

WATER

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Those problems began as the city sought to repressurize the water lines and refill the tanks. A six inch line near the intersection of Covington Ave. and Westerfield Dr. burst, preventing the work from continuing. A number of smaller leaks also sprang up around town, keeping crews busy over the next few days.

Another factor that came into play, Glover said, was a one inch main on East Main St. The leak there was thought to be ground water from a mine vacancy under a hillside near the railroad tracks. That water flooded a walkway and the road in April.

“We could not stay ahead of usage and leaks to replenish the tanks,” Glover said.

The final piece of the puzzle fell into place when crews discovered a six inch main leak near McDonald’s. Once that repair was made, Glover said the pressure returned and the tanks began to fill.

As of Monday night, both tanks had reached more than 40 feet of water.

“We still have some leaks,” he added. “But we’re closing in on them. Our system is stable.”

Water samples were scheduled to be collected Wednesday, but even with results being fast tracked, it will take time to know whether the state will lift the boil advisory or point out additional issues.

Regardless of that outcome, Glover said the city plans to seek emergency funds to prevent this type of “catastrophic event” from occurring again. He said they hope to establish an interconnect with the Webster County Water District in the Green Grove area, as well as two with Nebo Water District along U.S. Hwy. 41-A and Rabbit Ridge Rd.

Glover said the new lines and agreements will allow Providence to buy water from those water districts to replenish its own supply.

Also in the plan is the installation of valves and meters that would allow the city to shut off supply to lines experiencing significant breaks.

In other business, the council approved the fiscal year 2025-26 budget from the Providence Tourism Commission.

The commission expects to bring in near-

ly \$200,000 through the tourism tax in fiscal year 2025-26. The uses of those funds were presented to the city council in the form of the proposed budget.

The group expects to draw \$193,000 over the next 12 months, and has set aside its various expenses for that period:

- Municipal grant and beautification — \$20,000;
- Food Bank and golf tournaments — \$2,000;
- Fall festival — \$27,000;
- Christmas in the Park and 12 Days of Christmas — \$15,000;
- Christmas parade — \$10,000;
- 4th of July festival — \$30,000;
- Fireworks — \$25,000;
- Kids free summer swim — \$2,000;
- Rosenwald/Memorial Day — \$5,000;
- Westerfield Park — \$10,000;
- Banners and upkeep — \$5,000;
- Beautification — \$20,000;
- Miscellaneous/buildings/projects/upkeep — \$15,000;
- Big Dog’s Gym Jamboree — \$5,000;
- Golf tournaments/golf course — \$2,000.

The budget was approved on June 3 by the commission.

OFFICIALS

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feels safe to do so,” he said.

The department stressed that black bears generally have a natural fear of people and dogs, and encounters that result in danger are extremely rare. However, the public is advised never to feed or approach a bear, as this can lead to negative and potentially dangerous outcomes.

Residents in areas

where bears have been spotted should take preventive measures, including:

Securing garbage in a garage or outbuilding
Avoiding leaving pet food outside

Cleaning and storing barbecue grills

Removing bird feeders in bear-active areas

“It is a violation of Kentucky law to feed bears or knowingly leave unsecured food available for them to consume,” the release stated.

Bears found outside their normal range are

expected to eventually return to the mountains, but officials say human behavior can significantly influence whether they continue to frequent populated areas.

Bear hunting in Kentucky is limited and regulated, with defined seasons and zones in eastern Kentucky to ensure the population remains sustainable and healthy.

For more information about black bears in Kentucky, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov or go to BearWise.org.

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