

WHAT'S ★ 21 years! Happening! in Campbell County, Kentucky TM

Winter/Spring 2021

CAMPBELL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER Intake/Adoption by Appointment

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and for the health and welfare of our community and staff, the Animal Shelter is operating by appointment only. If you find a stray animal, need resources for rehoming an animal or if you are looking to adopt, please call the Animal Shelter during business hours to schedule an appointment. We will be happy to assist you. You can find all of our adoptable pets on our Facebook page in the "Adoptable Animals" album or on our website www.campbellcountkyky.gov.

We would also like to remind the community that the abandonment of animals is illegal. When animals are abandoned in front of our facility, it does not make the act any less criminal. Charges will be pressed when violators are caught. We try our best to maintain a 95% or higher live release rate, and one of the ways we are able to accomplish this is by controlling the intake of our shelter population.

For more information about the Campbell County Animal Shelter, see page 11. For more Campbell County Fiscal Court news, see pages 9-12.



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News from the Campbell County Clerk's Office

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a safe New Year. It's been a busy time at the County Clerk's office since my last column.

General election

The general election was held on November 3. In the presidential race, Donald Trump carried Campbell County 28,482 to 19,373 for Joseph Biden. Incumbents Mitch McConnell, Thomas Massie, Rachel Roberts, Joe Fischer and Kim Moser were all reelected. Other races, including local school boards and city councils, were also on the ballot. The turnout for this election in Campbell County was 49,205, which is about 61% of our registered voters. This was the largest number of voters in our history. 11,914 people voted by mail, 17,659 people voted early in person, and 19,632 voted on Election Day.

I would like to give a big thanks to Jennifer Free and the Election Office, Mike Jansen and the Sheriff's office, the Board of Elections (myself, Mike Jansen, Jack Snodgrass and Jim Schroer), and our Fiscal Court. Mail-in ballots are very labor intensive and we had to hire extra people to help get the ballots mailed out and processed when they were returned. These people worked incredibly hard and we could not have done this election without them. We also hired extra people to work the in-office early voting and they did a great job.

I especially want to thank all of our poll workers for their efforts in the election. Campbell County has 66 precincts with each staffed by at least 4 workers. With the Covid-19 issues, a number of our veteran poll workers were sidelined. There was some question whether we were going to be able to have all of our polling locations open. But as usual the citizens of



Campbell County stepped up. We had so many volunteers that we had to turn people away. I want to thank everyone. Election Day went very smoothly. I hope many of you continue to be poll workers in the future. If anyone is interested in becoming a poll worker, your help would be greatly appreciated. Just call Jen at our election office at 859/292-3885 for more info.

There are no scheduled elections in 2021. However, there is a lot of work happening behind the scenes and this will continue throughout the year. We are constantly working with new voter registrations and to update the voting rolls.

Automotive department

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 our website at

campbellcountyclerkky.com. You can also renew by phone at 1-877/885-3017. You will need the title number and amount due. It's really quick and easy and you get your tags in the mail in a couple of days.

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 #1 goal.

Campbell County Clerk

Newport

1098 Monmouth St., Newport, KY 41071

Hours:

Mon. (*first and last of month only*), 8:30 am-6 pm

Tues.-Fri., 8:30 am-4 pm*

Sat. (*first and third of month*), 9 am-noon

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*Jim Luersen
Campbell County
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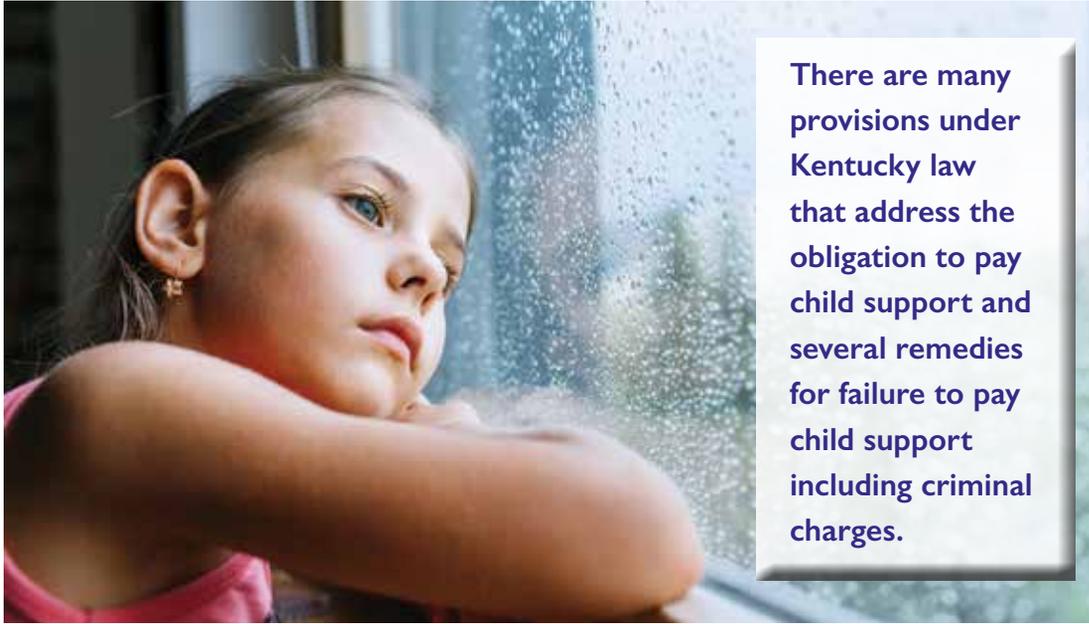
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Child Support laws and regulations



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With the start of a new year, I thought it would be an appropriate time to pass along information on Child Support laws. There are many provisions under Kentucky law that address the obligation to pay child support and several remedies for failure to pay child support including criminal charges.

The potential criminal charges available are memorialized in Kentucky Revised Statute 530.050. Under Kentucky law, a person is guilty of criminal non-support when he persistently fails to provide support which he can reasonably provide and which he knows he has a duty to provide to his child or when he is delinquent in paying court ordered child support for at least two months. Non-Support is a Class A Misdemeanor punishable by up to a five hundred (\$500.00) dollar fine and one year in jail. For a second offense, there is a minimum sentence of seven days in jail and for a third or subsequent offense a minimum sentence of 30 days in jail.

Moreover, there is a felony criminal charge for non-support called

Kentucky's Criminal Non Support Laws also apply to a child 18 years of age or older residing in this state having a duty to provide support to a parent who is destitute of means of subsistence and unable because of old age, infirmity or illness to support himself or herself.

Flagrant Non-Support. A person is guilty of Flagrant Non Support when he persistently fails to pay support, which he can reasonably provide and has a duty to provide, and the failure results in: (i) a child support arrearage of at least one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars; (ii) six consecutive months elapsing without the payment of any support; or (iii) leaving the child in destitute circumstances. Criminal Flagrant Non-Support is a Class D Felony with a potential prison sentence of one to five years.

To the surprise of many, Kentucky's Criminal Non Support Laws also apply to a child 18 years of age or older residing in this state having a duty to provide support to a parent who is destitute of means of subsistence and unable because of old age, infirmity or illness to support himself or herself.

Other than filing criminal charges, there are also other means by which to collect child support to include withholding delinquent child support from Kentucky's lottery winnings, tax refunds, and wage garnishments. The law also allows

for someone's driver's license to be suspended along with a lien on a registered vehicle when a person is at least six months behind in child support payments.

Failure of a parent to support their children is something our office and the Judges in Campbell County take very seriously. In the State Fiscal Year 2020, the Campbell County Child Support Office collected over \$8,495,000 in child support across 4,500 plus cases. In addition, through our child support office, the Campbell County Family Court hears approximately 4,000 cases per year on average related to child support enforcement.

The County Attorney's Office is here to help with child support enforcement, collection, and potential criminal charges. You can call our Child Support Office at 859/431-0522 or visit in person at 601 Washington Avenue, Suite 290, Newport, Kentucky 41071.

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, by phone at 491-7700 or by regular mail addressed to 319 York Street, Newport, Kentucky 41071.

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Join a book club



CCPL book clubs serve as a place to connect with others over a shared love of reading. With a dozen offerings for readers of all ages and interests, there's something for everyone — from mystery lovers to young adult literature fans. Discussion groups include Cup of Crime; Coffee & Conversation; Real Men Read; Alexandria Book Club; Brown Bag Book Club and more. For kids and teens, offerings include the recently launched Homeschool Book to Movie Club; If You Give a Kid a Book Club; Tween

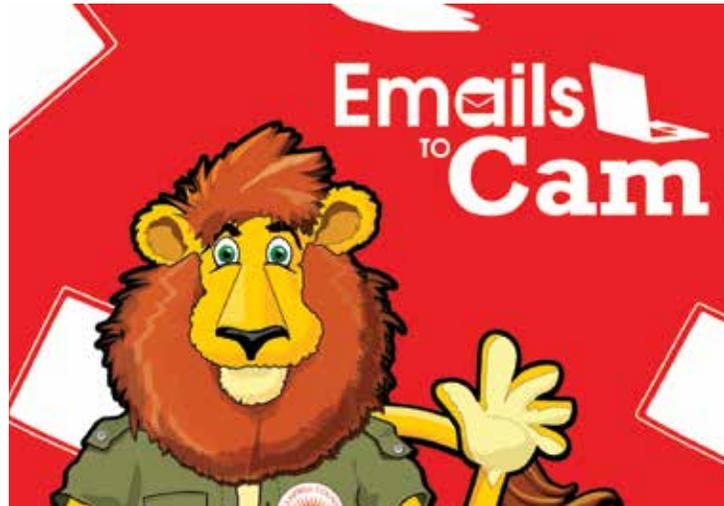
Book Club; and Cam's Book Club.

Book clubs operate on a drop-in basis. You can come when there is a particular book you are interested in, or you can come every month. Amid ongoing pandemic-related safety precautions, participants can opt to join clubs virtually via Zoom or in-person. Programs will move to Zoom-only if the County is in the red zone for COVID-19. You can check out upcoming book club selections and register to attend at www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs.

Receive tech training from home

CCPL librarians can walk you through one-on-one and socially-distanced tech training from home through AnyDesk, a secure remote desktop software that offers support for Windows, Linux, MacOS, Android, iOS and Chrome OS. Patrons can download the app to their devices for free. All you need for an at-home training session is Internet access and a phone.

Visit www.cc-pl.org/services/technology-training to learn more and submit a tech training request.



The Library's Emails to Cam program is a fun way to strengthen your kid's writing and storytelling skills. Children can send an email to the Library's beloved mascot at cam@cc-pl.org and receive a response. Topics can include anything from a book they've read, a movie they loved, what

they're learning in school or just a few of their favorite things. Suggested email topics are placed in the children's area each month at all Library branches — Cold Spring, Newport, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Alexandria. For more information visit www.cc-pl.org/emails-to-cam.

Request a Book Care Package

Ever wanted to bring the Library home? Enter the Library's Book Care Package service. Meant for students and children of all ages and reading levels, the Library includes up to 10 books and audio materials in each package. Request a Book Care Package for at-home story times, homework/research assistance or anything in between. A seven-day notice is needed for the Library to pull together requests, which can be submitted at www.cc-pl.org/book-care-packages. Upon completion, the package will be sent to your preferred branch for pick-up.



Campbell County Public Library



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Campbell County Schools pursues DAV for new middle school site



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On December 20, the Campbell County Board of Education (CCBOE) voted to utilize its authority of eminent domain to initiate the possible acquisition of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) property for the use as a new, greatly needed, second middle school. For more than a decade, the CCBOE has looked for a viable tract of land, at or exceeding 20 acres, in the northern tier of the county, on which to build a new middle school to relieve the enrollment strain at Campbell County Middle School (CCMS). CCMS is currently one of the largest middle schools in Kentucky. Its enrollment has increased from 1,039 students in 2016-17 to over 1,200 this year. Recent and planned residential development will increase the need for a second middle school. By adding a northern middle school, the enrollment of the current middle school

will be reduced by HALF, leaving plenty of room for increased residential development and future student enrollment from the southern half of Campbell County.

The DAV operation will move to a brand-new headquarters in Erlanger next summer, vacating their current building. The DAV site presents a great opportunity for the school district and our taxpayers as we could renovate the existing building into a middle school. Renovating the existing DAV building would likely save taxpayers between five and ten million dollars as opposed to building a new school from the ground up. In addition, the DAV is a fantastic location providing quick access to I-471, KY Route 8 and the AA Highway, reducing travel time for students, and transportation costs for the district.

The DAV team provided Board members with a guided tour in September and the facility is in great shape. The Board of Education will continue conducting its due dili-

gence during the next few months to evaluate the site and its possible value to the district operation and our taxpayers.

Campbell County School District



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Happy new year from the Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator

The Property Valuation Administrator's Office is here to serve the taxpayers and citizens of Campbell County. My staff and I strive to provide the best customer service possible to the taxpayers. Please call, write, or email any questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

Assessment reviews and appeals schedule

In keeping with the state requirements, the PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in the cities of Melbourne, Silver Grove, Mentor, and the unincorporated areas of the County for the 2021 tax year. The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the County at least once every four years.

If there is a change in a property's assessment by the PVA, the property owner will receive a notice of assessment towards the middle of April at the mailing address of record. This notice, along with an advertisement in the *Campbell County Recorder*, will notify each property owner of the new property assessment, as well as the time period in which to request a conference to appeal the assessment. If you do not receive an assessment notice, you may call the office to check your current assessment at any time or go online to check the valuation at pva.campbellcountykentucky.com.

The conference period this year, by state law, begins Monday, May 3, 2021, and continues until Monday, May 17, 2021. After May 17, 2021, we can no longer accept appeals to a property's value until the following calendar year, and that current assessment will stand for the 2021 tax season. Appeals can be made in person, over the phone, or by completing and emailing the appeal form from the PVA website. If you have any questions, please email or call



The HEX/DEX exemption amount has gone up for the 2021 and 2022 tax years to \$40,500. This means that if your home is, for example, assessed at \$100,000, you will pay taxes based on \$59,500 in 2021.

the office. The PVA office will be open Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 4:15 pm and Saturdays from 9 am until Noon during the conference period.

Homestead/ Disability Exemptions

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

(HEX): To qualify for the HEX, a homeowner must be or turn 65 anytime during 2021; you must also have resided at that location on or before January 1, 2021, and be listed as an owner/trustee/or retain life estate. Please stop by the PVA office with your driver's license or state ID (it must have your home address on it) and we will enroll you in the program. You do NOT have to wait until your birthday to apply; you can come in any time during the year that you turn 65! If you move to a new home, you will need to reapply for the HEX at that location.

DISABILITY EXEMPTION

(DEX): To qualify for the DEX, a homeowner can be ANY age, but must

have 100% Social Security Disability qualification, (this includes Military, State, or Railroad Disability); you must also have resided at that location on or before January 1, 2021, and be listed as an owner/trustee/or retain life estate. Please stop by the PVA office with both your Social Security Award letter or BPQY (available online through SS Office) as well as your driver's license or state ID (it must have your home address on it) and we will enroll you in the program. The DEX does not have an age restriction applied to it like the HEX does. If you

move to a new home, you will need to reapply for the HEX at that location.

The HEX/DEX exemption amount has gone up for the 2021 and 2022 tax years to \$40,500. This means that if your home is, for example, assessed at \$100,000, you will pay taxes based on \$59,500 in 2021. The extra bonus is that it applies to not only your county taxes, but to city taxes if applicable as well.

Please note that a person can only receive HEX or DEX at their primary residence and that neither exemption applies to multiple properties.

Campbell County PVA

Daniel Braun

Property Valuation Administrator

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(*additional hours for motor vehicle questions:
last Monday of each month, 4 - 6 pm)



Download the Campbell Media app today!

Campbell Media has made it even easier for you to find and view our content on Roku and Apple TV. Although our content has been available on these platforms through the Screenweave app, we now have our very own app filled with our Campbell County content. Just

simply search for Campbell Media on your Roku or Apple TV and then click download. You will find community events, government meetings, sports, music events, cooking shows, fitness programs and much more great content created through Campbell Media.



Make sure to also follow Campbell Media on Facebook

You will find very useful information, live streams and some great highlights on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/campbellcountymedia).

You can check out behind the scenes information on our Instagram page (www.instagram.com/campbellmediaky).

CHANNEL LINE UP

- CGOV – Cincinnati Bell Ch. 806, Spectrum Ch. 200
- CCRN – Cincinnati Bell Ch. 807, Spectrum Ch. 203
- CCMC – Cincinnati Bell Ch. 810, Spectrum Ch. 202
- CCTV – Cincinnati Bell Ch. 811, Spectrum Ch. 186
- Bellevue Independent School District – Cincinnati Bell Ch. 812, Spectrum Ch. 185

Campbell Media



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Speaking of live streaming...

As the country began shutting down because of the Coronavirus, Campbell Media sprang into action. We immediately started researching ways we could help our community and local governments. Campbell Media started hosting and live streaming virtual local government meetings to Facebook and TV. Additionally, we started creating new content to entertain our viewers during the quarantine, such as exercise programs through partnerships with Energi Studio in Bellevue and the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service. We also created a Living Room Concert Series to showcase our local musicians as live music events were being canceled. As crowd sizes at events were being limited, it became important to provide alternate ways to view events. Campbell Media partnered with Campbell County High School and has

been streaming their varsity sports. For other local schools, if we are not able to live stream, we broadcast a tape delayed event. Campbell Media also assists the local churches with getting their messages out. We provide technology and the education for them to reach their viewers. We have government update programming, weekly gardening shows, tips for cleaning your home and so much more. You can view all of this content on our cable channels, our website and also on our app. Campbell Media keeps you connected to the community by reaching you on the many platforms you are getting your information from.

If you are interested in how you can get involved at Campbell Media, contact us at 859/781-3495 or contact us through Facebook or our website, www.campbellmedia.org



Moving forward...

With the Coronavirus pandemic cancelling planned events in 2020, the Jolly Park Community Development Council (CDC) used their time to focus on completing projects to further propel the park forward. The CDC completed a website redesign, including new branding. The site's fresh design will help make it easier for donors to contribute to park projects or sponsor events.

In addition, the CDC completed a Five-Year Update to the AJ Jolly Park Master Plan and will be presenting it to the Campbell County Fiscal Court in early 2021. The master plan details priorities and potential future projects that will help to maintain AJ Jolly Park as a thriving, sustainable, high-quality regional tourism destination that is well-planned, managed, and funded according to the needs and values of the surrounding community. Future plans

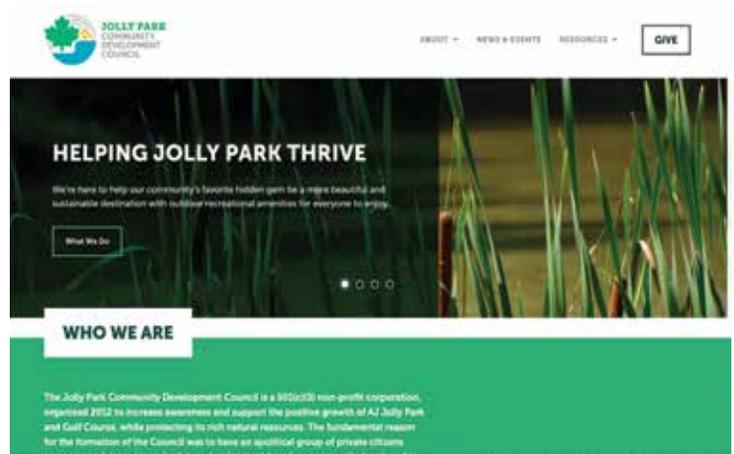


Cover for new AJ Jolly Park Master Plan

for the Park were based on input from organizations that utilize the Park, the community, and park surveys. Once approved by the Fiscal Court, the Master Plan will be posted on the Jolly Park CDC website.

The Jolly Park CDC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, organized in 2012 to increase awareness and support the positive growth of A.J. Jolly Park and Golf Course while protecting its rich natural resources. The group of private citizens serves as an advisory

group for future development based on community input, and to help secure funds through private donations and public/private partnerships. If you are interested in more information about Jolly Park CDC, visit our website at JollyParkCDC.org.



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Trees along walking path at AJ Jolly Park



Trees in median at Golf Course

The tree dedication program encourages donations to honor, memorialize, or celebrate a special person, place or event. At the same time, it improves the beauty and quality of Campbell County Parks and AJ Jolly Golf Course. New trees were recently planted at AJ Jolly Park and the Golf Course. Tree prices with dedication plaque or boulder range from \$400-\$500. For more information, contact Jolly Park CDC at JollyParkCDC@gmail.com.



Funds are currently being raised to complete a new picnic pavilion overlooking the lake at AJ Jolly Park near the tennis courts. The project will include seating for more than 100 people, restrooms, outdoor grills, and playground equipment. With almost \$50,000 raised to date, an additional \$180,000-\$200,000 is needed to complete the project. For more information, contact Jolly Park CDC at JollyParkCDC@gmail.com.

Jolly Park Community Development Council



JollyParkCDC@gmail.com

2021 park season news



New camping reservation system coming!

AJ Jolly Campground will be debuting a new camping reservation system in 2021. The system will provide a more stream-lined and user- friendly reservation process.

Daily and season pass rules

1. Season passes are for the park season (March through November).
2. Season passes serve as vehicle entry/parking passes for one vehicle and every person inside of the vehicle. Passes should be affixed to the driver's side of the windshield in view of the Ranger Station attendant.
3. Daily passes should be displayed on the rear-view mirror.
4. Daily passes cannot be switched to a season pass after purchase.
5. Attendants will no longer be able to look up seasonal parking passes electronically. All vehicles must have a season pass displayed for entry.

Dates to remember

(Dates subject to change based on COVID-19 regulations)

- February 1:** Picnic shelter reservations open
- March 1:** AJ Jolly, Pendery, and Morscher Parks open, weather-permitting (Port-a-lets only)
- March 22:** AJ Jolly Park Ranger Station opens, fees charged, and restrooms open
- March 26:** AJ Jolly Park RV Campground open
- April 23:** AJ Jolly Park camping season open (all sites)
- June 10-July 29:** Jolly Thursdays at AJ Jolly Park
- July 10:** Sun Valley Bluegrass Festival at AJ Jolly Park
- August 7:** Festival on the Lake at AJ Jolly Park
- September 11:** Dragon Boat Festival/Arts in the Park at AJ Jolly Park
- September 25-26:** Great Outdoors Weekend
- October 23:** Halloween Spooktacular at AJ Jolly Park
- October 30:** AJ Jolly Park camping season ends
- December 1:** Winter access only at all Campbell County Parks

2021 AJ Jolly Golf Course Rates

Please call AJ Jolly Golf Course at 859/635-2106 or visit www.ajjolly.com for special promotions, to book your tee time, and experience our nationally ranked staff friendliness for yourself (Rated #11 by *Golf Advisor*).

Spring/Summer 2021	Rate
9 Holes	\$17
9 Holes w/ Cart	\$28
18 Holes	\$34
18 Holes w/ Cart	\$53
9 Holes Riding Friday-Sunday after 5 pm	\$18
Senior Rates	
9 Holes	\$14
9 Holes w/ Cart	\$25
18 Holes Senior	\$25
18 Holes w/ Cart	\$32
Junior Rates	
9 Holes	\$5
18 Holes	\$10
Juniors play free with paying adult Monday & Sunday	
Cart Rentals	
Cart Fee 9 Holes	\$11
Cart Fee 18 Holes	\$19
Season Passes	
Single	\$650
Couple	\$850
Senior (60+)	\$575
Senior Couple	\$750
Junior	\$225
Family	\$1200
Premium	\$2400

- All rates include imposed state sales taxes.
- All concessions, including alcohol, must be purchased at the golf course.
- Shotgun starts are available for groups of 100+ golfers.
- Private lessons are available for \$75, call the pro shop at 859/635-2106 for additional information or email BLambdin@campbellcountyky.gov.



Upcoming Solid Waste events

Campbell County Spring Clean-Up Event

When: Friday, April 23 & Saturday, April 24, 8 am-5 pm
Dates are subject to change due to COVID-19.
Where: Multiple locations

The Campbell County Clean-Up Event is an opportunity for Campbell County residents to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items free of charge (no commercial interests). Participants must have a valid Campbell County ID or some other proof of residency. Be sure to check www.campbellcountky.gov / Departments / Solid Waste for updates. Call Campbell County Solid Waste at 859/547-1873 with questions before the day of the event, or email SolidWaste@campbellcountky.gov.

Participants are required to unload their own vehicle.

NOT Accepted: Paint, Liquids, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Bulbs, Dirt, Concrete/Rocks

Tire Limit: Each resident may bring up to **eight (8) tires** for disposal.

Location	Address	Items Accepted
Campbell County Police Department	8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria	Furniture/ Mattresses* Trash/ Debris Yard Waste
Frederick's Landing	KY 9-AA Hwy, Wilder	
Pendery Park	4051 Mary Ingles Hwy, Melbourne	
Campbell County Transportation Center	1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Appliances (Freon OK) Batteries Electronics (LIMIT 1 TV) Furniture/ Mattresses* Propane Tanks (20 lbs. only) Scrap Metal Tires (LIMIT 8 ; Rims OK) Trash & Debris Yard Waste

*Furniture/Mattresses do **NOT** need to be plastic wrapped.

Recycle your appliances year-round at the Campbell County Transportation Center

Campbell County residents can recycle the following items year-round at the Campbell County Transportation Center. Only the items listed below are accepted year-round.

Participants are required to unload their own vehicle.

Location	When	Items Accepted Year-Round
Campbell County Transportation Center	Monday – Friday 8 am – 12 Noon	Refrigerators (Freon OK) Freezers (Freon OK) Air Conditioners (Freon OK) Ovens Hot Water Heaters Washers/ Dryers
1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Please place items containing Freon in the appropriate section,	

Shred event/prescription drug disposal

When: Saturday, April 10, 8 am-1 pm
Where: Cold Spring Furniture Fair, 3710 Alexandria Pike

Shred-It, Furniture Fair, Walgreens, and WCPO are teaming up with Greater Cincinnati Crime Stoppers to help safeguard your identity and credit. For a donation to Crime Stoppers, your documents will be disposed of safely and securely.

This is **NOT** a Campbell County-sponsored event. If you have questions, please contact Crime Stoppers.

Drug Take Back: ACCEPTING over-the-counter medications and prescription pills; **NOT ACCEPTING** liquids, ointments, needles, pens, gels, or creams

Shred-It: CAN SHRED all paper, rubber bands, paper clips, staples, notebooks, file folders, alligator clips, and blue prints; **CANNOT SHRED** batteries, metals, hard drives, electronics, plastic bottles, glass, food, or liquids



Unincorporated curbside recycling survey



Campbell County Solid Waste is conducting a survey to gauge interest among residents of unincorporated Campbell County in paying for curbside recycling services at their homes. If you live in unincorporated Campbell County and are interested in the convenience of curbside recycling, please use the QR code provided or visit www.campbellcountky.gov / Departments / Solid Waste to submit your input.

Campbell County drop-off recycling

Campbell County offers four convenient locations for residents to drop off common household recyclables. Please help keep our recycling bins free of contamination by referencing the lists of acceptable and non-acceptable items on our website at www.campbellcountky.gov / Departments / Solid Waste. If a recycling site is full, please take your items home and come back another day. It is a Class A misdemeanor to litter at a recycling site (County Ordinance O-13-20)—leaving your items on the ground is littering! To report illegal dumping or other issues at a drop-off location, please call 859/547-1873 or email SolidWaste@campbellcountky.gov.

Reducing outdoor cats through Trap-Neuter-Return Program



Did you know that cats living outdoors is nothing new? For most of

their natural history, cats have lived outside. Evidence shows cats began living near people over 10,000 years ago and it wasn't until the 1940s with the invention of cat litter, that cats became indoor pets. Community cats are truly at home outdoors, just as countless cats have been for thousands of years.

Community cats thrive in their outdoor homes. They are used to living outside and are naturally skilled at finding shelter and food all on their own. Studies show community cats are just as healthy as pet cats, with equally low disease rates. Community cats are not a

threat to public health. Since community cats aren't typically friendly with people and avoid contact, it is almost impossible for them to transmit diseases. Science shows community cats do not spread diseases, such as rabies and toxoplasmosis, and cats rarely carry germs that make people sick.

In our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program, community cats are humanely trapped, taken to a veterinarian to be spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and ear tipped (the universal sign that an outdoor cat has been spayed/neutered), and then returned to their outdoor homes.

TNR helps community cats by relieving the stresses of mating and fighting, and protecting them from diseases. Our community benefits from TNR because it reduces and stabilizes community cat populations, helps the Animal Shelter focus on adoptions, and provides a humane and collaborative way to address concerns and coexist with cats.

If you have community cats in your area, please call the Animal Shelter 859/ 635-2819 to make an appointment for TNR trapping or contact Ohio Alleycat Resource (OAR) at 513/ 871-0185 to inquire about doing TNR on your own.

Office of Emergency Management

Campbell County recertifies as a "Certified" StormReady County. Campbell County is one of less than 2,000 StormReady Communities nationwide.

"Campbell County has every reason to be proud of this accomplishment" said Kenneth J. Haydu the Meteorologist in Charge at the Wilmington NWS Office. "Maintaining the StormReady recognition indicates that Campbell County has done everything possible to improve emergency first responder and citizen preparedness in the event of a natural disaster. Campbell County's continued improvement in communications infrastructure and increased level of severe weather awareness will no doubt minimize the loss of life and/or property in the future." Haydu continued.

StormReady is a community preparedness program that encourages government entities and commercial gathering sites to prepare for severe storms. The program is sponsored by the National Weather Service and issues recognition to locations nationwide that demonstrate severe weather readiness. The voluntary program provides communities with advice from a partnership with the National Weather Service and state and local emergency managers.

"We are pleased with the continued recognition again as a StormReady County and very appreciative of the work of our citizens and community officials to ensure they can monitor and react to severe weather," William R. Turner, Director of the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management said. "We want to make sure we have all the assets necessary to meet the criteria as StormReady," Turner continued.

To be officially StormReady, a community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency-operations center.
- Have redundant communications systems to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings and to alert the public.
- Create a system that monitors local weather conditions.
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars.
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

Weather radios, at a minimum, must be located at four sites within StormReady communities, including emergency operations centers, 24-hour

warning points, city hall, and all school superintendent offices. In Campbell County that has been expanded to include two weather radios in each school, radios in nursing homes, county office buildings and daycare centers.

Campbell County has also added Rave Alert as the Campbell County's public notification system. This dynamic, multi-function notification system allows Campbell County 911 and the Office of Emergency Management to notify residents of emergency situations or disasters in our community. Utilizing your Smart911™ profile you create, Rave Alert allows you to register for those notifications most pertinent to you, from road closures and vehicle crashes to hazardous material spills and missing persons. You will receive focused messaging geared specifically to your information and safety needs. The registration process is quick and easy: just four simple steps! After registering you will have a chance to add optional information or edit the information you provided. It is important to complete every step as the service will not work until you have added and confirmed a phone number.

Visit <https://www.smart911.com/> to register.

Senior and Wellness Center

Even though the Campbell County Senior and Wellness Center is not open to in-person classes, the Center offers both weekly and monthly virtual classes on Facebook Live. Classes include Tai Chi, Yoga, Cardio/Strength, Cooking/Nutrition, and Crafts or Painting.

Be sure to check out the Center's Little Library, located at the main entrance to the facility at 3504 Alexandria Pike in Highland Heights. Feel free to take a book or two for your reading enjoyment; when finished, simply return it to the Little Library. If you have any books you would like to donate, please call the Center at 859/ 572-4300 and a staff member will be more than happy to assist you.

The Center's monthly virtual activity calendar can be found online at www.campbellcountky.gov/Departments/SeniorCenter, or on the Center's Facebook page (@CampbellKYSeniorCenter).



Campbell County Fiscal Court

Campbell County Housing Dept. is available to serve you!

We are open for business; however, our office is not open to the public at this time. Regular business hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Agency Representatives can be reached by calling 859/ 261-5200, by fax to 859/ 261-0577, or by email to hgeneral@campbellcountyky.gov. If you know your assigned Agency Representative, please identify them in your email to ensure a timely response. A dropbox is conveniently located at 1098 Monmouth Street in Newport, directly outside Room 235, for the submission of paperwork.

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is accepting applications for the Rental Assistance waitlist. Applications can be submitted online at [www.campbellcountyky.gov/Departments/Housing Program/Rental Assistance](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov/Departments/HousingProgram/RentalAssistance)

Application. Once submitted please allow 7-10 business days for processing. Once processed, your application status can be obtained by calling 859/ 292-8777.

The Housing Department will be launching a new software program over the next several months. Customers will have the ability to report and review their information via the Rent Café portal using their email address and passcode. Our office will be contacting clients and property owners in upcoming months to collect email addresses in order to allow online access. If you are a customer or a property owner currently associated with our program please submit your name, phone number, and primary email address to the agency representative you've been assigned at hgeneral@campbellcountyky.gov.

Campbell County Police Department



Zachary Stewart

The Campbell County Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of our newest police Officer, Zachary Stewart.

Zach is a lateral hire, having been a sworn police officer in both the Scott County Sheriff's Office and the Mayfield Police Department. He has successfully completed all phases of his training with the CCPD and is currently serving as a patrol officer on our Second Shift.

Campbell County Phone Directory

Fiscal Court Offices

County Judge/Executive	547-1803
County Commissioners.....	547-1803
A.J. Jolly Golf Course	635-2106
A.J. Jolly Ranger Station	635-4423
Animal Shelter	635-2819
Building Inspections.....	292-3880
Economic Development	547-1806
Emergency Management	635-1111
Housing.....	261-5200
Human Resources.....	547-1870
Human Services	547-1873
Information Technology	547-1883
Occupational License	292-3884
Parks & Recreation.....	547-3680
Planning and Zoning	292-3880
Police (Non-Emergency).....	292-3622
Police (Administration).....	547-3100
Senior Center.....	572-4300
Solid Waste/Blight.....	547-1866
Transportation/Roads.....	635-9100

County Offices

Circuit Clerk.....	292-6314
Circuit Clerk:	
-Newport Driver's License.....	292-6311
-Alexandria Driver's License.....	635-5240
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
-Newport.....	292-3845
-Auto Registration.....	292-3850
-Real Estate Title and Tax.....	292-3845
-Voting, Marriage License.....	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
Master Commissioner.....	441-2700
Property Valuation	
Administrator.....	292-3871

Campbell County Road Department



Winter is almost over, but we could still experience snowy and icy conditions in Campbell County. If you have to venture out in your vehicle during a winter weather event, these basic tips may prove useful.

1. Is the trip necessary or could it be delayed?

2. Is the vehicle in good working condition? (e.g. tires, wipers, defroster, lights, and signals)
3. Are the windows completely clear? Do you have an ice scraper?
4. Please leave enough braking distance between you and the car ahead.

Upcoming projects

Beginning sometime after March 1, a bridge replacement on Dodsworth Lane, between Gary Lane and Industrial Road, will have the road closed. Exact dates and duration of closure are yet to be determined.

Campbell County Fiscal Court



2021 Fiscal Court
 Commissioner Brian Painter
 Commissioner Tom Lampe
 Judge/Executive Steve Pendery
 Commissioner Geoff Besecker

Meetings are the first Wednesday and third Wednesday of the month. For up-to-date information about meeting times and locations, please visit www.campbellcountyky.gov.

Administrative Offices:

1098 Monmouth St. • Newport, KY 41071
 phone: 859/547-1803
 TTD/TTY: 1(800) 545-1833, ext. 947

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 visiting <https://www.CampbellCountyKY.gov>. Click on the E-Notify button on the homepage to register your email address.

Helping ourselves and family members stay safe and healthy during winter

The arrival of snowy weather and colder temperatures also brings an increased risk of illness and injury. This year in addition to the flu, we have the added threat of COVID-19. In addition to personal precautions you can take to fight these deadly viruses, it's also important to stay informed of guidelines and restrictions that have been put in place to help protect you and your loved ones. The Northern Kentucky Health Department (NKY Health) is dedicated to informing and educating people about health concerns like the seasonal flu and COVID-19, and is dedicated to empowering the members of the Northern Kentucky community with actions to take to avoid health hazards including illness and injury. NKY Health is your partner in helping all of Northern Kentucky to stay safe and healthy this winter season.

Take precautions to prevent the spread of seasonal flu and COVID-19

- Make sure you (and your family) are up to date on your immunizations. This includes the seasonal flu shot which is readily available at health care providers and many community pharmacies and clinics. This year it is more important than ever to receive a flu vaccine. Getting



Stay healthy and safe this winter!

vaccinated can not only protect you and the people around you, it also protects our health care system from becoming overwhelmed with caring for those who may become seriously ill from either COVID-19 or seasonal flu.

- When it's your turn, get your COVID-19 vaccine.
- Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands often, with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering and stay six feet apart from others whenever you are in public and around people who do not live in your home.
- Avoid crowded places while still "visiting" your favorite places by utilizing store and restaurant curbside pick-up or delivery.
- Stay home from work, school or community events if feeling ill. Don't spread your germs to others.

- Find healthy ways to deal with stress — talk to someone, get enough sleep, check out the many apps and websites available to help with stress.
- Contact your health care provider if you are having flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, sore throat, cough and body aches.
- Seek immediate medical care in the event of an emergency.

Staying safe

- Wear outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather conditions: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and water-proof boots.
- Avoid using alternative heating sources — such as portable generators, kerosene heaters, propane gas stoves and ovens heated with gasoline — indoors

because this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

- When planning to go out, be aware of current and forecasted weather and road conditions.
- Always wear your seat belt and buckle up children in car seats, booster seats or seat belts on every trip, no matter how short.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded (such as blankets, first aid kit, food and water, & flashlight) For more information, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/features/winterweather/index.html>.
- Check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults and individuals with special needs or living with a long-term illness.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Be sure that sidewalks, porches, steps and pathways are clear of snow and ice.
- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector and test batteries monthly.

By following these tips, individuals will be prepared to beat winter-time hazards and more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall. For more information on how you can better plan for winter, visit www.cdc.gov.

NKY Health



Campbell County Health Center

1098 Monmouth Street Newport, KY 41071
phone: 859/431-1704

District Office

8001 Veterans Memorial Dr., Florence, KY 41042
phone: 859/341-4264

To stay up-to-date on the latest information on COVID-19, please be sure to follow us:

- www.facebook.com/nkyhealth/
- [@nkyhealth](https://twitter.com/nkyhealth)
- www.instagram.com/nkyhealthdept/

SD1 returning to normal business

Water shutoffs, penalties resumed in January

Sanitation District No. 1 returned to normal business operations on January 1 after months of suspended penalties and water disconnections due to nonpayment.

Gov. Andy Beshear issued an executive order in October that ended the suspension of utility disconnections for nonpayment as of Nov. 6, continuing the waiver of penalties on late payments for residential customers through December 31 and setting parameters for default payment arrangements for residential customers.

“SD1 appreciates the fact that even though these restrictions were lifted by the governor on November 6, some of our customers may still be enduring hardships during these unprecedented times,” said Executive Director Adam Chaney. “That is why we made the decision to delay the reinstatement of disconnections and penalties until after January 1.”

To comply with the governor’s order, the District placed all residential customers with a past-due balance into

a default payment arrangement that requires monthly payments equal to 1/6 of the past due amount plus the current monthly charges. Nonresidential customers were not defaulted into a payment plan, and can call SD1 to make payment arrangements.

Letters went out in October to customers with a past due balance explaining their options and laying out the terms of residential payment arrangement plans. Customers can pay the full amount due immediately to avoid entering into a payment arrangement, and can pay more than is due under the default agreement to shorten the term of the arrangement.

Customers who pay their new monthly charges and the past-due payment arrangement on time will remain in good standing and will not be subject to penalties or disconnection for nonpayment.

“We know there are customers who will continue to struggle,” said Chaney. “The six-month payment arrangement will help those hit the



SD1 resumed water shutoffs and penalties for nonpayment in January.

hardest get their accounts caught up over time. Despite COVID-19 and its impact on our community, the vital services SD1 provides across our region to manage wastewater and storm water never stop. SD1 believes the gradual return to normal business operations is the appropriate balance between the economic realities of our customers and our commitment to reliably protect public health, property and

the environment and to support the economic vitality of our community.”

SD1 continues to offer a Customer Assistance Program in partnership with the Brighton Center for low-volume customers who qualify. Additional information about the SD1 program and other assistance is available at <https://sd1.org/164/Customer-Assistance-Program>.

We all play a role in storm water management

Most of the rain that falls from the sky seeps into the ground, but the rain that doesn’t can cause real problems in local communities. If the ground is saturated, frozen or covered by hard surfaces like driveways or parking lots, the water flows over the land, creating what is known as storm water runoff.

This runoff picks up pollutants like litter, oil, pet waste and chemicals from fertilizers and pesticides and carries them into SD1’s storm sewer system, which is designed to discharge storm water into the nearest creek or river.

Excess storm water runoff can also cause flooding and erosion in developed communities, resulting in expensive and inconvenient property damage.

SD1’s Disconnection, Redirection, Infiltration Program (DRIP) provides homeowners with step-by-step guides to implement methods of managing storm water runoff in their own yards and neighborhoods.

A few effective methods homeowners can use to help manage storm water runoff include:

- **Downspout Disconnection:** This simple procedure cuts off a segment of your home’s downspout and redirects the flow of storm water runoff from your roof to your lawn, a rain barrel or other vegetated area.

- **Rain Barrel:** Rain barrels are containers that collect and store storm water runoff from your roof that can be used to irrigate landscaping. This offers the added benefit of potentially reducing your water bill.

- **Rain Garden:** These shallow, vegetated areas are designed to capture, store and clean storm water runoff. They can also beautify your property.

You can learn more about these storm water management methods, including illustrated step-by-step guides, at www.sd1.org/Projectsand-Programs/DRIP.aspx.

SD1



1045 Eaton Drive
Fort Wright, KY 41017
phone: 859/578-7450

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday
8 am - 4:30 pm
www.sd1.org

About the Campbell County Drug Free Alliance

The Campbell County Drug Free Alliance (CCDFA) is a group of community members and agencies that share a common desire to reduce youth substance-use in Campbell

County. The coalition directs its efforts on prevention, reducing drug/alcohol access and availability, education, and policy change.

Coalition meetings are at 9 am on the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom Meetings. The meetings are open and all are welcome to attend!

For information on volunteer or donation opportunities, please visit ccdugfreealliance.org or email campbellcountydfa@gmail.com.

“Talk. They Hear You.”

The goal of the SAMHSA’s (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) “Talk. They Hear You.” Campaign is to reduce underage drinking among youth ages 9 to 15 by providing parents and caregivers with the resources and skills needed to initiate a conversation with children early.

Here are five conversation goals for parents/caregivers (www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking):

Show you disapprove of alcohol. Over 80 percent of young people ages 10–18 say their parents are the leading influence on their decision whether to drink. Send a clear and strong message that you disapprove of underage drinking and misuse of other drugs.

Show you care about their child’s happiness and well-being. Young people are more likely to listen when they know you’re on their side. Reinforce why you don’t want your child to drink or use other drugs — because you want your child to be happy and safe. The conversation will go a lot better if you’re open and you show concern.

Show you’re a good source of information about alcohol. You want your child to make informed decisions

about alcohol and other drugs with reliable information about their dangers. You don’t want your child to learn about alcohol and other drugs from unreliable sources. Establish yourself as a trustworthy source of information.

Show you’re paying attention and you will notice if your child drinks. Show you’re aware of what your child is up to, as young people are more likely to drink or use other drugs if they think no one will notice. Do this in a subtle way, without prying.

Build your child’s skills and strategies for avoiding underage drinking. Even if you don’t think your child wants to drink or try other drugs, peer pressure is a powerful thing. Having a plan to avoid alcohol and drug use can help children make better choices. Talk with your child about what they would do if faced with a decision about alcohol and drugs, such as texting a code word to a family member or practicing how they’ll say “no thanks.”

Keep it low-key. Don’t worry, you don’t have to get everything across in one talk. Plan to have many short talks.

Not in My House Campaign

Because home environment is key to making change in behavior, the Campbell County Drug Free Alliance is implementing the Not in my House Campaign to raise awareness about social perceptions and community norms of alcohol use and youth social access of alcohol. We encourage Campbell County parents and guardians to agree to the following pledge:

“I refuse to buy, provide, or allow use of alcohol, tobacco & other drugs BY YOUTH in my home.”



Campbell County Drug Free Alliance



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Facebook: [facebook.com/CCDFA](https://www.facebook.com/CCDFA)

St. Elizabeth Healthcare opens state-of-the-art Cancer Center

New 250,000 square-foot cancer facility will change the future of cancer care

St. Elizabeth officially opened its new 250,000-square-foot Cancer Center this past fall. The comprehensive center will meet the needs of patients in both the region and nation.

Kentucky faces the highest rates of overall cancer incidence and death in the United States. The Commonwealth also leads the nation in lung cancer incidence and death and colorectal cancer incidence. With the ability to treat nearly 500 patients in a day, St. Elizabeth's six-story facility will lead the way in providing personalized care and treatment in the region.

"The opening of the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center is a momentous occasion for our community as we work together to fight cancer," said Garren Colvin, president and chief executive officer of St. Elizabeth. "Many Kentuckians rely on St. Elizabeth for quality treatment across the healthcare continuum. Now, we can provide even greater access to more individuals facing a cancer diagnosis, right here in our region and nation."

The St. Elizabeth Cancer Center offers cancer detection, diagnosis, and care — all under one roof. With an emphasis on precision medicine and

genomic health, screening education and prevention, clinical research and advanced, innovative technology, St. Elizabeth provides a seamless experience for patients undergoing treatment. St. Elizabeth is also a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, consulting with Mayo Clinic cancer specialists and providing patients access to second opinions at no extra cost. In addition, as a member of the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate and Research Networks, patients also have access to additional clinical programs.

"As a cancer survivor myself, I know all too well how important it is to have a multidisciplinary approach to care," said Dr. Doug Flora, executive medical director of St. Elizabeth Oncology Services. "Our new Cancer Center leverages the best healthcare practices to provide an advanced and personalized experience to our patients. With everything our patients need under one roof, they will spend less time worrying about where their next appointment is and more time on what matters most — healing."

The Cancer Center has been intentionally designed to provide a leading caregiving experience for



patients and includes design elements that help slow the spread of germs, especially important amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the Cancer Center, visit stelizabeth.com/cancercenter.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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Covington, KY 41011
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Lawrenceburg, IN 47025
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Edgewood, KY 41017
859/301-2000

St. Elizabeth Florence
4900 Houston Rd.
Florence, KY 41042
859/212-5200

St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas
85 North Grand Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
859/572-3100

St. Elizabeth Grant
238 Barnes Rd.
Williamstown, KY 41097
859/824-8240

One of nation's first implant of bluetooth-connected heart device at St. Elizabeth

Dr. Mohamad Sinno recently performed one of the first implantations in the U.S. of a Bluetooth-enabled biventricular implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD) at St. Elizabeth Edgewood. The new device, the Abbott Gallant, recently received FDA approval for a new technology assessment and is available in only a few centers in the U.S. during this assessment phase.

Internal defibrillators are implantable devices for patients who are at risk of life-threatening heart rhythm problems. "This next-generation device communicates wirelessly to the patient's physician and also lets patients access information about the device using an app on a smartphone," explained Dr. Sinno, a cardiac electrophysiologist with the St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute. This device is the first ever implantable cardiac device to

communicate via Bluetooth with a smartphone app for the patient.

The smartphone connectivity in this device is expected to substantially improve patient remote monitoring rates and patient engagement in monitoring. Research has shown that better patient engagement and compliance with monitoring translates into reduced hospitalizations, better clinical outcomes, and improvement in survival. The smartphone connectivity offers patients flexibility compared to traditional bedside monitors. The app allows easy transmission of data manually and access to device status such as battery longevity, all done in a cybersecure mode with enabled two-way authentication.

"At the St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute, we are very excited to offer our community new and enhanced technologies such as this device that have been proven to



improve patient access to care, patient compliance, and clinical outcomes," said Dr. Sinno.

For more information, contact the St. Elizabeth Arrhythmia Center at 859/331-3353.

Dr. Sinno and team performed one of the first implantations of a Bluetooth-connected heart device.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare first in region to offer new treatment for mesothelioma

St. Elizabeth is the first in Kentucky and the only health system in the region to offer a new wearable, non-invasive treatment for mesothelioma. Optune Lua is a portable device that delivers low-grade electrical fields to the tumors to slow the growth of cancer cells.

"Optune Lua is a new treatment that slows progression and improves the quality of life for people living with mesothelioma," says Dr. Goetz Kloecker, medical oncologist with St. Elizabeth Physicians. "It is the first FDA-approved treatment for mesothelioma in 15 years."

Malignant pleural mesothelioma is a rare and aggressive cancer that attacks the lining of the lungs, abdomen, and heart. Once diagnosed, most patients only live for 12-18 months. Mesothelioma is typically caused by exposure to asbestos. There is currently no cure for mesothelioma for the absolute majority of patients.

Doug Flora, MD, executive medical director of St. Elizabeth oncology services, said, "Our commitment to cancer treatment for the region is evident in our new cancer center. As we create a center

of excellence for thoracic cancers, it is important that we continue to bring new and innovative treatment options like this to St. Elizabeth and our community — options that aren't readily available elsewhere in the region."

In clinical studies, the Optune Lua in combination with chemotherapy, extended life by 50%, and 97% saw their mesothelioma shrink or stop growing. The device is portable and is worn to deliver wave-like electric impulses to the lungs. These electric waves are created by adhering large pads on the skin over

the area on the front and back of your body. The pads are then connected to a portable battery. Surgery and chemotherapy are standard treatments for mesothelioma. The Optune Lua device when used with chemotherapy is shown to extend the effect that chemotherapy has on treating mesothelioma.

Dr. Kloecker added, "Currently, St. Elizabeth Healthcare only treats mesothelioma with the Optune Lua. In the future and after more clinical studies, we hope the use of low-grade electrical fields may be used to treat other forms of cancer."



Let's go! TANK service changes set for January 30, 2021

After many months of work the System Redesign is ready to hit the road January 30, 2021. We have improved our service and our fare structure is simplified to make riding to and from your destinations a better experience.

We offer four service types including:

TANK Frequent Service

- Frequent Service which offers service every 30 minutes or less 7 days a week! Some routes move to 40 minutes after 8 pm. You will find this type of service along the Madison corridor (n. of 11th), Latonia Center, CVG, Florence/Dixie Hwy and Alexandria Pike/NKU.

TANK Neighborhood Service

- Service every 40 minutes during the week, with hourly service on weekend. Late night and/or weekend service will be improved greatly in places like Ludlow, West Newport, Crestview Hills/Medical Village, and Holman Ave/City Heights.

TANK Jobs Express

- Jobs Express routes offer shift-aligned schedules to major employment centers in Hebron, as well as all-day, hourly service to the Florence Industrial Area. These routes also offer park and ride options for local residents heading to Cincinnati.

TANK Commuter Express

- Serves Park-and-Rides and inbound/outbound commuters

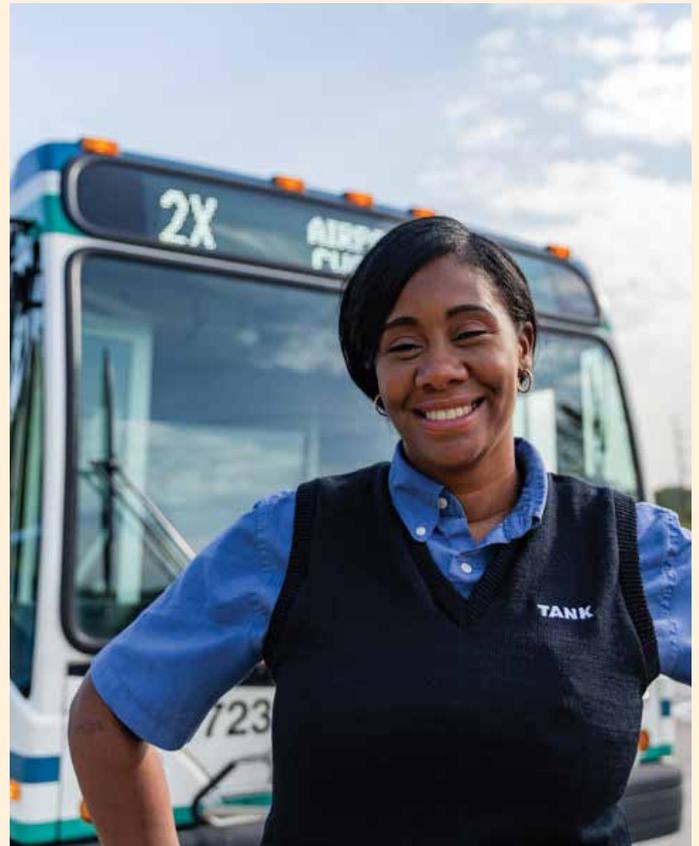
We know the most important route is the one YOU ride every day! We encourage you to visit our webpage with route specific information at tankbus.org/2021-service-changes

TANK is hiring!

TANK is hiring fixed-route drivers for full-time openings. We are seeking applicants with the talent to communicate, interact and create the best experience for our riders and who strive to provide excellent service to our community.

We offer paid training, excellent health benefits and paid time off.

To apply visit tankbus.org/connect/careers



Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

TANK is the public transit authority that provides bus service in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties and downtown Cincinnati.

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Promoting the conservation of our natural resources

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 promoting the importance of conserving our natural resources.

COVID 19 update

The Campbell County Conservation District is taking precautions to keep our staff and supervisors safe in relation to the COVID 19 pandemic. All meetings are conducted virtually or in a hybrid format with options for the public to virtually participate while our staff and supervisors are able to meet safely with mask and social distancing. At this time we will not be accepting walk-ins to the office and kindly ask that you call the office or email District Coordinator, Amy Winkler (amy.winkler@campbellkyconservation.org), or Administrative Secretary, Linda Grizzell (campbellcd@fuse.net) for assistance.

Farewell to our hardworking and dedicated supervisors!

As we enter the 2021 year we bid farewell to three Board Members: Gary Nelson, Ken McCormick, and Ron McCormick. Gary had served on our Board since June 2020 and though he was only able to work with us for a short period, his input and willingness to help was much appreciated.

Ken McCormick had served the Board since 1997 and Ron McCormick had served since 2005. Both members held numerous leadership positions while serving on the Board and assisted with shaping the Conservation District into the organization it is today. Their hard work and dedication to the Conservation District was beyond measure.

The Conservation District Supervisors and staff would like to thank Gary, Ken, and Ron for their service to the Conservation District.

Welcome to our new supervisors!

We'd like to welcome our new supervisors as of January 2021, Rick Carr and Jason Kilmer.



Rick Carr

Growing up in Alexandria, **Rick Carr** developed a familiarity with land and water features while helping his dad land survey in rural Campbell County. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky, Rick began his career building golf courses in

Naples, Florida, where both soil and water conservation are essential to life. Rick has been a licensed Professional Engineer (PE) for over 34 years, using Best Management Practices (BMPs) in practical and environmentally sensitive ways. Civil engineers were "green" before it was cool.



Jason Kilmer

Jason Kilmer grew up in Southern Campbell. He works as a designer for an engineering firm and currently lives in Fort Thomas. He saw the open seat and saw a chance to serve his community and use his education in public policy to contribute positively.

We look forward to working with Rick and Jason, their background and experiences are a great addition to the Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Changes to our lime spreader rental procedure

As of November 2020 we have made some changes to our equipment rental. First, the lime spreader is now being housed at Southern States. To rent the spreader you will need to contact Southern States (859/635-2104) to schedule use. Along with changing location the Conservation District Board has also made the decision to change the rental fee to \$75/day. If you have any questions regarding these changes please feel free to contact the Conservation District staff.



Campbell County Conservation District

CCCD Board Members: *Rick Simon, Bill Landon, Jim Benton, Susan Ortleib-Turner, Rick Carr and Jason Kilmer*

Staff: Amy Winkler, District Coordinator
Linda Grizzell, Administrative Secretary



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2020-21 Jim Claypool Art and Conservation Writing Contest

We would like to thank all schools and teachers who participated in this year's art and writing contest. Your dedication to ensuring this program fits your curriculum each year is appreciated.

Art Contest: Grades 3rd to 5th

St. Therese School

Teacher: Erin Gilday
Participants: Haylie Schuler, Bailey Aseltyne, and Layla Hoffstedder

Writing Contest: Grades 6th to 12th

Highlands High School

Teacher: Colleen Epperson
Participants: Jasmine Rehbarger and Megan Gessner

St. Therese

Teacher: Erin Gilday
Participants: Grace Rowland, Alex Bacon, and Vincent Petroze

Campbell County High School

Teacher: Shelby Clifford
Participant: Luke Fillhardt

Highlands Middle School

Teacher: Michele Beier
Participants: Oliver Golden and Lianne Guttadauro

Congratulations to our County Winners!

2020 Jim Claypool Art County Winner: Haylie Schuler (St. Therese School, Teacher: Erin Gilday)

2020 Conservation Writing County Winner: Grace Rowland (St. Therese School, Teacher: Erin Gilday)

Attention Farmers!

In preparation for this year's cycle of the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) there is one new requirement when applying. In addition to the social security number and farm serial number requirements, having an ag water quality plan or self-certification on file in the Conservation District Office is new for the 2021 program. To receive a FSN contact the Farm Service Agency in Burlington, KY at 859/586-6175. If you need to complete an Ag Water Quality Plan, you can find the online link on our website or you can call the office for assistance. Please remember we are not accepting walk-ins at this time. It is always good practice to update ag water quality plans every 3-5 years or whenever your farming activity changes. **THIS CYCLE OF CAIP HAS NOT OFFICIALLY STARTED AND APPLICATIONS FOR CAIP ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.**



Grade 3-5 Art Contest entries, from left: Layla Hoffstedder, St. Therese School; Bailey Aseltyne, St. Therese School; and Haylie Schuler, St. Therese School