

Storm damages Princeton cemetery, uproots trees

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PRINCETON — On Friday, May 16, extensive storm and tornado damage could be seen in communities across multiple states, including Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri.

While no injuries were reported in Princeton, Kentucky, two severe storms struck the community, blowing a roof off of a downtown business and causing fallen trees that trapped two residents inside of their homes. The community's Cedar Hill Cemetery also sustained damage from uprooted and fallen trees, toppling some gravestones and covering others.

Monday, Princeton Public Works Director Chris Pool assured the community that the damage to the cemetery is not as bad as it looks. After assessing the property, Pool said he believes only three or four gravestones were destroyed. Many of the other gravestones are simply covered up by the limbs of the uprooted and split trees. Some community members have toured the cemetery in the aftermath of the storm, and they said they believed more than a dozen gravestones were damaged.

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the trees," Pool said. "There are some in the front section that have trees laying directly on them, but most in the back section do not appear to be too badly hurt. We will know more soon."

The city's public works department is working to get the cemetery cleared of debris, and the city is currently accepting bids for the cleanup. According to Pool, the overall process could take up to three weeks. Once a bidder is selected, the cleanup will take approximately three to four days.

"Once we get all of that in order and we find who is going to be the best fit, the cemetery will be cleaned up," Pool said.

Princeton Mayor Brock Thomas also addressed Cedar Hill Cemetery during Monday's Princeton City Council meeting. Thomas said he would like to move forward with discussions about removing trees that could damage the cemetery further in the future, which he characterized as an ongoing safety hazard. Thomas said Friday was not the first time such damage has occurred, though the damage wasn't as extensive in previous incidents. Moving forward, the city council plans to speed up the process of tree removal, if deemed necessary.



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Princeton Mayor Brock Thomas said he would like the city to consider removing trees at the cemetery that could cause further damage in the future.

KY auditor sues governor over kinship care law

BY SARAH LADD | KENTUCKY LANTERN

Kentucky Auditor Allison Ball has asked the Franklin Circuit Court to rule that the Beshear administration must implement an unfunded law passed in 2024 that aimed to give much-needed relief to kinship care families.

Ball, a Republican, filed a lawsuit Thursday after a year of back-and-forth between the Republican-controlled legislature and Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear's administration over Senate Bill 151.

The law — on paper but not yet in reality — allows relatives who take temporary custody of a child, when abuse or neglect is suspected, to later become eligible for foster care payments.

Ball's lawsuit names Beshear and Eric Friedlander, the outgoing secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

Ball's lawsuit, among other things, asks the court to declare that, "to abide by their con-



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stitutional duty to execute the law, Governor Beshear and CHFS must do what it takes to execute all of the General Assembly's laws using the funding they have."

Norma Hatfield, who is raising two grandchildren and is a longtime advocate for kinship care families in Kentucky, is

"thrilled" by Ball's lawsuit.

"I've been waiting for somebody to do something. It's just been extremely frustrating," Hatfield told the Lantern. "I am just thrilled that she's taken this on for these kinship families."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on behalf of the Kentucky Housing Corporation (the "Corporation") on June 2, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., via teleconference. Pursuant to Revenue Procedure 2022-20, the public hearing may be accessed by dialing the Toll-free Number +1 209-844-4600, pin 97978513#.

This hearing is for the purpose of considering the approval of the issuance in one or more series of tax-exempt revenue obligations, which may be issued in the form of bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$[49,050,000], pursuant to Chapter 198A of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. If the Bonds are approved, the proceeds will be loaned to one or more Kentucky limited liability companies as shown below (collectively, the "Borrowers") for the purpose of (a) financing the acquisition and rehabilitation of six (6) multifamily residential rental facilities containing an aggregate of 312 total units, located as described in the below chart (collectively, the "Project"), (b) funding reserves and (c) paying certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. The initial owner, operator or manager of each Project is expected to be the Borrower listed in the below chart.

THE BONDS SHALL NOT REPRESENT OR CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR PLEDGE OF FAITH AND CREDIT OR ANY TAXING POWER OF THE KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION, THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. THE BONDS ARE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM FUNDS PAID BY THE BORROWER AND SHALL BE SECURED BY COLLATERAL FURNISHED BY THE BORROWER.

Persons wishing to express their views regarding the Project and the issuance of the Bonds may appear at the hearing or may submit comments in writing. Written comments should be marked "RE: Western Kentucky Portfolio III" and should be submitted to the Corporation at 1231 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Attn: Winston E. Miller, Executive Director, and should be mailed in sufficient time to be received before the date of the hearing. Any person requiring reasonable, special accommodation to participate in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Winston E. Miller at (502) 564-7630 at least five business days prior to the meeting. This notice is given pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Kentucky Housing Corporation		
Borrower Name	Project Location	Bond Amount
1. Smiley Terrace, LLLP (56 units)	Approx. - 1295 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	\$8,800,000
2. Garrison Gardens, LLLP (120 units)	1221 Crewdson Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101	\$18,850,000
3. Canon Court LLC (40 units)	Approx. 13500 Nortonville Road, Dawson Springs, KY 42408	\$6,300,000
4. Harper Village LLC (32 units)	Approx. 445 Browning Street, Madisonville, KY 42431	\$5,000,000
5. Tracey Terrace LLC(56 units)	1525 Cuba Road, Mayfield, KY 42066	\$8,800,000
6. Lifeworks Annex of Bowling Green, LLLP (8 units)	1176 Adams Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101	\$1,300,000