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Donate Life Kentucky Has Remarkable Year

Donate Life Kentucky Trust was founded by Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks in 1992 to support the lifesaving mission of organ donation and support Kentucky families in need. 2025 is proudly marked as one of the strongest years in its history. More than

75,000 Kentuckians joined the state's organ, eye, and tissue Donor Registry, and more than \$1.7 million was raised to support donor families, transplant patients, and caregivers across Kentucky.

"When Kentuckians choose to register as a donor, or financially

contribute to the Trust, they're helping donor families and transplant patients from every corner of Kentucky," says Janet Cole, Webster Circuit Court Clerk.

With more than 1,000 Kentuckians currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant, each registration rep-

resents hope. The foresight of Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks in establishing Donate Life Kentucky Trust ensures that these decisions are supported by education, stewardship, and access to care for Kentucky families.

"The leadership of the Circuit Clerks continues to shape how we support donor families and transplant patients beyond the moment of registration. We provide financial assistance for lodging, travel, and basic life necessities to ensure families in every county of Kentucky receive access to lifechanging care," said Shelley Snyder, Executive Director of Donate Life Kentucky Trust.

Through its patient and family support programs, Donate Life Kentucky Trust provided direct support to more than 100 families with pre- and post-transplant assistance essentials such as gas and grocery cards, rent and utility assistance, and medication and co-pay support. Additionally, Donate Life Kentucky Trust helped donor families with funeral and memorial needs through their Donor Family Support Program.

Donate Life Kentucky Trust also provided more than \$20,000 in scholarships through the Circuit Clerk Trust Endowment Fund for students who wanted to creatively express their

donation and inspire others to register as donors. Scholarship applications for this year are due on April 6, 2026. Everyone can apply online – no minimum GPA or extracurriculars necessary: <https://www.donatelifeky.org/news/investing-in-the-next-generation-of-donate-life-advocates/>

In 2026, Donate Life Kentucky Trust will continue expanding education on organ donation, deepening community partnerships, honoring donors, and helping transplant patients and their families across the Commonwealth. To learn more about the nonprofit organization, visit www.donatelifeky.org.



AS SNOW BEGAN to fall around mid-morning Saturday, some Sebree businesses were busy helping residents prepare for several days of bitter cold and heavy snow. There were lines at several gas stations and drivers topped off their tanks, and Sebree Do It Best had a line of residents filling propane tanks for heaters. Other than those making preparations for the inclement weather, there were few people out on the streets in the area.



Sebree City Council Meets

The Sebree City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20 with Mayor Billy Smith presiding and council members Pam Jones, Jana Forker, Kordero Cooper, and Jim Williams present. Council members Kathy Edwards and Perry Culberson were absent. City Attorney Will Cox was also present.

Following approval of the minutes from the December meeting, Mayor Smith introduced Mary Meredith as the new city clerk and Jacob Joiner as the new water superintendent.

Ms. Forker asked that the city attorney prepare an ordinance changing the meeting times for council meetings from 5:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. That ordinance will be reviewed at the February meeting. A second reading of the ordinance will be held in March, and if passed, the ordinance would become effective at the

April meeting.

Council members also reviewed an annual report submitted by Sebree Fire Chief Don Edwards.

According to that report, members of the Sebree Volunteer Fire Department responded to 321 incidents in 2025. Of that number, 134 responses were for fire or rescue incidents. Nineteen of those responses were within the city limits, and 115 responses were in the county.

The department personnel made 187 responses for medical reasons. Eighty of those responses were within the city limits, and 107 responses were in the county.

No further business came before the council, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

The next regular meeting of Sebree City Council is scheduled Monday, February 16, 5:00 P.M.

Providence Council Hears Reports, Reviews Budget

The Providence City Council met just over an hour on January 20, with the council hearing department reports and reviewing budget issues and changes that may need to be made to the city's budget due to the purchase of a new trash truck and other needs the city has for equipment.

Following the call to order and the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the council heard department reports from Police Chief Ray Agent, Fire Chief Cameron Brown and Public Works employee Travis Turner.

Agent told the council that city officers responded to a total of 165 calls in December. Those responses included 82 complaints, seven citations, 35 special details, three arrests, two domestic disputes, three officer assists, eight training hours and other issues.

Turner noted that the public works department remain busy with a variety of projects including making water line repairs, working on street lights, insuring the city is following state and federal guidelines, installing street signs, repairing pot holes.

Turner noted that the new sanitation department truck will be in use soon; it is presently being update with city decals. Councilman Mark Turner asked that the city schedule the truck to be shut down once a week for routine maintenance.

In his report Turner also told the council that employees in his department are working on an inventory of tools on all city trucks and equipment and marking them as city property.

Fire Chief Brown noted that the first department made 30 fire runs in December and 66 EMS runs. Brown also provided the council with a handout of information regarding the purchase of a new ambulance. In his comments, Brown noted that the city's oldest ambulance, a 2014 model has 169,000 miles and needs frequent repairs. The 2020 ambulance is the newest ambulance the city possesses. According to Brown, if the city ordered an ambulance now, it would not be delivered until 2028. He noted that if the council is interested in having further discussions about an ambulance purchase he will have a representative from the company attend a council meeting. The cost of a new ambulance is set at about \$290,000. When the 2020 model ambulance was purchased, the city expended about \$150,000 for that unit. By ordering an ambulance now the city would have until 2028 to find the funding, Brown said. He also asked the council's permission to seek other quotes/bids for a new ambulance. It was the consensus of the council for Brown to continue to gather information and have a representative attend a council meeting.

In his report, Mayor Tom Glover told the council that the city has a piece of equipment that needs to be surplus due to there no longer being a need for it.

Glover also noted that the 2025 audit is to begin soon, cleaning the way for the city to move forward with seeking grant funding for local projects.

With the impending winter storm watch, Glover urged residents to check on their neighbors. He also announced that the community center will be used as a warming center if necessary.

Following the council's business session, they entered into a work session to discuss sanitation, utility billing and fire hydrants.

Glover noted that he wanted to hear input from the council regarding the purchase of new 96 gallon trash containers for customers. According to Glover the cost is \$58 per container for 200 bins but the city can save \$7.00 per container if they purchase 500. Residents will be required to use the large containers rather than multiple smaller ones because the new truck has an automated arm that picks up the container and dumps them into the truck. The bins remain the property of the city and are included in the cost of trash pickup. Should they need it, a resident can request a second container for an additional fee.

The Mayor estimates that the purchase of the new truck

will lower the city's tipping fees and expedite trash pickup in the community. By using standard containers, the city will also have less trash and debris left at the curbs. Residents will be asked to roll out their containers the night before pickup and will be asked to pull them back off the street by a certain time following pickup.

Glover also noted the city is having an issue with residents putting out items that cannot be picked up during regular trash pickup days. He said that often residents are putting out items that should be put out only during the spring and fall cleanup days.

As the city moves forward with the new sanitation truck, residents will be notified of a pickup schedule and will be notified when that schedule changes. At the present time the city is working on amendments to the city's sanitation ordinance and will continue that work over the next few weeks.

Tuesday night's meeting also included a discussion on when utility bill due dates and cut off dates. Presently bills are mailed on the first, considered late on the 20th and services cut off on the 25th. The council discussed a number of options that will help the city with their cash flow and when city bills must be paid. Once a firm decision has been made, the council will announce those date changes, but one possibility is mailing out bills on the

first; making bills due on the 15th and making the 20th the cutoff date.

The city will also begin working on insuring that utility bills are in the name of the user. At the present time, a number of bills are in a deceased person's name and have not been changed to the actual resident using city services. Work will continue on the city ordinance to erase that issued and clarify when bills are due and when services could be discontinued for non-payment.

Fire hydrants were also on the list of items to be discussed Tuesday night. According to Glover, "We need to get started" on making repairs to city hydrants. At this time Providence has 40 hydrants that need to be replaced or repaired. The cost for a replacement hydrant is about \$3800 per hydrant plus labor. The council is going to set up a monthly scheduled for hydrant repairs/replacement and hope to target two hydrants a month. The city will work with REVEAL, the company working on water line valve replacements to insure hydrant work includes shutoff valves and other repairs. Council members asked that city employees keep records of needed hydrant repairs and how those hydrants were damaged.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. with the next Providence Council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 2, at 6:00 p.m.