LOCAL SCENE

Please check with individual organizers to find out if your event has been canceled or postponed.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

• Farmers Market, Diekroeger Park, Wright City, 3:30-5 p.m.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly, FCPC Church, South Service Road, Warrenton, 5:15 p.m.
• Warrenton Regional Scenic Library Facebook page, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

• AT-AN, College United Methodist Church, Warrenton, 7 p.m.
• Wright City Lions Club, 675 Westwood Road, Wright City, 7-10 p.m.
• Warrenton Regional Scenic Library Facebook pages, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

• Virtual storytime for preschoolers, Warrenton Regional Scenic Library Facebook page, 10 a.m.
• Farmers Market, Fairgrounds, Warrenton, 3:30-6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly, First Baptist Church, 104 Hedeman, Wright City, 9 a.m.
• Alcoholic Anonymous Group 130 meeting, Fellowship Baptist Church, 8-9 p.m.

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City, The parade begins can't force people to wear masks, but we highly encourage it.

UNVEILS

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"Those are pretty wide parking spaces," Kalback commented. "There's enough asphalt out there to not only accommodate more parking, but also accommodate landscaping. There's at least 35 to 50 more parking spaces that can be provided on the downtown Main Street." Along with improving the appearance of Main Street, the proposed plans include small improvements for pedestrians. Sidewalks would be pushed out at every street corner with ADA ramps added to make pedestrian crossing easier.

Kalback also presented a suggestion for a small park space outside Warrenton City Hall at Main Street and South West Street.

Next steps

Stacey Blondin, president of the Warrenton Downtown Association, said she's excited to have the proposal for improving the area.

"I'm hopeful for what this town could look like down here, versus a lot of empty concrete," Blondin said. "The landscaping and adding more parking spaces are really important... Making it more inviting, alternating, bringing people down here." The next step in the process will be for Warrenton's aldermen and mayor to meet with the downtown association and discuss any changes to the proposed streetscape plans, said City Administrator Terri Thorn.

"From that point, the city can begin to plan for phases to accomplish the desired outcome. Most likely, there will be multiple phases necessary to accomplish this from a financial standpoint," Thorn said. "The (downtown association) did a great job in getting an initial proposal completed." Alderman Gary Miller commented that the city government is committed to making this project a reality.

"We are dedicated to revitalizing downtown. It is going to happen," Miller stated. "It's going to be in steps, but we've got to start somewhere."