

# what's happening!

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## in CAMPBELL COUNTY, KY

### SD1 Keeps Things Flowing Through Continuous Improvement

Over the course of the last several years, Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) has transformed itself through the simple concept of continuous improvement.

When Adam Chaney became executive director in 2017, his goal was to leverage his business experience to build a culture of continuous improvement at SD1.

Chaney, SD1 staff and its Board of Directors quickly got to work identifying and prioritizing the areas of the organization that had the most room for improvement.

This work began with defining the scope of the stormwater utility and creating a prioritized plan for stormwater projects. They developed new cost-share programs to help local governments; removed about 1,500 properties from the stormwater service area; and last month reduced the stormwater fee for the second time in three years.

SD1 developed a long-term financial model that has brought predictability and transparency, allowing decisionmakers to see how variables such as account growth, water consumption and long-term debt affect SD1's financial position over time. The model highlighted the need for SD1 to take a different approach to its rate structure, leading to a base rate model that now ties what each customer pays to the actual cost of providing service.

While the cultural shift has borne numerous other improvements, the crown jewel of SD1's continuous improvement work is its Clean H2O40 sewer overflow mitigation program. Learn more about that on page 2.

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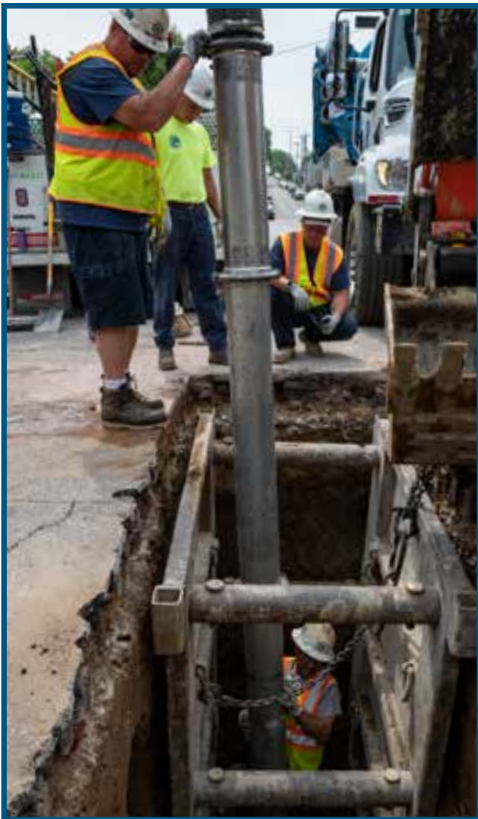


# SD1 is Making Our Community Better Through Continuous Improvement

Sewer overflows are not a new challenge in Northern Kentucky – SD1 has completed about 50 overflow elimination projects since 2005 – however, the District has taken a new approach to this critical work through its Clean H2O40 program.



A sewer overflow occurs when wastewater that is supposed to be contained within the region's sewer system escapes the



system. There are two types – sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and combined sewer overflows (CSOs). SSOs occur when stormwater finds its way into pipes that are designed to carry only wastewater, thus overwhelming the system. CSOs occur when pipes designed to carry both stormwater and wastewater are overwhelmed by wet weather.

“Sewer overflows are a threat to public health and quality of life,” SD1 Executive Director Adam Chaney says. “Our team works tirelessly to eliminate overflows because we care about our community.”

Clean H2O40 is a partnership between SD1 and state and federal regulators to address Northern Kentucky's overflows over the next 20 years, with an ultimate target of January 1, 2040. The program's strategy focuses on storing excess stormwater in equalization (EQ) tanks and other structures across the region and then gradually releasing it back into the sewer system, keeping it from becoming overwhelmed. This approach has lowered the projected cost of the program by hundreds of millions of dollars, allowing SD1 to do this important work to keep local waterways clean and healthy while keeping sanitary sewer rates affordable.

“SD1 always seeks to strike the proper balance between environmental



leadership and fiscal responsibility,” Chaney says. “Through continuous improvement efforts in all aspects of our work, we have been able to improve our service levels while keeping rates as low as possible. I’m proud to say that SD1’s rates are some of the lowest when compared to other regional sewer utilities.” The first phase of Clean H2O40 was successfully completed last month. SD1 had committed to eliminating 20 percent of the region's typical-year SSOs and capturing 67 percent of typical-year combined system flow by that date. Through this new strategy, SD1 was able to eliminate over 60 percent of typical-year SSOs and capture nearly 71% of typical-year combined system flow.

SD1 tripled its SSO goal through several important projects, including the Licking River Double Siphon – a pipe built beneath the Licking River that helped to eliminate about 42 million gallons of typical-year SSOs – and EQ tanks in Highland Heights and Silver Grove that eliminated another 22 million gallons. In all, SD1 eliminated about 69.7 million gallons of typical-year SSOs during Phase 1 of Clean H2O40 and expects to eliminate another 40 million gallons over the next 6 years.

On the CSO side, SD1 achieved significant overflow eliminations through an extensive river water intrusion program that keeps river water from getting into the sewer system. This eliminated about 223 million gallons of typical-year CSOs. In the next 6 years, SD1 plans to eliminate another 388 million gallons of typical-year CSOs, with projects planned across the region.

“We have shown through Phase 1 of Clean H2O40 that we take our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community seriously,” Chaney said. “SD1 will continue this important work through 2040 and beyond.”



# Campbell County Citizens' Academy Accepting Applications For 2023 Session

The Campbell County Citizens' Academy is a nine-week program designed to improve civic education and increase citizen engagement in the workings of county government. Through presentations on a variety of subjects given by local elected officials, county staff, and partnering agencies, participants will receive first-hand knowledge of how county tax dollars are put to work to fund basic services.

The 2023 Citizens' Academy session is scheduled to begin September 11 and will run for nine consecutive weeks from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at various locations in Campbell County, with a final graduation ceremony on Wednesday, November 15.

The Campbell County Citizens' Academy is free and available to all Campbell County residents or business owners. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Applications are available online at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) and are due no later than August 25. For information email [AdminDept@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:AdminDept@campbellcountyky.gov) or call 859-292-3838.

## WEEK 1: SEPTEMBER 11 COUNTY GOVERNMENT & BUDGET OVERVIEW

Learn the core functions of county government and how elected officials work both independently and collaboratively to make policy decisions. The County Finance Director/Treasurer will describe the county budgeting process and the financial transparency platform, OpenGov.

## WEEK 2: SEPTEMBER 18 PUBLIC SAFETY I

Learn about the Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch Center (911 operations) and the Office of Emergency Management.

## WEEK 3: SEPTEMBER 25 PUBLIC SAFETY II

Learn about the Campbell County Detention Center including a tour of the facilities.

## WEEK 4: OCTOBER 2 PUBLIC SAFETY III

Learn about the judicial system from the Campbell County Police Department, County Attorney's Office, and the Campbell County Commonwealth Attorney's Office.



Scan QR code to Submit an Application Online

## WEEK 5: OCTOBER 9 INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING FOR GROWTH I

Learn why planning and zoning regulations are critical to community growth and safety. Participants will understand how the county prioritizes road, bridge, and slip repairs, snow plowing, and overall maintenance of county and state-maintained roads.

## WEEK 6: OCTOBER 16 INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING FOR GROWTH II

Learn about public utilities as they relate to community growth from our partners at Sanitation District 1, NKY Water District, and Duke Energy.

## WEEK 7: OCTOBER 23 QUALITY OF LIFE & AMENITIES I

Learn about public amenities offered by the Campbell County Public Library, NKY Health Department, County Extension Office, and Conservation District.

## WEEK 8: OCTOBER 30 QUALITY OF LIFE & AMENITIES II

Learn about the public amenities offered by Campbell County Parks & Golf, the Senior Center, Animal Shelter, Human Services, and Solid Waste/Recycling.

## WEEK 9: NOVEMBER 6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Learn about Campbell County's economic growth and community development. This session will include topics ranging from business attraction and retention, tourism, and how regional partners collaborate on these initiatives.

## GRADUATION: NOVEMBER 15

at the Campbell County Administration Building in Newport. Graduates will be recognized by members of the Fiscal Court and are invited to attend the Fiscal Court meeting afterwards.

# Campbell County Police Department

The Campbell County Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of several new employees since the last edition of What's Happening.



Aaron Beighle, Police SRO

Since the first of the year, we have hired two School Resource Officers (SRO), one Police Social Worker (PSW), and two police recruits.



Douglas Bryant, Police SRO

Aaron Beighle and Douglas Bryant both began serving as SRO's in the 2022-2023 school year. Laura Wilson came aboard as our new PSW and quickly settled into her new role.



Laura Wilson, Police Social Worker

The two new police recruits Paul Wagner (academy April - August) and Christopher Mullins (academy June - November) will follow on after their academy with field training, which includes riding with a Field Training Officer for twelve weeks before advancing to solo patrol.



Paul Wagner, Police Recruit



Christopher Mullins, Police Recruit

## STAY INFORMED WITH THE CAMPBELL COUNTY E-NEWSLETTER

Do you want to know What's Happening in between deliveries of the "What's Happening in Campbell County Kentucky"? Sign up for the Campbell County E-Newsletter by scanning the QR code above or click the "Contact Us" button on the home page at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) to register your email address.





## AJ Jolly Park

Campbell County continuously strives to enhance the patron experience at AJ Jolly Park. Many improvements are a direct result of the feedback received from the annual park patron survey. 2022 was a noteworthy year for updates and developments. The Campbell County Fiscal Court authorized and completed several projects to support ongoing improvements at the park.

### What's New at AJ Jolly

- Campground Road newly paved
- New boat ramp which extends into the water, eliminating the steep drop-off
- Free Public WI-FI access at AJ Jolly Park, AJ Jolly Golf Course, and Penderly Park
- Two additional yurts added to complete AJ Jolly's Yurt Village
- Tent pads were added at seven existing sites, creating a level area for tent placement
- Six camp sites added to the current camping options
- Hammock-friendly hardware (i.e. post/hangers) installed in four designated campsites and additional sites that have appropriate natural features, such as hammock-friendly trees, are now identified as a hammock-friendly sites
- Two additional shelters are available to rent, giving the park a total of fifteen rentable shelters.
- Fencing to be added around the ADA Accessible and Inclusive Playground



## AJ Jolly Golf Course 2023 Off-Season Rates



AJ Jolly Golf Course has added 2 permanent restrooms on the course at holes 6 and 16 for the 2023 season. Each facility features two lockable restrooms, water and ice machines, soft drink machines, and an AED device accessible.

Please call AJ Jolly Golf Course at 859-635-2106 or visit [www.ajjolly.com](http://www.ajjolly.com) for special promotions, book your tee time, and experience our nationally ranked staff friendliness for yourself.

Off-Season Rates	2023 Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$16.00
9 Holes Riding	\$27.00
18 Holes Walking	\$33.00
18 Holes Riding	\$47.00
9 Holes Senior Walking	\$13.00
9 Holes Senior Riding	\$25.00
18 Holes Senior Walking	\$25.00
18 Holes Senior Riding	\$32.00

*All prices include applicable taxes. Juniors (Under Age 18) play free with paying adult any day of week*

*Off-season dates subject to Golf Professional's discretion*

## The 56th Annual Senior Citizens' Picnic

"Fall Fun at Penderly Park" will take place on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (gates open at 10:30AM) at Penderly Park in Melbourne. There will be live music, bingo, chair volleyball, corn hole, door prizes, and a chicken dinner. Presale tickets cost \$10 or you can pay \$15 at the gate on the day of the event.

Presale tickets are available Monday through Friday from 9AM to 3PM at the following locations until September 26th:

**Campbell County Senior Center:**  
3504 Alexandria Pike,  
Highland Heights

**Campbell County Admin. Building:**  
1098 Monmouth Street, Newport

Door prize donations are gratefully accepted from area businesses and may be dropped off at the Campbell County Senior Center Monday through Friday during normal business hours. If you have questions about purchasing tickets or donating a door prize, please call the Senior Center at (859) 572-4300.

# 2023 Campbell County Parks Calendar of Events

All events take place at AJ Jolly Park unless noted otherwise.

Visit [www.ajjollypark.com](http://www.ajjollypark.com) for details.

Date	Event
August 19	Festival on the Lake 4:00 - 10:30 PM
August 27	FOP 10 "Park & Rides for Heroes 2023" 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
September 9	Dragon Boat Festival 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
September 23	Jolly Music Night Ft. Kait & The California Kings 6:00 - 9:00 PM
September 23	NKY Horse Network Annual Ride
September 27	Senior Citizens' Picnic at Pendery Park 11:00 AM - 3:00PM
October 28	Halloween Spooktacular 12:00 - 2:00 PM
October 28	Last Night of 2023 Camping Season
December 1	Winter-Access Begins at all Campbell County Parks

## Animal Services

**Have you noticed the construction?  
Please excuse our mess!**

Our new building addition will replace the existing outdoor kennels on the parking lot side of the building with an enclosed space. The Animal Shelter was designed to house stray dogs for 5 days and then, if not claimed by their owners, euthanized. The health and mental well-being of animals was not considered as animals weren't intended to stay for more than a few days. Our mission changed in 2016, to one focused on lifesaving. This new building addition will help us to eliminate some of the stresses that animals feel from living in an animal shelter environment while they wait for adoption.

The current layout of our building houses cats in the lobby which is busy with customer traffic, ringing phones and dogs coming through during intake, meet and greets and adoptions. Most cats do not handle noise and commotion well and, when stressed, tend to get sick. The building currently does not have an isolation/hospital area to quarantine sick cats away from others or to house cats that need extra recovery time from surgeries. The building also does not have an indoor area for meet and greets with dogs other than the main lobby which makes meet and greets difficult during inclement weather.

Our newly constructed addition will help to correct the flow of the building to reduce stress, contain illness and create a better experience for adopters. It will include an isolation



hospital area for cats, a designated area for housing cats away from dog traffic, and private meet and greet rooms for adoption consultations. The addition will allow staff to reorganize the existing lobby for more efficient office space. We'll also be getting a new roof and more efficient ventilation.

We've heard some concerns about removing those outdoor dog pens but we want to assure you, our dogs are exercised in playgroups, indoor enrichment with the staff, and walked by volunteers which is so much better for their mental well-being than putting them outside, alone for the day. If you're interested in volunteering to walk our dogs or play with our cats, we'd be excited to have you!

For more information about Campbell County Animal Services, microchipping, dog licensing, TNR trapping, animal adoption, or volunteering, please visit [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) or call 859-635-2819.



## Occupational License Department News

The Occupational License Department in Campbell County is responsible for collecting the Local Business Tax and Payroll Withholding Tax for Campbell County and the partnering cities of Alexandria, Cold Spring, Ft Thomas, Highland Heights, Melbourne, Southgate, Wilder and Woodlawn.

### Online Filing & Payment

We have joined with Software Developer GovOS to develop a new software that will allow for taxpayers to register for a license online, file business tax returns and quarterly payroll tax returns online and also make payments via ACH or credit card. We hope to have these options available in early 2024 and notification letters will be mailed out to currently registered businesses just prior to launching.



# Campbell County Fall 2023 Cleanup Event

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 &  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
MULTIPLE LOCATIONS**

The Campbell County Cleanup Event is an opportunity to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items for free. This two-day event is available for Campbell County residents only. Businesses (including junk/construction removal contractors and haulers) and automotive businesses are prohibited. Participants are required to unload their own vehicle. Limited assistance is available.

A valid Campbell County ID is required at check-in. Be sure to check [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) for any updates prior to the event. Contact the Solid Waste Coordinator with any questions at 859-547-1866 or

[SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov).

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Paint, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Junk Vehicles, Concrete/Rocks, or Fill Dirt

Location	Address	Accepted Items
Campbell County Police Department	8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	*Furniture *Mattresses Trash & Debris Yard Waste
Frederick's Landing	KY 9-AA Hwy, Wilder	
Pendery Park	4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne	
Campbell County Transportation Center (Road Department)	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Appliances (Freon OK) Batteries Electronics (Limit 1 TV) *Furniture & Mattresses* Propane Tanks Scrap Metal** Tires (Limit 8 Tires; Rims OK) Trash & Debris Yard Waste

*\*Furniture/Mattresses do NOT have to be plastic-wrapped.*

*\*\*Scrap metal must be empty of fluids (oil/gas).*

*Whole boats/vehicles not accepted.*

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

November 4, 2023 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

City you live in: \_\_\_\_\_

County you live in:  Boone  Campbell  Kenton

Place a check in the box next to the type of waste you will be recycling (select all that apply).

- Batteries**  
(auto, rechargeable, single-use, etc.)
- Bulbs**  
(fluorescent tubes, etc.)
- Cylinders/Tanks**  
(propane tank, fire extinguisher, helium, acetylene, and oxygen cylinders)
- Electronics**  
(computers, DVD players, TVs, etc.; limit of 2 TVs per vehicle)
- Hazardous Materials**  
(flammables, combustibles, corrosives, fuel, kerosene, aerosol cans, pesticides, etc.)
- Oil/Antifreeze**  
(all types)
- Paint**  
(all types; limit of 10 cans per vehicle)
- Toner/Ink Cartridges**

Please bring this completed form with you to the recycling event.

Thomas More Stadium, 7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY 41042

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



**DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
TIME: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**LOCATION: THOMAS MORE STADIUM (HOME OF THE FLORENCE Y'ALLS)  
ADDRESS: 7950 FREEDOM WAY, FLORENCE, KY 41042**

The NKY Solid Waste Management Area is hosting the Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event. The FREE HHW Collection Event is for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton County residents only. This popular event attracts over 2,500 participants every year, so please expect a wait. Contact the Solid Waste Coordinator at 859-547-1866 or [SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov) for more information.

## Public Drop-Off Recycling Bins

Drop off your recyclables at one of our six convenient locations! For acceptable items and a list of locations, scan below with your smart phone camera.





## Waste Tire Collection Event



**AUGUST 10 & 11: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**AUGUST 12: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**CAMPBELL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CENTER (ROAD DEPARTMENT)**  
**ADDRESS: 1175 RACETRACK ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, KY 41001**

Campbell County Solid Waste is partnering with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management to host a FREE three-day Waste Tire Collection Event August 10, 11, and 12. Any Kentucky resident is eligible to participate in this state-sponsored program. Commercial haulers, contractors, businesses, scrap yards, recycling centers, and tire retailers are prohibited from participating by state regulations. Can't make it August 10 - 12? That's okay - additional Northern Kentucky (e.g. Boone, Kenton, Pendleton Counties) dates can be found at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov).

**Accepted Tires:** Truck/Light, Truck, Passenger, Farm Implement, ATV, Tractor, Lawn, Bicycle, Motorcycle, Golf Cart (Rims OK)

**Prohibited Items:** Foam-Filled, Calcium-Filled, Over-The-Road, Solid Tires with/without Press-On Rim, Tires with Bead Greater Than 1.75", Tracks, or Sheet Rubber

## Appliance/Scrap Metal Recycling

Campbell County residents can recycle appliances (Freon OK) and scrap metal year-round at the Campbell County Road Department (1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria 41001). Participants are required to unload their own vehicle.

## Trash for Cash Program

Trash for Cash is a fundraising opportunity for non-profit organizations to pick up roadside litter in Campbell County April 1 - October 31 each year. Groups can perform a roadside litter cleanup of up to 10 miles (includes both sides of the road) with a reimbursement rate of \$100/mile. Apply at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov).



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycle your live, undecorated Christmas trees at Pendery Park beginning December 26! Visit [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) for more details.



## Holiday Lights Recycling

Recycle your broken, unwanted holiday lights at several locations throughout Campbell County December 1 - February 1 each year. Visit [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) for more details.



## CAMPBELL COUNTY PHONE DIRECTORY

### FISCAL COURT OFFICES

County Judge/Executive	547-1803
County Commissioners	547-1803
AJ Jolly Golf Course	635-2106
AJ Jolly Park Ranger Station	635-4423
Animal Services	635-2819
Building Inspections	292-3880
Economic Development	547-1806
Emergency Management	635-1111
Housing	261-5200
Human Resources	547-1872
Human Services	547-1873
Information Technology	547-1883
Occupational Tax Office	292-3884
Parks and Recreation	547-3680
Planning and Zoning	292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency)	292-3622
Police (Administration)	547-3100
Senior Center	572-4300
Solid Waste	547-1866
Transportation/Roads	635-9100

### COUNTY OFFICES

Circuit Court	292-6314
Commonwealth's Attorney	292-6490
County Attorney	491-7700
County Attorney, Child Support	431-0522
County Attorney, Criminal	581-8015
County Clerk, Alexandria	635-2151
County Clerk, Newport	292-3845
County Clerk, Auto Registration	292-3850
County Clerk, Real Estate Title and Tax	292-3845
County Clerk, Voting, Marriage Licenses	292-3885
County Coroner	441-8800
County Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	292-3622
County Jailer	431-4611
County Sheriff	292-3833
Detention Center	431-4611
District Court	292-6305
KYTC Driver Licensing	502-564-1257
Master Commissioner	441-2700
Property Valuation Administrator	292-3871

## Campbell County Comprehensive Plan Update

The Campbell County & Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission is kicking off an update to the Comprehensive Plan. This Plan Update seeks to navigate growth in a fiscally responsible manner that meets the visions, goals, and objectives of the citizens of Unincorporated Campbell County and the Cities of Crestview, Silver Grove, Southgate, Melbourne, and Woodlawn.

Designed to address the land use related needs of these communities through 2050, the Comprehensive Plan Update will serve as the basic policy framework to manage the future development and preservation of significant resources.

While it is impossible to anticipate all possible future development scenarios, the Comprehensive Plan is an

integral tool in guiding future development in the County. This Plan will provide residents, property owners, planning commissions, city councils and the Fiscal Court guidance in decision-making and establishes a basis for evaluating development proposals that will ensure a healthy, safe and prosperous environment for residents, businesses and visitors.

Whether it is the development or preservation of open space, or the redevelopment and revival of existing properties, what a community will look like many years from now depends on decisions made today. The Comprehensive Plan is an expression of the community's vision



for the future and a strategic map to reach that vision. Resident input will be sought over the next eighteen months to develop this plan. More details can be found at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov).

## OEM Trainings

Campbell County Office of Emergency Management offers FREE training opportunities, as well as Train-the-Trainer options for various courses. Topics range from Surviving an Active Threat, All-Hazards Preparedness, Planning for Debris Management, Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for First Responders and Volunteers, or Event Security Planning for Public Safety Professionals. Many courses are classroom-based designed to provide skills related to a specific topic. Each training opportunity is described (including intended audience, signup information, and course objectives) on the OEM Training Calendar, available at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov). Scan the QR code below to view a complete list of remaining 2023 and upcoming 2024 trainings.

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## Campbell County Fiscal Court



*Commissioner Brian Painter  
Commissioner Geoff Besecker*

*Judge/Executive Steve Pendery  
Commissioner Tom Lampe*

*Regular meetings of the Fiscal Court are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Visit [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) for information about meeting times and locations.*

**CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**  
1098 MONMOUTH STREET # 301,  
NEWPORT, KY 41071  
PHONE: 859.547.1803  
TTD/TTY- 800.545.1833, EXT. 947







## Need for 988

Too many people are experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need, and sadly, the pandemic only made a bad situation worse when it comes to mental health and wellness in America.

There are urgent realities driving the need for crisis service transformation across our country.

In 2020, the U.S. had one death by suicide about every 11 minutes. In 2021:

- *For people aged 10–14 and 25–34 years, suicide was the second-leading cause of death*
- *Suicide rates increased significantly among non-Hispanic Black & American Indian and Alaska Native people*
- *More than 105,000 people died from drug overdoses*
- *Nearly 900,000 youth aged 12-17 and 1.7 million adults attempted suicide*

Yet, there is hope. The 988 Life-line helps thousands of struggling people overcome suicidal crisis or mental-health related distress every day.

## About 988

People can call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

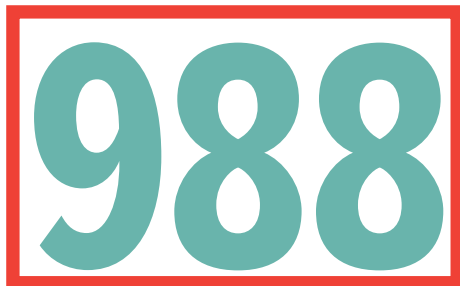
988 serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live in

the United States, you can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help.

988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could be:

- *Thoughts of suicide*
- *Mental health or substance use crisis, or*
- *Any other kind of emotion distress*

Source: [www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988](http://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988)



*988 Offers 24/7 Access To Trained Crisis Counselors Who Can Help People Experiencing Mental Health-Related Distress.*

For information on how you can get involved with CCDFA, please contact us at (859) 391-0977, [campbellcountydfa@gmail.com](mailto:campbellcountydfa@gmail.com), visit our website at [ccdugfreealliance.org](http://ccdugfreealliance.org), or 'like' us on social media.

The CCDFA meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Wilder City Building (520 Licking Pike Wilder, KY 41071) from 9:00AM-10:30AM

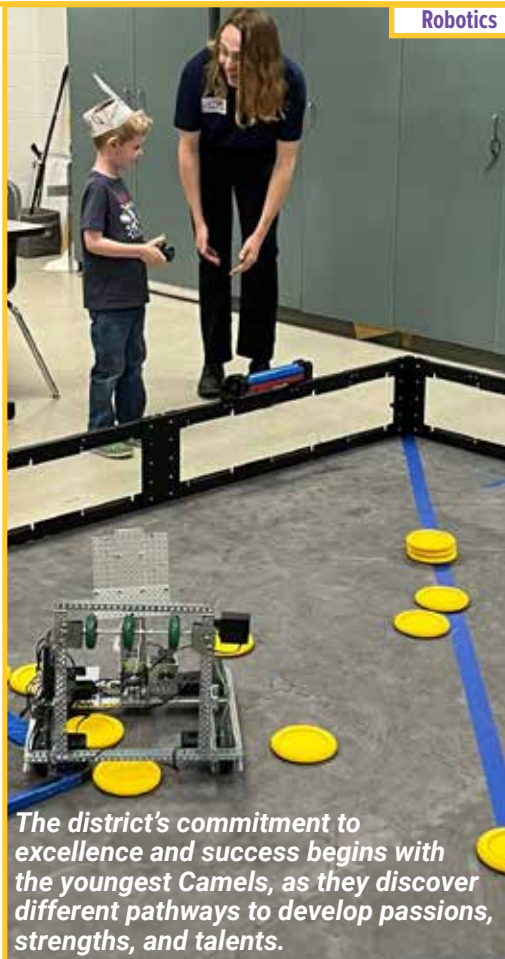


# The Campbell County School District Is Committed To Excellence, World Class Learning Opportunities, And Innovative Pathways And Spaces

CCS multiplies opportunities by earning additional grant funding. This will continue the daily work of fulfilling the mission of ensuring students are successful in whatever path they follow in college, career, and life.

The district's priority work leads to world-class readiness. All students journeying through CCS have the privilege of:

- **38 Different Industry Certifications**
- **21 Career Pathway Destinations (College & Trade Prep)**
- **22 Advanced Placement (AP) Course Offerings**
- **College Credit (Dual Credit) in Partnership with NKU, Gateway, Murray State, and Thomas More available at CCHS and College Campuses**
- **Individual Student Career Interest Inventories, Assessments, and Explorations**
- **Elementary Career Camps**



Robotics

*The district's commitment to excellence and success begins with the youngest Camels, as they discover different pathways to develop passions, strengths, and talents.*



Vocational Trades

## Mapping A Future At Ccs Leads To An Array Of Possible Destinations



Learning environments, and arts and athletic spaces have been prioritized to offer the highest quality for the students and community of Campbell County Schools. Classrooms are receiving a technology refresh, CCMS is undergoing infrastructure upgrades, and enhanced arts and athletic equipment throughout the district will elevate student performance. PK-12 student engagement is flourishing in these settings with extensive offerings of clubs, career camps, rigorous reading and math instruction, and advanced technical and trade experiences.

Dr. Wilson shared her enthusiasm with the work taking place throughout the district, "Intentional planning and action has provided experiences, training, collaboration, and exploration that develops our students for success. It brings great joy to be part of our students' journey and offer opportunities that excite and engage from preschool through graduation."

### CAMPBELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Joshua Perkins







## Kentucky's Poet Laureate Kicks Off Signature Series

Silas House, a *New York Times* best-selling author, will kick off the fall lineup of the library's Signature Series.



Register to hear House speak at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch on Friday, Sept. 15 at 7 pm.

Can't make it in the evening? Join the library at 2 pm for an afternoon sneak peek of the program.

Among many other accolades, House was inducted as the Poet of Laureate of Kentucky earlier this year. In 2022, House received the Duggins Prize, the largest award in America for LGBTQ writers. The same year, he was named Appalachian of the Year.

His most recent book, *Lark Ascending*, is set in the near future as a young man, Lark, attempts to flee the United States as fires spread across the country.

Signature Series continues in November with a concert from the Wilson Banjo Co. Bluegrass Band on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm at the Newport Branch.



CC-PL welcomed the Westside Express

## Drop Your Drawers

Keep an eye out for back-to-school socks and underwear sales! Drop Your Drawers will return in November and December, just in time for the giving season.

Every year, the library accepts donations of new pairs of packaged socks, underwear, undershirts and bras to help meet a crucial need for public schools in Campbell County: keeping Family Resource Centers' emergency supplies of such items stocked.

Last year, the library surpassed its goal of raising 7,000 new socks and underwear with the final number rolling in at 9,106 items across all four branches. We can't wait for the annual campaign to return this fall from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31.



## What's New At The Library?

In case you missed the news, in May the library welcomed the Westside Express, which is located at the Northern Kentucky Scholar House in Newport.

The new location joins two other express units, one in Silver Grove and the other in Melbourne. As of May 2023, since being introduced in 2017, the Silver Grove and Melbourne Express have been used over 20,000 times. The Westside Express is located at 402 W. Sixth St. while the Silver Grove Express is at 5011 Four Mile Road and the Melbourne Express is at 1402 Mary Ingles Highway.



## Shaking Up Shakespeare

As fall nears closer, the library is wrapping up its year-long Shaking Up Shakespeare series. This series celebrated the 400-year anniversary of *The First Folio* being published, which contains some of the Bard's most beloved plays.

If you haven't attended one of the library's Shaking Up Shakespeare events, now is your chance! There are still two programs covering *The Taming of the Shrew* – a performance by Kentucky Shakespeare on Aug. 23 and a modern-day movie adaptation screening on Sept. 20.

The final quarter wraps with three programs covering *Macbeth*: a discussion with Northern Kentucky University's Dr. Barclay Green on Oct. 25; another performance by Kentucky Shakespeare on Nov. 29; and a modern-day movie adaptation on Dec. 20.

Danielle Heiert, Cold Spring's adult/teen services programmer, says that multiple people have told her the series has helped them understand Shakespeare on a deeper level.

"I think my favorite part of Shaking Up Shakespeare has been getting to see how excited and involved all of the patrons are in each of the events," says Heiert. "During the lectures, I see so many people taking notes and asking great questions, and involving other patrons in a discussion on the text."

All events take place at 6 pm on Wednesdays. Visit [www.cc-pl.org/shaking-up-shakespeare](http://www.cc-pl.org/shaking-up-shakespeare) to register.



### CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES:

COLD SPRING BRANCH	859.781.6166
CARRICO/FT. THOMAS BRANCH	859.572.5033
NEWPORT BRANCH	859.572.5035
ALEXANDRIA BRANCH	859.572.7463

# CAMPBELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Campbell County Conservation District was established in 1945 by a vote of the citizens of the county. The Kentucky Conservation Districts are Special Purpose Government Entities, organized under Kentucky Revised Statute 262. Conservation Districts are responsible for protecting our soil, water, and other natural resources. Services offered through the Campbell County Conservation District are funded through local tax dollars, grants, donations, and volunteer work. With your help, we are able to continue financial and technical assistance for our county's landowners and promote the importance of conserving our natural resources.

## Jim Claypool Art & Writing Contest

We honored our Jim Claypool Art & Writing Contest winners on Thursday, 23 March 2023. This year's theme, *Take a Hike Navigating the Trail*, helped students from across the state learn more about the importance of soil in Kentucky. Here are all the winners:

### Writing Contest Winners Grades 6-12

**County Winner** – Zion Ellis  
St. Therese School  
Teacher Erin Gilday. Special presentation by Todd Flairty, Director of KY Farm Bureau Federation. (Photo 1)

### Art Contest Winners Grades K-2 (Photo 2)

**School Winner** – Byron Good  
Crossroads Elementary  
Teacher: Sarah Richardson (absent)

**Second Place** - Annabelle Schweitzer  
Sts. Peter & Paul School  
Teacher: Donna Hull (absent)

**County Winner** - Rozzi Jump  
Campbell Ridge Elementary  
Teacher: Amanda McGinnis

### County and Regional Art Winner Grades 3-5

**County Winner** - James McGuire  
Ruth Moyer Elementary School  
Teacher Nikki Everett (absent)  
Special presentation by Todd Flairty,  
Director of Ky Farm Bureau Federation.  
(Photo 3)

### Art Contest Winners, Grades 3-5 (Photo 6)

**School Winner** – Audrey Williams  
St. Thomas School

**School Winner** – Evelyn Arrowood  
St. Therese School

**Teacher** - Adam Schmidt  
St. Thomas School

**School Winner** - Natalie Justus  
Grants Lick Elementary  
Teacher: Carrie Thomas (absent)

**School Winner** - Eva Schweitzer  
Sts. Peter & Paul School  
Teacher: Jill Lloyd (absent)

**Teacher** - Susan Kahmann  
St. Joseph School

**School Winner** - Finley Harp  
St. Joseph School

**Teacher** - Nikki Everett  
Ruth Moyer Elementary School

**County & Regional Winner** -  
James McGuire  
Ruth Moyer Elementary School

**School Winner** - Audrey Lankston  
Crossroads Elementary  
Teacher: Sarah Richardson (absent)

**Teacher** - Amanda McGinnis  
Campbell Ridge Elementary

**School Winner** - Colby Harney (absent)  
Campbell Ridge Elementary  
Teacher: Amanda McGinnis



Photo 6

### Conservation District Scholarships

Julianna King, Emma Wade, Weston  
Wolf (Photo 4)

### Teacher Incentive Award (Photo 5)

Nikki Everett (County/Regional Art)  
Ruth Moyer

Amanda McGinnis (K-2 County)  
Campbell Ridge

Susan Kahmann  
St. Joseph School

Adam Schmidt  
St. Thomas School

Erin Gilday (absent) (County Writing)  
St. Therese School

Donna Hull (absent)  
Sts. Peter & Paul School

Sarah Richardson (absent)  
Crossroads Elementary

Jill Lloyd (absent)  
Sts. Peter & Paul School

Carrie Thomas (absent)  
Grants Lick Elementary



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5





## Tree Planting and Urban Forestry Enhancement Grant

The district is offering this grant to help cities and communities establish programs or develop projects to protect and conserve our natural resources while enhancing the aesthetic value of the natural environment. The maximum award through this grant can be up to \$4,000, which must be matched with cash or in-kind services or donations. The project must be carried out on publicly owned or controlled land. Please contact our office if you need assistance in filing your grant application. The deadline for applications is Friday, August 18, 2023.

## Dead Farm Animal Removal Assistance Program

Effective July 1, 2023, Campbell County farmers are granted 100% of the cost of dead animal removal from their farm through a grant from the Kentucky Division of Conservation and from Campbell County Conservation District funds. The program is limited to private landowners. When contacting a hauler, make sure you provide the following information: directions to your farm; the type of animal to be picked up, approximate time of death, and location of the animal; a phone number where you can be reached during the day. Check with your hauler, but in general, haulers require that the animal is out of the barn and on a hard surface. They will not drive out in the pasture to pick up an animal.

### Countryside Industries

(M-F 8 am-4 pm but closed on holidays)  
(859) 421-1867 (for pick-ups)  
(859) 221-6998 (main office only)

### Shipley & Son

(24/7 and on holidays)  
(513) 734-1818 (local calls)  
(513) 309-6658 (cell)

## 2023 Backroads Farm Tour Recap

The Campbell County Conservation District held the 2023 Backroads Farm Tour on July 15th. There were 12 farms participating this year that included: equine, cattle, sheep, vineyards, and horticulture operations. The Farm Tour is just a glimpse of the work these county farmers do. We hope you were able to join us; but if not, be sure to check back with us for the Backroads Farm Tour in July 2024. For more information visit our website: <https://campbellkyconservation.org> around May.



### The Envirothon Team:

Three teams from Highlands High School qualified for the State competition, and two teams placed 5th & 9th! (L-R) Del Ehmann, Cole Barber, Owen Borden, Dominic Mills, Dash Dugan, Sarah Yu, CiCi Murphy, Max Zengel, Kate Carris, Jude Eckerle, Sophia Scherrer, Jackson Lang, Maura Eckerle, Cameron Myers, Colleen Epperson. Not pictured: Chloe Zeit, Bella Bryant.

## Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plans

All landowners with 10 or more acres must have developed and implemented a plan to prevent water pollution from their agriculture or silviculture (forestry) operations. Call us today if you would like assistance in developing or updating your Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan. Plans may be completed online <https://dep.gateway.ky.gov/eForms/Account/Home.aspx>: select the forms tab.

**KEEP UP TO DATE ON YOUR CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS BY SUBSCRIBING TO OUR QUARTERLY ENEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE: [CAMPBELLKYCONSERVATION.ORG](https://campbellkyconservation.org).**

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**STAFF:**  
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LINDA GRIZZELL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.



*OUR MISSION: The Campbell County Conservation District partners with citizens and private landowners as well as other organizations to promote the sustainability of the land, water, and other natural resources by encouraging the use of Best Management Practices. We do this by providing expertise, and financial assistance, and by hosting educational programs.*



# Why Work for NKY Health?

*You can make your community a better place to live by preventing disease, promoting wellness, and protecting against health threats... and you'll get paid while you're doing it!*

## What Does Public Health Do?

Public health plays a critical role in the community, positively impacting the lives of many. The field is constantly evolving in response to the needs of the people, making it a dynamic career choice. In order for public health to be effective, it requires a unique blend of skills, therefore, people who choose a career in public health are from many different disciplines with a variety of different backgrounds. This enables organizations, like the Northern Kentucky Health Department, to develop long-lasting, innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for everyone.

While conventional health care traditionally treats diseases and injuries, the role of public health is to prevent diseases and injuries before they happen. NKY Health performs numerous mandated services and works with community partners, including health care organizations, to determine the community's needs and identify priority health issues. Every position at NKY Health plays an important role in the health of Northern Kentucky.

## Are There More Reasons to Work for NKY Health?

- **It's exciting to be part of a team focused on making a difference.**
- **Work/life balance is part of our culture. (M-F, 8-5 are our usual work hours).**
- **New challenges are always coming our way.**
- **We are established, stable, and credentialed.**
- **Our fringe benefits (including continuing education) are competitive.**

## What Positions are Typically Available?

NKY Health is typically accepting applications for the following positions:

- **HIV/AIDS Medical Case Managers**
- **Clinic Clerks / Interpreters**
- **Epidemiologists**
- **Health Educators**
- **Registered Nurses (RNs)**
- **Registered Dietitians (RDs)**
- **Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHSs)**

*Please check our website at <https://nkyhealth.org/careers-at-nky-health/> for the current list of opportunities.*

## What Are Some Of The Most Common Degrees At NKY Health?

If you have a degree in one following fields (or a closely related field) you will want especially want to keep checking our website to see if we're accepting applications that require a degree in:

- **ADN, BSN, MSN**
- **Biostatistics, Epidemiology**
- **Dietetics, Nutrition**
- **Environmental Health, Biology, Chemistry**
- **Health Education, Health Promotion, Community Health**
- **Interpreting**
- **Office Science and Technology**
- **Public Health**
- **Social Work**

A career in public health can be a rewarding experience. Help us improve the lives of all Northern Kentuckians. Apply today.



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# Smoke-Free in Campbell County



## Recognizing The Health Dangers Brought On By Secondhand Smoke, Several Local Communities Have Implemented Smoke-Free Ordinances, A Move Aimed At Protecting The Public's Health

Take a deep breath and slowly blow it out. Feels good, right? Breathing clean air should feel good. So, how do you ensure you breathe clean air? We know that air quality is affected by many items, including secondhand smoke. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals. Hundreds of those chemicals are toxic and 70 can cause cancer.

There is no safe or risk-free level of tobacco smoke, even brief exposure is unhealthy. Secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems including heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer, as well as problems in infants and children. The CDC reports that secondhand smoke exposure causes close to 41,000 deaths per year.

Did you know that working in a smoky place for 6-8 hours is the equivalent of smoking nearly a pack of cigarettes? Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings does NOT eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

To improve the health of the public in NKY, it is important to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and the number of people smoking. One way to reduce exposure to second-

hand smoke and the number of people smoking is to implement smoke-free policies. In Campbell County, we have cities that have passed smoke-free policies to protect the health of the community.

On November 6, 2022, the City of Dayton became the 33rd Kentucky city and the first Campbell County city to implement a comprehensive city-wide smoke-free ordinance. Since then, the City of Bellevue implemented a comprehensive city-wide smoke-free ordinance on May 15, 2023. On June 20, 2023 Highland Heights city council passed a city-wide smoke-free ordinance.

These comprehensive policies completely prohibit smoking and vaping indoors in any Dayton, Bellevue, and Highland Heights building or place of employment where the public is invited or permitted, such as offices, hotels, factories, churches, bars, restaurants, bingo halls, bowling alleys and stores. For more information about the ordinances please scan the QR code or visit the NKY Health website at [nkyhealth.org/?s=tobacco](http://nkyhealth.org/?s=tobacco).

"We congratulate and thank the cities of Dayton, Bellevue and Highland Heights in taking this important step to improve the health of the community," said Dr. Jennifer Mooney, District Director of Health for Northern Kentucky Health Department.

Due to the health effects of secondhand smoke, LiveWell NKY, OneNKY Alliance, Breathe Easy, community members and organizations across Campbell County are dedicated to changing the norm when it comes to lung health in our region.

If you smoke or vape and want to quit, there are organizations and aids to help you stop.

Free Nicotine Replacement, such as gum, patches, and lozenges are available for adults at fourteen local pharmacies throughout Northern Kentucky. For more information

regarding pharmacies distributing free nicotine gum, patches and lozenges, scan the QR code.

1-800-Quit Now for adults and My Life My Quit for youth are quitlines available for confidential and free resources that can help one quit smoking or vaping. Each quitline will connect you with a quit coach. Call 1-800-Quit Now or youth can text "Start My Quit" to 36072.

**Start Your Journey Today, Scan The QR Code.**

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1-800-QUIT-NOW**



**FOR TEENS:  
MYLIFEMYQUIT.COM**

**MY LIFE MY QUIT**

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# NKY Health Celebrating 10 Years of Accreditation from National Board

Deep within the pages of a 2003 report by the Institute of Medicine on “The Future of the Public’s Health” was a call for the creation of a National Steering Committee to examine the benefits of accrediting governmental public health departments. Within that simple call to action was a seed that has had profound impact on public health agencies nationwide, including the Northern Kentucky Health Department. That seed grew to become the Public Health Accreditation Board, aka PHAB, which has created standards and measures for public health agency practices, and resulted in improved quality, accountability, and performance.



*“We want people to know that we are now and have been looking out for their best health interests,” says Mooney, and for the last decade this national agency has recognized that. We think that’s worth celebrating.”*

The Northern Kentucky Health Department was at the tip of PHAB’s accreditation spear, becoming just the 11th agency in the nation to receive accreditation in 2013. More than 300 agencies are now accredited. It was also just the third agency nationally to be reaccredited by PHAB in 2019, meaning it continued to meet national standards for high-quality public health services, leadership, and accountability.



“While receiving accreditation and reaccreditation from PHAB may not mean a lot to the general public,” says District Director of Health Jennifer Mooney, PhD, “what they should at least know is that we have an agency watching over us, and they have twice given us a very hard-earned, comprehensive, exhaustive stamp of approval that says we are doing a great job at protecting the health of the people of Northern Kentucky.”



That first accreditation came 10 years ago, and NKY Health is celebrating that recognition this year.



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# HOW TO SAVE A LIFE: Northern Kentucky Health Department Offering Free Naloxone to State Residents to Counteract Opioid Overdoses

*Despite the recent decrease in drug overdose deaths in Kentucky—the first such drop in more than four years—more than 2,000 Kentuckians passed away from drug overdoses in 2022, according to the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. While even one life lost is far too many, Kentucky regularly outpaces a majority of the country when it comes to overdoses and overdose death rates.*

Many in the Commonwealth have been personally affected by an overdose or know someone that has. Losing a loved one to overdose can be saddening, confusing, traumatic, and frustrating. It can leave us feeling powerless. However, there is a way to stay prepared and be ready to save a loved one's or a stranger's life if the time comes: naloxone.

## Obtaining Naloxone

Naloxone is a clinically proven, life-saving medication that counteracts the effects of an opioid overdose, potentially saving someone's life. It's easy to use and, now, even easier to get. The Northern Kentucky Health Department offers free naloxone to anyone with a Kentucky address. In partnership with the HEALing Communities Study out of the University of Kentucky, the Health Department's "Mail Order Naloxone Program" can mail a two-dose box of nasal naloxone to any Kentucky home that requests it, for free.

Transportation, money, and location have all acted as historical barriers to successful treatment of substance use disorders and access to life-saving medications. As a result, the mail order program was designed specifically to help break down those barriers and get naloxone to the people that need it the most. Community naloxone distribution is a proven and effective method of driving down overdose rates and saving lives. June 2023 marked the one-year anniversary of the mail order program. Since its inception, the Health Department has mailed out 643 boxes of naloxone.



## Looking Ahead

The Health Department is always looking at new ways to help save lives, and making naloxone as accessible as possible is one of the keys to doing that. It is currently working on the creation of "Naloxboxes," which are opioid overdose response boxes similar to an AED kit that are accessible in public spaces such as businesses, schools, community agencies and government entities. The more methods through which naloxone is made available, and the more people who are prepared to use it around the Commonwealth, the more lives can be saved.



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NORTHERN KENTUCKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT





# TANK Begins Public Transit to CVG

Exciting changes are coming for Northern Kentucky residents, that will help them better connect to CVG using public transit with TANK.

Starting this August, getting to the Airport will be a lot easier for NKY residents. TANK's 2X Airporter route currently connects downtown Cincinnati to CVG, and runs every 30 minutes, 7 days a week. When TANK service adjustments take effect in August, this route will be extended south to terminate at the Florence Hub transit center on Mall Rd. and will have intermediate stops on Turfway Rd. at the Houston Rd. interchange.

People living along the Dixie Highway corridor (Florence, Elsmere, Erlanger, Crestview Hills, Lakeside Park, Ft. Mitchell) will now be able to get to the Airport in about half the amount of time it takes today. Just catch a #1 or #42X to the Florence Hub to transfer to the 2X.

Today, it can take up to 2 hours for residents of Boone County looking to get to CVG, as they must take their local bus into downtown Cincinnati in order to take the 2X to the airport. This new connection in Florence was one of the most requested comments from TANK's 2020 System Redesign Plan, and thanks to the completion of Wendell Ford Blvd., it will now be possible this August.



TANK IS THE PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY THAT PROVIDES BUS SERVICE IN NKY + DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI + CVG

PHONE: 859.331.TANK (8265)





*A Message from Campbell County Clerk, Jim Luersen*



I hope everyone is having a great summer. There has been a lot going on at the County Clerk's office since my last column. The primary election was held on May 16. We had 10,037 voters for a turnout of about 13%.

I would like to give a big thanks to my staff, Mike Jansen and the Sheriff's office, the Board of Elections, and our Fiscal Court. I especially want to thank all of our poll workers for their efforts in the election. They do a great job. We are always on the lookout for new poll workers. If any of you are thinking about becoming a poll worker, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested call Amber at our election office at 859 292-3885 for more info.

The 2023 general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. Election hours are 6:00AM to 6:00PM. If you have any questions about where to vote, or whether you are registered to vote, you can check it out at [Vote.KY.gov](http://Vote.KY.gov) or just call our election office at 859 292-3885. There will also be three days of early voting on Thursday, November 2, Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4. We will be providing more information on this at a later date.

All of the Kentucky statewide races will be on the ballot this fall. These include the offices of Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer and Agriculture Commissioner. There will also be races for unexpired terms for Newport and Southgate Independent School Boards and Highland Heights City Council.

This is a general election so every voter can vote in every race regardless of whether they are registered Republican, Democrat, Third Party or Independent. If you are not registered

please contact our election office at 859 292-3885. The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in the November general election is Tuesday, October 10. You must be 18 by November 7 to be eligible to vote.

If you are not able to make it to the polls on the days of early voting or on Election Day call our office at 859 292-3885 starting in September to get information on the process of voting by absentee ballot or to see if you are eligible to come to our office and vote early. We do everything within our power to make sure that every registered voter who wants to vote is able to do so.

Our automotive department continues to see an increase in business. Please don't wait until the last day of the month to do your renewals. Most other days you can come into our office and do your business with little or no wait. And if you want to do your renewals online you can go to [Drive.KY.gov](http://Drive.KY.gov). It's quick and easy and you get your tags in the mail in a couple of days. You can also call 1-877-885-3017 to do renewals over the phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week or send in your renewal by mail to our office at 1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071.

I hope you have found this information helpful. We have offices in Newport and Alexandria to better serve you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Customer service is our number one goal. And if you are in the office be sure to say Hi. I look forward to meeting you.

## ALEXANDRIA OFFICE

8330 W. MAIN, ALEXANDRIA KY 41071

### HOURS:

M, T, W, F 8:30 AM - 4 PM  
FIRST AND LAST THURSDAYS 8:30 AM - 6 PM  
FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS 9 AM - NOON  
PHONE: 859.635.2151

## NEWPORT OFFICE

1098 MONMOUTH ST, NEWPORT KY 41071

### HOURS:

1ST AND LAST MONDAYS: 8:30 AM - 6 PM  
TUES - FRI 8:30 AM - 4 PM  
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REAL ESTATE DEPT: 859.292.3845

## NKU's Global Supply Chain Management Program

Offering the only four-year degree of its kind in the region, Northern Kentucky University's Global Supply Chain Management program has grown tenfold since its inaugural semester in 2017. When the major was founded, it consisted of little more than two students and a list of courses accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Six years later, under the leadership of director Mark Thackeray, the degree track encompasses more than 200 students, a minor, an MBA and a STEM-certified master's degree in supply chain management, which will launch in the Fall 2023 semester.

Thackeray attributes much of the program's success to its focus on experiential learning, offering students the opportunity to attain hands-on experience with greater Cincinnati employers like Amazon, the Castellini Company and DHL, as well as the access it offers students to their faculty.



Mark Thackeray leads NKU's Global Supply Chain Management Program

"All of the professors in this program have industry experience," Thackeray says. "They are academics, meaning they do research, but they're also practitioners. When they come into the classroom, they're speaking from experience. That makes us unique from other schools, which offer a more predominantly research-based experience."



In 2022, the program also opened its Verst Group Logistics Hub of Supply Chain Excellence in the Business Academic Center, providing a central location for activities within the major. The space features a boardroom-style classroom where students attend lectures, an interactive history mural and a reference library.

To learn more about NKU's B.S.B.A. degree in Global Supply Chain Management, visit the program's website: <https://nku.edu/academics/cob/programs/undergraduate/global-supplychainmanagement.html>.

## NKU Upcoming Events

### AUGUST 14: FALL CONVOCATION

The annual Fall Convocation will welcome back faculty and staff to campus before the start of the fall semester. Interim President Bonita Brown will give a welcome address and review the successes of the past year.

### AUGUST 17: MOVE-IN DAY

Incoming freshmen begin moving into the residential village.

### AUGUST 17 – SEPT. 8: VICTORFEST

Over 40 welcome back events across campus for students at all levels. Highlights include RecFest, Paint Wars, FreshFusion, Movie Night, and Capture the Flag.

### AUGUST 21: CLASSES BEGIN FOR FALL 2023 SEMESTER

### SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 8: NKU SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS "THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME"

The story follows 15-year old Christopher, a boy with an extraordinary brain that is exceptional at mathematics but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he discovers his neighbor's dead dog, Wellington, he finds himself under suspicion and sets out to solve the mystery, leading him on a thrilling journey that upturns his world.

To be performed in NKU's Griffin Hall Digitorium.

### OCTOBER 16 OR 17: YOUNG WOMEN LEAD CONFERENCE

YWL focuses on Leadership, Education and Development (LEAD) empowering girls to be bold, confident leaders in their communities. The all-day conference features keynote presenters, interactive breakout sessions, and lunch

### NOVEMBER 3 – 11: NKU SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS "9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL"

Featuring music and lyrics by country icon Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, "9 to 5: The Musical" is set in the late 1970s and centers around three female coworkers who are fed up with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss. They come up with a plan to get even and, in a series of outrageous events, give their workplace a dream makeover while taking control of the company that had always kept them down.

To be performed at The Carnegie, Covington.

### DECEMBER 16: COMMENCEMENT



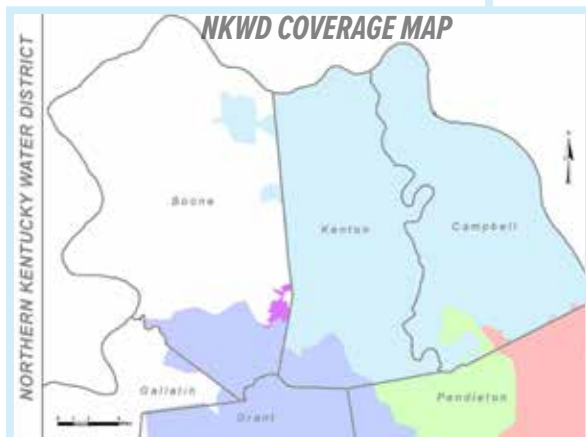
## Your Water Supply

The Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) serves approximately 300,000 people in Campbell and Kenton Counties and portions of Boone, Grant, and Pendleton Counties.

Our mission is to provide our customers with a safe, clean, and sufficient water supply through a reliable and interactive system that meets customer expectations, and all State and Federal standards, while delivering great value at a reasonable cost.

## NKWD Facts:

- **NKWD IS THE LARGEST WATER DISTRICT IN KENTUCKY, COVERING OVER 229 SQUARE MILES**
- **1,325 MILES OF WATER MAIN (THAT'S LIKE DRIVING FROM ERLANGER, KY TO CHICAGO, IL AND BACK TWICE)**
- **THREE (3) WATER TREATMENT PLANTS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 64 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY**
- **THIRTEEN (13) DISTRIBUTION PUMP STATIONS**
- **NINETEEN (19) WATER STORAGE TANKS**



- Northern Kentucky Water District
- Wholesale to Walton Waterworks Department
- Wholesale to Bullock Pen Water District
- Wholesale to Pendleton County Water District
- East Pendleton County Water District

## Our Leadership Team:

**LINDSEY RECHTIN, CPA**  
President/CEO



As President/CEO, Mrs. Rechtin's responsibilities include overseeing all the managerial and operational functions of NKWD and leading and managing NKWD in the accomplishment of reaching the vision, fulfilling the mission, and accomplishing the key goals established in cooperation with the Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Rechtin began her career at NKWD as Finance Manager in 2013. From 2016 to 2022, she served as Vice President of Finance and Support Services where she oversaw the financial and customer support services of NKWD and its annual budget of more than \$60 million. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from Eastern Kentucky University and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Kentucky. Mrs. Rechtin is a member of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants. She also serves as a board member of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and the Water Research Foundation.

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## Recent Projects:

- Generator installation – keeps water flowing even during events that may impact power needs for our water supply
- Water Information Management Solution (WIMS) - provides enhanced data for management and operational decisions for the water system
- Mud removal at reservoir at Fort Thomas Treatment Plant – increases water storage capacity
- Satellite leak detection – detects water leaks more effectively and efficiently through aerial scan of entire system
- Service Line Inventory System – provides management system for tracking and reporting service lines

NKWD has numerous projects in process throughout our service area. A list of projects currently being designed and under construction can be found on our website at <https://nkywater.info/projects>.

## Governance:

NKWD is administered by a Board of Commissioners who are appointed by the Kenton and Campbell County Judges/Executive. NKWD is also regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and governed by the laws, regulations, and standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Kentucky Environment & Energy Cabinet, Division of Water.



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**A**s warm weather continues to encourage individuals to go outside, I thought it may be helpful to remind the County of the state and local regulations surrounding bicycles. According to the National Safety Council, the number of preventable bicycle accidents has increased exponentially in the last ten years. Therefore, it is important to consider safety when riding a bicycle.

Cyclists are required to comply with all the regular traffic laws such as stop signs, or red lights. Under law, a bicycle is a vehicle, and the bicycle rider is a driver. For example, if a car has the green light to pull out onto road such as US-27, and a bicycle rider is proceeding on a sidewalk along US-27, the bicycle rider is required to stop and permit the car with the green light to proceed onto the highway.

Under Kentucky law, cyclists, similar to automobile drivers, are required to signal potential movements. For a left turn signal, the hand and arm of the bike rider should be extended horizontally from the left side of the bike. For a right turn signal, the right arm can either be extended horizontally to the right or the left arm can be extended horizontally to the left with the hand and arm extended upward from the elbow. Bicycle riders are even required to give stop signals by extending either arm horizontally with the hand and arm extended downward from the elbow to indicate a stop or decrease in speed. Any signals from a bike rider should be given intermittently for the last fifty (50) feet traveled by the bike before the turn or stop.

When a bike is used on a highway, it must be equipped with a horn, bell, or other device capable of making an abrupt sound sufficiently loud to be heard under all ordinary traffic conditions. Bike riders are required to sound the horn or other device whenever necessary as a warning of the approach of the bike to pedestrians or other vehicles but







*A Message from the County Attorney's Office*  
*By Steven J. Franzen, Campbell County Attorney*

should not sound the horn or other device unnecessarily.

Bicycles that are operated on the highway, such as US-27, must be on the right side of the road. Further, a bicycle must be equipped with lights when operated on a highway one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, or at other times when atmospheric conditions render low visibility. These bicycles must have at least one (1) light in front of the bike which will reveal clearly substantial objects at least fifty (50) feet ahead. Additionally, these bikes are required to have one (1) red light, or one (1) red reflector displayed on the rear of the bicycle. Bicycles are not permitted to be operated on interstates such as, I-75.

However, it is important to note that when a bicycle lane is available it must be used, unless the bicyclist is travelling at the legal speed, executing a left turn, avoiding a hazard, or passing a slower vehicle. Cyclist should be sure to look at the ordinances surrounding bicycle riding in their city since these ordinances may differ between cities. For example, in Fort Thomas, no person of 12 or more in age shall ride a bicycle on any sidewalk in any district, and no person of any age should ride a bicycle on a sidewalk within a business district. However, in Alexandria, bicycles are allowed to be operated on sidewalks unless there is a sign posted prohibiting it.

Although it is not required under Kentucky law, bicyclists should wear a helmet. The Kentucky Department

of Transportation reports that helmets protect against injury in 8 out of 10 crashes involving head bumps.

To the surprise of many, Kentucky law also applies Driving Under the Influence laws to bicycle riding. The law provides that no person under the influence of intoxicating beverages or any substance which may impair one's driving ability shall operate a vehicle that is not a motor vehicle anywhere in this state. A bicycle is considered a vehicle under Kentucky law if it is used for the transportation of persons or property over or upon the public highways. The penalty for operating

a bicycle on a highway while under the influence is a fine of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$100.00 plus court costs.

I hope this information is interesting and helpful. If you have any topics you would like to have covered in this column, please contact my office by e-mail at [countyattorney@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:countyattorney@campbellcountyky.gov), by phone at 491-7700, or by regular mail addressed to 319 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071.





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## NKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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# Northern Kentucky Health Department Looking To Move Beyond The Pandemic And Reshape The Future Of Public Health In The Region



In May, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially ended the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) that was brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. While cases of COVID-19 still exist in the community, and new or exacerbated health challenges brought on as a result of COVID still exist, officials at the Northern Kentucky Health Department are extremely optimistic about our region's ability to recover and the future of its public health.

"While we continued to provide essential public health services to the community in addition to our COVID response, we were also able to keep our eye on the future and complete two huge projects that will both drive our work and impact the community's health," says District Director of Health Jennifer Mooney, PhD. "With the official end of the Public Health Emergency, we now

have the opportunity to move beyond the pandemic, reshape our mission, and impact the future of public health in Northern Kentucky."

The Health Department was able to complete:

- A Community Health Assessment that resulted in a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- And a new Strategic Plan that puts a special focus on four key areas over the next three to six years: operational excellence, strategic communications and relations, engaged partnerships, and building a thriving workforce.

The Northern Kentucky Health Department was one of the first public health agencies across the country to receive national accreditation for its work,

and these plans should allow it to not only continue on that path, says Mooney, but excel in its efforts to impact public health in the region.

*"These next few years will signify a renaissance period during which we have the opportunity to reconstruct the narrative of public health," says Mooney.*

*"Our CHIP details the areas of focus, and our Strategic Plan serves as an organizational roadmap in keeping our communities healthy and promoting the best quality of life possible for all those in Northern Kentucky."*



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