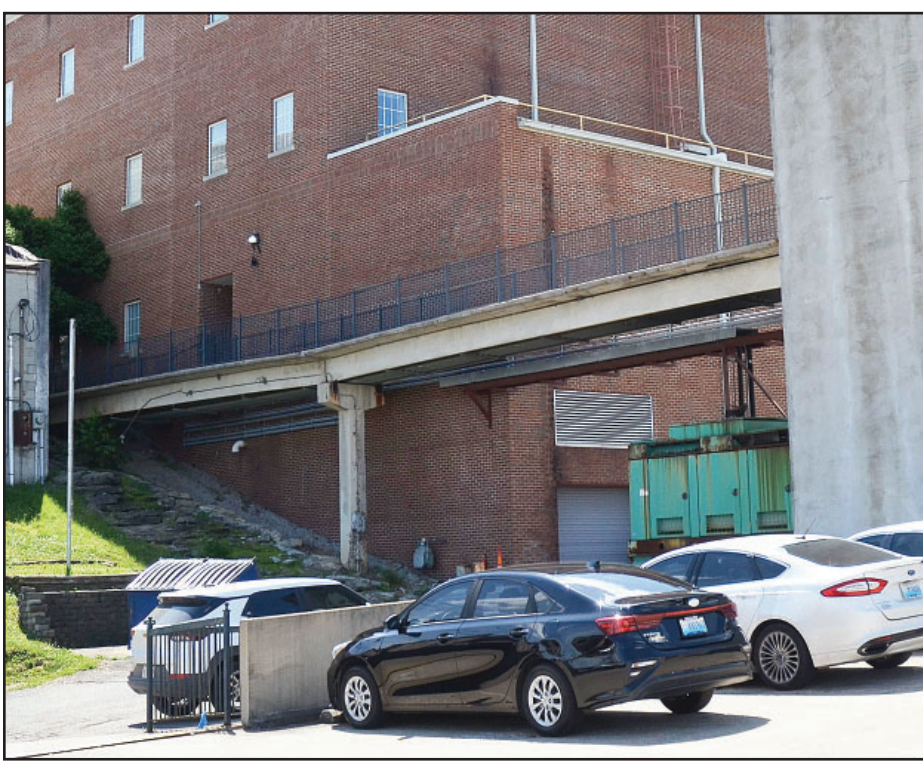


# Plans move forward for pedestrian bridge, Johnson farm projects

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## The Glasgow pedestrian bridge to be addressed.

GLASGOW — City officials are moving forward with several major projects, including replacing the now-closed downtown pedestrian bridge and developing the former Johnson family farm into a mixed-use recreational and residential space.

During a recent committee meeting, Glasgow Mayor Henry Royse said the city has secured an easement allowing a crane to access and remove the existing downtown footbridge. That removal will allow contractors to begin core drilling to determine the precise location of bedrock beneath the site.

“They want to come over here and remove that bridge so they can do specific core drilling and find the actual bedrock, so we don’t have to guess how far to go,” Royse said.

Royse said the process will take place in two phases — first removing the bridge and conducting the drilling, then bringing the crane back when construction of the new bridge begins.

Concrete piers will be built to reach bedrock, providing a stronger and more stable foundation for the replacement bridge.

Initial bids for the

bridge project came in significantly higher than the city’s original estimate of \$400,000. The lowest bid received was \$697,000 from Adams Contracting LLC. Officials said the drilling will provide a more accurate cost estimate before construction proceeds.

Committee members also affirmed plans to move ahead with development of the former 160-acre Johnson family farm property, which the city purchased in 2024 for about \$6 million.

An ad-hoc Johnson Farm Development Selection Committee meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday to discuss financial commitments, requests for proposals and possible incentives for developers before bids are advertised publicly.

Committee member

Terry Bunnell said the project will focus on the “three R’s” — recreation, residential and retail — to better serve the community.

Royse said the city owns the property outright and has secured a \$10 million state grant to assist with development.

Initial plans for the site include basketball courts, tennis courts and other recreational amenities for youth and residents. City officials also plan to market portions of the property for commercial development, with sale signs expected to be placed soon.

The property is located on Cleveland Avenue near Red Cross Elementary School.

City officials also provided updates on several other projects nearing completion.

A retaining wall replacement project along West Main Street could begin in July at an estimated cost of \$275,000, according to Treasurer Victoria Simmons.

The new Farmers Market facility near the U.S. Post Office on Main Street is expected to be completed by May 9 and will allow for year-round operation instead of seasonal use.

Construction at the American Legion pool is nearly complete, with a ribbon-cutting tentatively planned for the weekend of May 18.

Officials also expect a new landfill bridge to be completed within two weeks, which would help ease traffic congestion by creating additional access to the city landfill on Glen Garry Road.

# Cave City moves to establish first data center regulations

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CAVE CITY — Local planning officials have taken the first step toward establishing regulations for data processing centers within city limits after approving a proposed zoning amendment designed to address future development.

The Joint City-County Planning Commission voted Thursday to ap-

prove new language for Cave City’s zoning ordinance that would create specific requirements for data processing centers, commonly known as data centers. The proposal now moves to the Cave City City Council for final approval.

The proposed amendment was introduced after city officials raised concerns about the potential impact data centers can have on infrastructure, particularly electric usage, water

resources and nearby residential areas.

Planning Director Kevin Myatt told commissioners the city’s current zoning ordinance does not specifically regulate data centers, meaning they are currently permitted in commercial and industrial zones without special conditions.

Officials said the ordinance update is intended to establish clear guidelines before any future projects are proposed.

Among the new requirements, any data processing center would be required to generate at least 50 percent of the electricity needed to sustain operations at the site. The provision is aimed at limiting strain on the local power grid.

The proposed rules also require facilities to use self-contained cooling systems and restrict reliance on municipal water systems unless approved in coordination with the local water

provider to ensure service capacity remains available for current customers.

Any project that falls under the oversight of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting would also be required to submit a decommissioning plan as part of the development process.

Setback requirements are also included in the proposal. Data center buildings would be required to be at least 1,000 feet from any residential-zoned district and no closer than 200 feet from any property line.

City leaders said the regulations are designed to protect neighborhoods and public utilities while allowing Cave City to prepare for future industrial growth.

The Cave City City Council is expected to review the proposed ordinance at an upcoming meeting before any changes become official.

# In & Out

**MAMMOTH CAVE 50K/25K RACE**  
Mammoth Cave 50K/25K race scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026. More info. is available at visitparkcityky.com.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
Food Distribution will be held Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 am in the parking lot of the Cave Area Conference Center, 502 Mammoth Cave Street, Cave City. This is a free food distribution to the first 300 families, possibly more based on availability. No registration or proof of need required.

**VA ASSISTANCE**  
A representative will be at the Lera B Mitchell Clubhouse, 1214 South Green Street, Glasgow, every Tuesday, 8:00 am to 12 pm, to help Veterans file VA benefits and answer any questions you may have.

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### 2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM BOOKMARK CONTEST

This year’s theme, “Unearth a Story,” Children, tweens, teens, young adults, and adults are all encouraged to submit an original bookmark design inspired by the theme. One winner will be selected from each age group: 8 & under, 9–12, 13–18, 19–25, 26 & older. Winning designs will be printed and shared throughout the library, and each artist will be recognized at our 110th Birthday Bash on June 5. Entry forms are available at the Youth Services Desk or can be completed online. All submissions must be returned to the Youth Services Desk by May 29 at 4:00 PM.

### THURSDAY, MAY 7 Chair Yoga: Noon

Join us at the library for a relaxing chair yoga series led by instructor Beshka Moore. Space is limited, and the class fills up quickly—register at the library or online today!

### Gogh with the Flow: 4:30 PM

Create a one-of-a-kind keepsake at the library with easy kid-made glass magnets. Kids will design their own colorful magnets using glass gems. These handmade magnets make perfect, heartfelt gifts just in time for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. All supplies provided—just bring your creativity! Please register online. For ages 5-12.

### Red Ink Writers’ Circle: 6:00 PM

Meet together with other local writers for manuscript critique and for support. Prepare a five-minute section of a manuscript to read, then receive comments from group members with the aim of strengthening your writing. Please bring copies of your selected pages for group members. Open to adult authors of all genres.

### FRIDAY, MAY 8 Raising Readers: 10:00 AM

This story time program is perfect for children ages 3-5. Each week will highlight a different letter, accompanied by engaging stories, songs, and a related activity. Please register online.

### MONDAY, MAY 11 Homeschool Hangout: Noon – 1:00 PM

Homeschool Hangouts is a weekly homeschool enrichment program for students in grades 1–12. This month’s theme is American Dance Styles. Today we’ll have a special field trip to visit SOMA Center for Dance (665 Happy Valley Rd., Glasgow, KY 42141) to practice what we’ve learned and try out a dance from their upcoming performance of Princess & The Frog. \*Please wear athletic clothes, bring socks (no street shoes allowed on the dance floor), and a water bottle.

### VolunTEEN: 4:00 PM

Looking to earn service hours, build your resume, and make a difference in your community? Join VolunTEEN—our TEEN volunteer crew. Teens will gain hands-on experience by helping with library programs, organizing materials, prepping crafts, and keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes. It’s a great way to develop new skills, meet other teens, and give back in a fun, flexible environment. We’ll provide training and track your hours—just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to help! For teens ages 13-19 only. Online registration is required.

### TUESDAY, MAY 12 Toddler Tuesday: 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Toddler Tuesday is a 30-minute story time program designed for children ages 9 months to 2 years. Each week you can expect stories, songs, and free play. Please register online.

### Teen Movie Night: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish: 5:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled Teen Movie Night featuring Puss in Boots: The Last Wish! Get ready for action, adventure, and plenty of laughs as everyone’s favorite fearless feline sets off on an epic journey. Bring your friends and enjoy a cozy evening with a great movie and good company. For teens ages 13-19 only. Online registration is required. This movie was chosen by our Teen Advisory Council member Roe.

### WEDNESDAY, May 13 Craft & Chat: 10:00 AM

Participate in a craft the library will provide, or bring a project you are working on from home. The group will craft and enjoy each other’s company. This month’s craft is a Pizza Pan Magnet Board. Register at the library or online.

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