, senior center, 9-10 a.m.
* Library Day for Preschoolers, Warren Library, 10 a.m.
* Girls Night Out, 6-9 p.m., Live music, 6-9 p.m.
* C.W. Carnes, 6-9 p.m.
* Warren County Farmers Market, Warren Library, 3-5 p.m.
* Warren County Library, administration building, 6 p.m.
* Garden State Library Warren, 6 p.m.

BUDGET

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are also increasing by five percent.

They city's daily operational costs include city administration, policing, city planning and building inspection, park and facility maintenance, and street maintenance, and operating the expanding sewage network, almost $1.2 million for street and sidewalk improvements, and around $865,000 directed to improving stormwater drainage around the city.

Alderman Miller said the city plans ahead for infrastructure work that will need to be done, addressing the projects that the budget allows each year. Other work is to prepare the city for future growth coming to the area.

Much of the $4 million funding for sewer infrastructure is for two main projects: Ongoing upgrade of sewer lines that was approved by voters with a 2014 bond issue, and expansion of the sewer network to the area around the city's new Interstate 70 interchange.

Miller said building infrastructure around the interchange will support growth that he predicts will come over the next few years.

Ward 2 Alderman Gary Auch said another large project to accommodate more people moving to Warren is a new well for which the city has budgeted $700,000.

Water pressure is a known issue south of town, where new housing has been developed, Auch explained, "Being able to put a well into that area is critical if we're going to continue to see growth in that area."

Another $859,000 is directed to stormwater drainage improvements at various parks and public buildings, and also includes $500,000 for engineering and right of way acquisition for sidewalk construction on North Highway 47. Another $207,000 is marked for engineering and construction of sidewalk improvements on Main Street.

Sidewalk improvements were identified by downtown business owners as a priority for downtown revitalization, Auch explained. Work to improve the accessibility and layout of the sidewalks has already been approved and is likely to begin later this summer.

One of the more visually noticeable projects in the Warren budget this year is a plan to convert the city's pavilion in the downtown area into a courtroom.

The city has $55,000 set aside for that project.

Aldermen said organizers of the farmers market that uses the pavilion do not plan to use that location next year. The pavilion will be altered to a court to better serve the changing needs of the municipal systems, and to get out of the proper building in the proper season. Auch explained.

Ward 4 Alderman Dyer also highlighted the budget that she said will have a significant impact on residents and businesses in the city.

The city borrowed $2 million in 2017 to build a new aquatic center and surrounding pool park. It will be almost $245,000 over a 20-year pay period.

About $23,000 has been loaned to town water and sewage improvements, which are ongoing and total $2 million total to date.

And another $2 million was borrowed to pay for construction of a second interchange in the city. About $600,000 of that is toward the official saying the city officials say they have an additional $500,000 of that, in the city.

Alderman Auth additional payments west interchange filling a commit- ment to pay off the project in its 20-year schedule.

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costs of materials for the addition are around $17,000 to $18,000.

The livestock pavilion was originally built in 1997 to house cattle, pigs and sheep near the cattle pens.