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Winter/Spring 2022

## Expanded fiber network coming to Campbell County

Campbell County residents and businesses will see an expanded fiber network thanks to an investment by the Campbell County Fiscal Court.

“High-speed internet expansion is a goal the County Commissioners and I have had for several years, and the COVID-19 pandemic only accentuated the need for this project,” said Campbell County Judge/Executive Steve Pendery. “We are proud to partner with Cincinnati Bell on this transformative initiative that will improve the daily lives of our residents and businesses for years to come.”

The Campbell County Fiscal Court also negotiated a free Cincinnati Bell plan upgrade for all Campbell County residents.

The COVID-19 pandemic magnified the importance of high-speed internet. “The pandemic provided an object lesson on what happens when a family tries to complete homework, update their medical records, enjoy their favorite Netflix show, and work remotely, all at the same time,” Pendery said. “If you don’t have high-speed data piped into the household, you are at a standstill.”

Cincinnati Bell will increase its fiber network and offer fiber-based gigabit internet to 17,600 addresses that are currently unserved or under-served in Campbell County.

**For more information about the expanded fiber network and other news from the Campbell County Fiscal Court, see page 2.**

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The Campbell County Fiscal Court is committing up to \$4.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the partnership. The ARPA allows local governments to use the money on high-speed internet. The County will not use any general funds for the project.

“Spending the ARPA money on expanding fiber was one of the best ways to get a significant return on our investment for Campbell County,” said Pendery.

The investment in Campbell County continues Cincinnati Bell’s ongoing commitment to increase digital equity and ensure that all residents have access to education, health care, and employment opportunities. Ultimately, Cincinnati Bell will provide Campbell County with a fiber network that can flexibly change with user demand. Though the network can reliably deliver 1 or 2 Gbps today, having an FTTH network in place means upgrading it to take advantage of emerging 10, 25 and even 50 Gbps standards.

“Campbell County residents have access to up to a gig of data,” said Pendery. “The same network we’re building now will be able to provide 50 gigs or more in the future,” he said. “It gives our community the best chance to future proof the network.”

Building the fiber network will take Cincinnati Bell about 24-36 months to complete. Much of the work has already been completed in the southern portion of the County.

“It’s been a long-time ambition to try to provide high-speed internet coverage in the south end of our County,”

Pendery said. “This project will give our community the tools they need to excel in the future.”

Cincinnati Bell has a long history and progressive experience in providing and managing large and complex wireline and wireless projects. As the leading supplier of fiber-based services in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati Bell has invested more than \$1 billion into its fiber network to date, which currently reaches approximately 500,000 addresses in Greater Cincinnati.

Campbell County Police Dept.

In an emergency – seconds count

Help us help you!

The Campbell County Police Department is asking all residents to take a moment and ensure that homes and/or driveways are clearly marked with address numbers. Keep in mind that what may seem clearly visible during the daylight hours can be extremely difficult for an emergency responder to locate

in the middle of the night during an emergency.

It can also be very problematic for responders when there is a grouping of mailboxes, multiple driveways converging at one point, residences located behind one another, hidden driveways, etc. Please take the time now to mark your home and driveway clearly so that in an emergency, where there is no time to waste, we can quickly locate you!

Campbell County Fiscal Court



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](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov).

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Newport, KY 41071  
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**2022 Fiscal Court**  
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Commissioner Tom Lampe  
Judge/Executive Steve Pendery  
Commissioner Geoff Besecker

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..... 547-1872  
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  
-Newport Driver’s License.....292-6311  
Circuit Court.....292-6314  
Commonwealth’s Attorney.....292-6490  
County Attorney.....491-7700  
- Child Support.....431-0522  
- 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

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Campbell County continues to invest in AJ Jolly Park in advance of the 2022 season

If you frequent AJ Jolly Park you will notice a lot of construction activity over the coming months. The Fiscal Court has authorized multiple projects to continue the ongoing improvements that are some of the County’s priorities. The 2022 projects will include:

- Construction of a new bathroom facility near the Stapleton Pavilion (see rendering) to replace the aging bathroom near the ranger station.



New bathroom facility

- An addition to the existing Showerhouse in the main AJ Jolly Campground. The addition will contain eight single use restrooms with showers, two of which will be ADA accessible.
- Construction of a new ADA Accessible and Inclusive Playground (see rendering) near the Ranger Station. The playground equipment will sit on top of a poured in place rubber base and will include multiple free-standing play features such as a Cozy Cocoon, Unity Teeter, Accessible Whirl, and one main play structure with slide, transfer station and sensory components. The overall playground design will allow for independent accessibility and provide opportunities for people of all ages and capabilities, including those with developmental and sensory disabilities, to play together in the



ADA Accessible and Inclusive Playground

same environment. The project is slated for completion by June of 2022.

- A third rentable Yurt will be added to Yurt Village in time for the 2022 Camping Season and electric service will be added to campsites 1-15 in the Main Campground.
- An automatic exit gate will be added to the roadway that goes to the boat ramp to allow for safer and more efficient traffic flow.

The County is excited about bringing these enhancements to fruition and asks for patience during construction. AJ Jolly officially opens for the 2022 Season on March 21 and there are no fee increases for the season. We can’t wait to welcome you back to AJ Jolly this spring!

2022 AJ JOLLY PARK DATES TO KNOW

- March 25:** RV Camping (Flatwood sites) open
- April 22:** All Camping Open
- May 14:** Community Yard Sale 9 am - 2 pm
- June – July:** Jolly Thursdays every Thursday at 10 am
- June – TBA:** Music Night @ AJ Jolly
- July 10:** Sun Valley Bluegrass Festival

2022 AJ Jolly Golf Course Rates

Please call A.J. Jolly Golf Course at 859/635-2106 or visit [www.ajjolly.com](http://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 2022	Rate
9 Holes Walking	\$18
9 Holes Riding	\$29
18 Holes Walking	\$36
18 Holes Riding	\$55
<b>Senior Rates</b>	
9 Holes	\$15
9 Holes Riding	\$27
18 Holes Senior	\$27
18 Holes Riding	\$35
<b>Junior Rates</b>	
9 Holes	\$5
18 Holes	\$10
<b>Weekend Twilight (Friday-Sunday after 5 pm)</b>	
9 Holes Riding	\$19
<b>Cart Rentals</b>	
9 Holes	\$11
18 Holes	\$19
<b>Season Passes</b>	
Single	\$650
Couple	\$850
Senior (60+)	\$575
Senior Couple	\$750
Junior	\$225
Family	\$1200
Premium	\$2400
<b>Spectator Cart Rentals (per person)</b>	
9 Holes	\$11
18 Holes	\$19

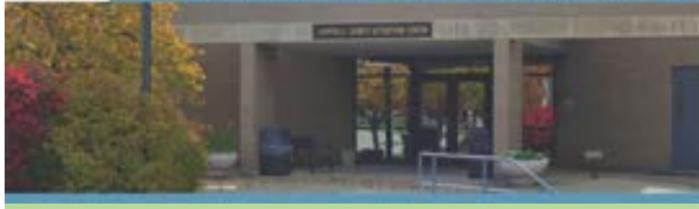
- All rates include imposed State Sales Taxes.
- All concessions, including alcohol, must be purchased at the golf course.
- Shotgun starts are available for groups of 100+ golfers.
- Private lessons are available for \$75, call the pro shop at 859/635-2106 for additional information or email [BLambdin@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:BLambdin@campbellcountyky.gov).



## Campbell County is hiring!

To learn about current career opportunities with the Campbell County Fiscal Court, Police Department, and Detention Center,

please visit the Human Resources Page on the County website at [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) or call Human Resources at 859/547-1872.



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY WITH A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT!



Apply to be a Deputy Jailer

859/547-1903  
csteale@campbellcountyky.gov

ccdc.ky.gov  
601 Central Ave., Newport, KY 41071

## Campbell County Office of Emergency Management

Campbell County is home to two Certified Kentucky Emergency Managers. William R. Turner and Greg Buckler, who are both employed at the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management, are holders of this important certification.

The Certified Kentucky Emergency Manager (CKEM) credential is an indicator of experience, hard work, training, and dedication to integrity and creativity. It is also an assurance that an individual is dedicated to the

field of emergency management. This credential proves the emergency manager has effectively achieved goals and objectives of comprehensive emergency management in Kentucky. The program is open to all emergency managers within the Commonwealth of Kentucky wishing to further their professionalism in the emergency management field. The CKEM candidate must be employed in an emergency management position and have comprehensive emergency management

## Flood Insurance update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently updated the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) to include a new pricing methodology called **Risk Rating 2.0**. Since the 1970s, rates have been predominantly based on a property's elevation within a flood zone. Risk Rating 2.0 factors in more flood risk variables including a differential between riverine and coastal communities.

Beginning October 1, 2021, policies in Campbell County will be subject to the new rating methodology which normally results in lower premiums especially for homes built before the 1980s. We encourage you to reach out to your insurance carrier to request that your policy be evaluated using Risk Rating 2.0.

The Campbell Planning & Zoning Department is able to help you or your insurance agent with:

- Current and Historical Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)
- Current and Historical Flood Insurance Study (FIS)
- Letters of Map Revision (LOMR)
- Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA)

The flood hazard zones for parcels within Campbell County are available through the FEMA Flood Map Service Center ([msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov)) and our regional mapping system ([www.LinkGIS.org](http://www.LinkGIS.org)).

We are happy to assist you with this information to determine if a property is a special flood hazard area including the floodplain and floodway. For insurance and survey purposes, we can provide FIRM community number, FIRM panel number, FIRM suffix, FIRM index date, and elevation datum. In many cases, we are able to estimate the ground contour levels as compared to the base flood elevation. Additional data is also available concerning flood inundation and designated wetlands areas.

We do maintain elevation certificate records for permitted construction of new buildings, and substantial improvements to existing buildings, within the special flood hazard areas.

Should you have questions or need information, please contact us at 859/292-3880 or at 1098 Monmouth Street, Suite 343, Newport, Kentucky, 41071.



Certified Kentucky Emergency Managers Greg Buckler, left, and William R. Turner

experience. The Kentucky Emergency Management Association awards the CKEM and is dedicated to promoting

the goals of saving lives and protecting property through the applicable phases of emergency management. One way to increase professionalism, while also recognizing the individuals who possess the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience to effectively manage a comprehensive emergency management program, is through this credentialing program.

Congratulations to these two professionals who proudly serve Campbell County!

## Upcoming Solid Waste events

### Campbell County Spring Clean-Up Event

**When:** Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April 30, 8 am-5 pm

**Where:** Multiple locations

The Campbell County Clean-Up Event is an opportunity to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items free of charge. This two-day event is for Campbell County residents only. Businesses, including junk/construction removal businesses, or automotive businesses, are prohibited.

Participants must have a valid Campbell County ID or some other proof of residency. Be sure to check [www.campbellcountyky.gov](http://www.campbellcountyky.gov) for updates. Contact the Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator at [SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov) or 859/547-1866 with questions before the day of the event.

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

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 Scrap Metal** Tires (LIMIT 8; Rims OK) Trash & Debris Yard Waste

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

\*\* Remove fluids (oil & gas) from equipment

### Recycle 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. All other items are accepted at County Clean-Up Events.

Participants are required to unload their own vehicle.

Location	When	Items Accepted Year-Round
Campbell County Transportation Center	Monday – Friday 8 am – 3 pm	Refrigerators (Freon OK) Freezers (Freon OK) Air Conditioners (Freon OK)
1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria	Place items containing Freon in the appropriate section.	Ovens Hot Water Heaters Washers/ Dryers

### Campbell County Public Drop-Off Recycling Bins

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 below.\* All items should be clean, dry, and placed loose in the bins. **Do not place your items inside of a plastic bag.**

Product Type	Yes, Please (Accepted)	No Thanks (NOT Accepted)
PAPER	Junk mail, magazines, newspapers	No wrapping paper, napkins, or paper towels
CARDBOARD	Clean, <i>flattened</i> boxes	No wet or soiled cardboard
METAL	Aluminum or tin cans	No pots/pans, batteries, auto parts, fencing, or hangers
PLASTIC	Bottles, jugs, and tubs Yogurt/fruit cups OK Reattach lids	No plastic bags, hangers, or Styrofoam
GLASS	Bottles and jars Remove lids	No broken glass, mirrors, windows, lightbulbs, or drinking glasses
CARTONS	Remove straws and lids	No plastic straws and lids

\*These lists are also applicable for curbside recycling customers.

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 0-13-20) — leaving your items on the ground is littering! To report illegal dumping or other issues at a drop-off location, please call 859/547-1866 or email [SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov](mailto:SolidWaste@campbellcountyky.gov).

Location	Service Days
Campbell County Animal Shelter 1989 Poplar Ridge Rd.	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Morscher Park 4800 Mary Ingles Highway	Monday, Thursday
Southern Campbell Fire Department 1050 Racetrack Rd.	Monday, Thursday
TANK Park & Ride Lot 9000 Alexandria Pike	Monday, Wednesday, Friday

## Protecting yourself from identity theft

With the holidays behind us, it is important to remember that in a digital age our “identity” (meaning our personal identifying information such as name, date of birth or social security information) is at risk of being stolen. One hazard of online shopping for gifts during the holidays is finding that personal information is stolen by a third-party. If this happens, you must act quickly. This article will hopefully assist those who find themselves in a difficult position of fighting to reclaim their identity.

### What is identity theft

According to the United States Department of Justice, identity theft is the wrongful obtaining and using of a person’s personal information in a manner that is typically used for economic gain. There are some typical methods that a thief might use to steal a person’s identity. One of the most common is referred to as phishing, which is the sending of an email with an untrustworthy link that a victim clicks on allowing the thief access to the victim’s information. This can occur from text messages or even phone calls where a thief is trying to get a victim to divulge their personal information or to follow a link which would enable the thief to obtain information. A victim could fall into a trap of going to a fake website intending to buy the perfect holiday gift for a loved one. The thief would set up the website to look real and have a place for a potential victim to enter their credit card information for the thief to steal. Identity theft can even happen on legitimate websites, when a person stores their login information with a company, if that company is hacked, the information could be out in the open for a thief to obtain.



While identity theft can happen over the internet, it can also happen in person. An example would be the watching of a potential victim enter their PIN number or zip code into a machine when purchasing something as common as gas. If the thief possesses a way to obtain the credit card information, and then witnesses the victim enter their PIN number, the thief could steal the credit card information. There is also the worry when losing a wallet or purse that the individual who finds the wallet or purse will keep it for themselves. The person could take a driver’s license, or a credit card, and attempt to use the victim’s identity to go on a purchase spree. With a person’s information, a thief could make false applications for a credit card, access an online account or pretend to be that person and purchase goods.

### How to protect yourself

However, there is a way to better protect yourself from identity theft.

One of the best things to do to prevent identity theft is to constantly monitor your online credit card and banking statements. If you do this, you can spot any discrepancies and call your credit card company or bank and report the spending. While in touch with a credit card company or bank, you could ask the company to set up a fraud alert system that should monitor your credit score for any credit deviations that were not authorized by you. It is also best to use multiple passwords, that are not just variations of the same password, on all websites that you visit and save personal information on. This way, if a thief discovers the password for one account, the thief does not have the password for all of your accounts. To prevent a thief from stealing information in person, it may be best to always protect your PIN from any onlookers. Make sure that you are getting all of your mail as it comes in so a person would not be able to open your mailbox and obtain a letter with sensitive information. Once you are done with documents that

possess sensitive information, shred the documents so that a thief cannot steal them out of the trash.

While taking precautions can lessen the chances of having your identity stolen, it does not mean that it will not occur. In the event that your identity is stolen, the first step would be to freeze any and all accounts that may have been compromised. This may involve calling that company and informing them of the fraudulent transactions. For those accounts that have not been compromised, it would be best to change the password for those sites and monitor them closely for any unauthorized transactions. Once you have notified the company overseeing your affected account, you should contact the company from which the thief attempted to purchase something. This would allow the business to be put on notice that any purchases made with your information is likely fraudulent and they can flag any unauthorized purchases. You should also file a report with the Federal Trade Commission. While

## Protecting yourself from identity theft, continued

the Federal Trade Commission does not directly prosecute any thieves, it helps the criminal investigation into the theft. You should also contact local law enforcement to file a report that someone stole your identity. The local law enforcement may direct you to call the Attorney General of Kentucky. The Kentucky Attorney General’s office has resources that can help a person start the path to recovering their stolen information. The best contact information for the Attorney General for identity theft help is through the Identity Theft Hotline at 1 (800) 804-7556 or by website at <https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/AttorneyGeneral/ScamReport>.

In Kentucky, a person is found guilty of theft of another’s identity if that person knowingly possesses or

uses any current or former identifying information of another person with the intent to represent the other person in manners such as depriving the other person of property, obtaining benefits, making financial transactions, avoiding detection of law enforcement or commercial benefit. Kentucky prosecutes identity theft as a Class D felony. This could result in imprisonment that could last at least one (1) year or up to five (5) years. There is also a potential for a fine that could be from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. If the person is found guilty of identity theft, they must relinquish any claim to items gained through the illegal use of someone’s identity. There are also federal repercussions for identity theft. The United States will prosecute anyone who knowingly and without lawful

authority produces, transfers or possesses identifying documentation with the intent to defraud the proper owner. If found guilty, a person could be imprisoned for up to thirty (30) years, depending on the severity of the identity theft. These actions are illegal statewide and federally.

I hope you have found this information helpful. If you have any

topics you would like to have covered in this column, please contact my office at the information in the contact box below.

Sincerely,  
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## Drop Your Drawers breaks record

The Campbell County Public Library would like to thank its patrons for their tremendous support of Drop Your Drawers in November and December. The goal of raising 7,000 pairs of new socks and underwear for public schools in Campbell County was smashed, with 15,169 collected. Due to the large number of donations, CCPL was able to donate around 2,000 to those affected by the devastating tornadoes in western Kentucky — with plenty remaining for the schools.

“We are so thankful for our community’s support,” said Library Director JC Morgan. “Because of your generosity, we are able to help keep Family Resource Centers’ supplies of clean underwear and socks stocked. Thank you to all who participated.”



Library Director JC Morgan (left) with staff members from public schools across Campbell County sorting Drop Your Drawers donations.

## Sign up for story times

Help nurture your child’s love of reading by attending one of the library’s weekly story times. There are 14 programs for infants through preschoolers across CCPL branches. Registration is required for all story times. Age groups include babies ages newborn to 2; tots and toddlers ages 2-3; and pre-k ages 3-5. From songs and bouncy rhymes to crafts, story times aim to strengthen literacy skills in young children. To check out all of the library’s story time offerings, visit [www.cc-pl.org/events](http://www.cc-pl.org/events).

## Mummies, ghosts and more at Signature Series



The library's spring Signature Series installments feature a 2,000-year-old mummy and the bootlegging ghosts that haunt Cincinnati. Umi, a mummified Egyptian boy aged 3-5, resides at the Cincinnati Museum Center. In partnership with CMC, Northern Kentucky University's Allied Health Department used X-Rays and a CT scanner to create a 3-D image of Umi, which revealed new informa-

tion about the boy. Learn about their discoveries from members of the department this March.

Also joining the library in April is bestselling author Karen Abbott, whose 2019 book *The Ghosts of Eden Park* is set across the river in The Queen City. A true-crime story set in the early days of Prohibition, it follows German immigrant George Remus, aka "King of the Bootleggers," through tales of

Gatsby-esque parties, FBI investigations, an affair and murder. A book signing and a short reception will follow Abbott's lecture. Fort Thomas' Blue Marble Books will sell copies of the novel.

**Both talks take place at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch at 7 pm Friday, March 25 and April 22, respectively. Free tickets are required. Request tickets at [www.cc-pl.org/signature-series](http://www.cc-pl.org/signature-series).**

## Celebrate STEAM Month

March marks STEAM Month at the library, which celebrates all things Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Each branch has programs throughout the month for all age groups, including an Ultimate Bake-Off Escape Room for teens at Carrico/Fort Thomas; a STEAM Lego

Challenge at Alexandria for grades 1-5; Stage Combat with Kentucky Shakespeare at Cold Spring for teens; and The Great Builder Challenge at Newport for adults. Visit [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org) for details and additional programming.

Plus, the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch is hosting a Family STEAM Night on March 19 at 6 pm. Organizations from across Greater Cincinnati will give presentations, including Cincinnati Observatory, NKU's Chemistry Department, Cincinnati Museum Center and Neusole Glassworks. Patrons can also meet penguins from the Newport Aquarium, explore a tech playground and enjoy a craft.

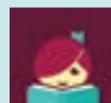
Take the festivities home with the STEAM Month Reading Challenge. Participants of all ages can read books and log them on the Beanstack app or website for the chance to win two tickets to the Cincinnati Museum Center. There will be a challenge per age group (children, teens, adults) in which patrons can receive one entry under the categories of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

## El Día de los Libros

Celebrate cultures from around the world at the Cold Spring Branch from 11 am to 3 pm Saturday, April 30. El Día de los Libros, or Day of the Book, emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds by connecting families to diverse books and languages. There will be performances from local organizations, including Bi-Okoto, a professional African dance and drum company, and The Cultural Center of India. Children can also enjoy crafts that highlight multicultural customs and traditions. To-go bags with international snacks will be provided.



## Meet Libby



Want to check out materials from the library on the go or from the comfort of home? Libby, a one-tap reading app, makes that possible. The app allows users to borrow ebooks, digital magazines and audiobooks instantly. Signing up is easy. All users need is a library card and the free app, available on the iOS and Android app stores. Libby can also be accessed at [www.libbyapp.com](http://www.libbyapp.com). Once downloaded, find Campbell County Public Library, sign in with your library card and begin browsing. For more information, visit [www.cc-pl.org/kentucky-libraries-unbound](http://www.cc-pl.org/kentucky-libraries-unbound).

### Campbell County Public Library



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**Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch** 1000 Highland Ave. • 859/572-5033  
**Newport Branch** 901 E. Sixth St. • 859/572-5035  
**Alexandria Branch** 8333 Alexandria Pike • 859/572-7463

## Acquisition of property brings opportunity for expansion

When Campbell County Schools took possession of the former Disabled American Veterans Property in December, the opportunity for much needed expansion within the district began to seem real. With an increasingly congested middle school of over 1200 students, a second middle school cuts enrollment in half, increasing student access to valuable services, and programming.

Having two middle schools within the district will allow for such things as two bands, two choirs, two academic teams, doubled sports offerings, and doubled class and club offerings, such as Student Technology Leadership Programs (STLP) and Project Lead the Way Programs for engineering and math. With the expanded offerings comes the chance for more students to participate.

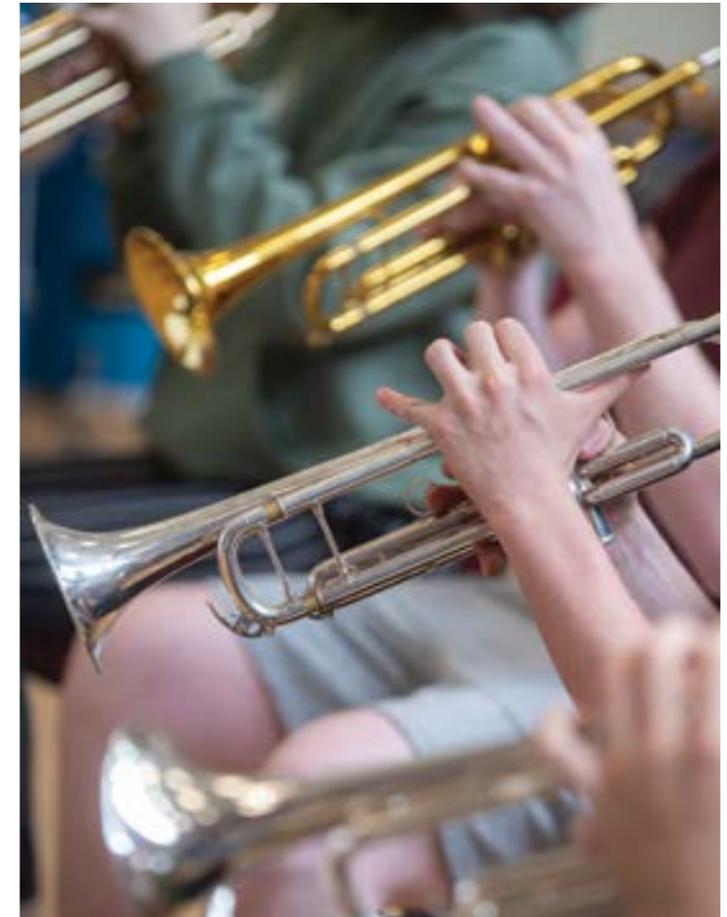
### More space to succeed

In addition to expanded accessibility to programming for students, creating two middle schools allow for more space to succeed. Creating a state-of-the-art middle school in the northern part of the district and reducing the current middle school's reliance on the tiny classrooms and hallways in the south wing, allows for more space where students can work to become successful global citizens. Larger, more robust learning spaces will accommodate the unique learning needs of every student and support their development of 21st Century skills. "More space will allow for students to work more comfortably together," said Dr. David Rust, Superintendent of Campbell County Schools, "With additional room to learn, students can collabo-

rate more effectively, thus enhancing their learning experience."

### Room for growth

Although property development has increased in, and around Alexandria, the majority of the CCS student population still resides in the north end of the district including Wilder, Highland Heights and Cold Spring. However, by adding a northern middle school, the enrollment of our 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. "Adding a new middle school in Cold Spring allows for expansion and reduced travel times," stated Dr. Rust. "It allows for expanded access to programming. This is the best option for our students and families."



Having two middle schools within the district will allow for such things as two bands, two choirs, two academic teams, doubled sports offerings, and more.

### Campbell County School District



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# COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone ages 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against the illness. Moderately or severely immunocompromised 5-11-year-olds are recommended to receive an additional primary dose of vaccine 28 days after their second dose. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to best protect everyone from COVID-19 and related complications.

## Help protect your child, your family and others

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can help protect children ages 5 years and older from getting COVID-19.

- Vaccinating children can help protect family members, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at increased risk of getting very sick if they are infected.

- Vaccination can also help keep children from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
- Vaccinating children ages 5 years and older can help keep them in school and help them more safely participate in other activities.
- Vaccinating children ages 5 years and older can help protect them against rare, but serious complications like multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C) — a condition that can affect numerous organ systems of the body.

Help protect your whole family and slow the spread of COVID-19 in your community by getting yourself and your children ages 5 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19.

## COVID-19 vaccines are safe for children and teens

Before recommending COVID-19 vaccination for children, scientists



conducted clinical trials with thousands of children. COVID-19 vaccines are being monitored for safety with the most comprehensive and intense safety monitoring program in U.S. history. CDC monitors the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines after the vaccines are authorized or approved for use, including the risk of myocarditis

in children ages 5 through 11 years. The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks.

Source: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html?s\\_cid=11368:covid%20vaccine%20for%20kids%20under%2012:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY21](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html?s_cid=11368:covid%20vaccine%20for%20kids%20under%2012:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY21)

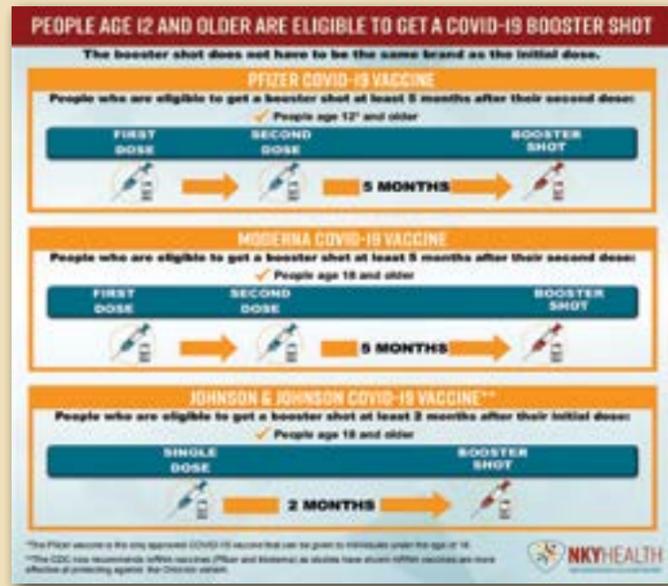
# COVID-19 Booster

People age 12\* years and older who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 can get a booster. Currently, only Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is approved for use in those under 18 years of age.

- If you received the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, you may get a booster if you are 12\* years or older and it has been at least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series.
- If you received the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you may get a booster if you are 18 years or older and it has been at least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series.

- If you received the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, you may get a booster if you are 18 years or older and it has been at least 2 months since your previous shot.
- If you are 18 years of age or older, the CDC now allows you to choose which brand of COVID-19 vaccine you receive as a booster shot, even if it is different from the vaccine you got in your original series.

Source: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html?s\\_cid=11705:when%20to%20get%20covid%2019%20booster%20shot:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY22](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html?s_cid=11705:when%20to%20get%20covid%2019%20booster%20shot:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY22)



# HIV

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It weakens a person's immune system by destroying important cells that fight disease and infection. In October of 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Health Advisory that described clusters and outbreaks of HIV among people who inject drugs (PWID) that have occurred throughout the U.S. since 2015, including our region (Hamilton County, Ohio and Northern Kentucky). According to the Kentucky Department for Public Health's 2020 HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, as of December 31, 2019 Northern Kentucky is reported to have 914 total HIV disease cases. Campbell County represents approximately 21.8% (199) of the total HIV cases in the region. (<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/hab/Documents/Annual-Report2020.pdf>).

To help stop the rising number of cases, the CDC recommends:

- Everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 should get tested for HIV at least once as part of their routine healthcare. An estimated



1.2 million people in the United States have HIV, including people who are unaware of their status. Nearly 40% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who don't know they have the virus. For people with undiagnosed HIV, testing is the first step in maintaining a healthy life and preventing HIV transmission.

- For those at higher risk, the CDC recommends getting tested at least once a year.

- The Northern Kentucky Health Department provides FREE HIV testing. Walk-ins welcome! Get your results in as little as 60 seconds. For more information, please scan the QR code or visit our website <https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/individual-health/hiv-services/>.



There is currently no effective cure for HIV but with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled, and with science-based HIV screening, prevention and treatment we can help end the HIV epidemic.

Sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/biv/testing/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/biv/basics/whatishiv.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/biv/library/awareness/uad.html>  
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/hab/Documents/AnnualReport2020.pdf>

# Naloxone

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications. Naloxone is also known by the brand name, Narcan. Often given as a nasal spray, naloxone is safe and easy to use. When administered after an overdose, naloxone can counteract the life-threatening effects of opioid drugs and keep individuals who have overdosed alive until emergency medical help arrives.



## What to know about Naloxone:

- Naloxone is an essential part of every first aid kit.
- Anyone can witness an overdose. Be prepared to save a life, carry naloxone.

- Did You Know? Naloxone reverses overdoses for any opioid class drug. That includes prescription painkillers like Percocet and Vicodin.
- Naloxone is safe to use on men, women, the elderly and even children!
- Always call 911 if you suspect an overdose. You are protected under Kentucky's Good Samaritan Law while saving a life with naloxone.

Visit our website to learn more about naloxone, receive training and have a kit mailed to your address in Boone, Campbell, Grant or Kenton counties, or scan the QR code for more info.

Sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/stovertdose/naloxone/index.html>



# Resources available to stop smoking and/or vaping

While our state is well-known for its beautiful mountains, historic national and state parks, rolling hills and horse-lined highways, we are also known for the deep-rooted tobacco growing culture - a culture that has not been kind to the health of our neighbors. Although the tobacco industry witnessed a decline in sales in the 1990s due to anti-smoking campaigns and higher taxes, the rates of disability, disease and death related to lung-disease continue to rise. How could this be? The tobacco industry noticed a shift in societal trends and decided they needed to gain a new generation of smokers to keep up sales, therefore “big tobacco” transformed into “big vape”. Did you know that “vape” is actually a term that the tobacco industry created because of its sense of safety? The term that better describes this product is e-cigarette because the “vapor” that you see in the air is actually an aerosol made up of harmful substances, including nicotine, heavy metals like lead, volatile organic compounds and cancer-causing agents (similar to those found in traditional cigarettes).

Technology, like the internet and phone applications, has made tobacco, nicotine, e-cigarettes and other harmful substances more accessible to all populations, including youth. The majority of e-cigarette

liquid contains nicotine - a HIGHLY addictive substance that over time changes the way our brains function and impacts our mood, our emotions and our ability to build critical information. All of these aspects are critical to the brain development in youth.

If you are looking to talk to your child about e-cigarettes or tobacco use, or you want to quit smoking or help a child, friend or loved one quit smoking or using another substance that is harmful to the lungs, please reach out for assistance. There are resources available and people ready to help.

### Steps to take for prevention:

- Speak with influencers, leaders and decision makers to advocate for stronger tobacco and other substance use policies in your community.
- Join a community coalition that is dedicated to preventing tobacco and other substance abuse
- Talk to your child/young adult about the impacts that an addiction can lead to in their life. Bring up sports/extracurriculars, spending and other immediate side effects along with long-term risks such as disability and diseases, including the possibility

- of transmitting a disease from sharing devices.
- Ask your school about their 100% Tobacco-Free School policy and find out where they are promoting prevention tools and cessation strategies



### Tools for cessation:

- Walk in to a participating local pharmacy and ask to receive two-week's worth of FREE gum/patches. Find out which pharmacies are participating by scanning the QR code or visiting our website: <https://nkyhealth.org/individual-or-family/individual-health/quit-smoking/>.



- 1-800-QUIT-NOW Hotline: free phone service to anyone looking to quit using nicotine products. Get connected to a coach and access to low-no-cost nicotine replacement therapies like gum or patches.



- My Life My Quit: free and confidential texting service for teens looking to stop smoking. Text “Start My Quit” to 36072 to get connected now.



- Freedom From Smoking: a free seven-week program offered by St. Elizabeth Tobacco Treatment Specialists to help you quit for good by developing a plan of action leading up to your quit day. Call (859)301-5570 to join today or go to [stelizabeth.com/freedomfromsmoking](http://stelizabeth.com/freedomfromsmoking)

# Get to know PROJECT RAMP

### The Foundation for Community Assistance

PROJECT RAMP is a community foundation that was formed in 2012 to give financial assistance to registered RAMP users that find it difficult to personally fund their transportation on RAMP. The foundation will give financial assistance to RAMP passengers that financially qualify for the assistance and are approved through the application process.

### Who the Foundation helps

RAMP is the Regional Area Mobility Program, which provides ADA transportation operated by the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, to residents of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties. The fare for the service is \$2.50 a ride, which some riders find cost prohibitive, making it difficult to make trips to employment and for medical needs. PROJECT RAMP is a funding program offering financial assistance to cover a portion of this fare. This fund depends on public support to operate, donations are accepted at <https://www.tankbus.org/rider-guide/programs/ramp/project-ramp>

### Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky

PROJECT RAMP is administered by the Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky (CFNK), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that benefits the people of our region by addressing the need for improved health, social and educational services in our community. Partnering with the CFNK to provide financial assistance to people in our community that qualify for RAMP services under the Americans with Disabilities Act and are economically disadvantaged will allow the PROJECT RAMP foundation to help those most in need in our community.



## NKY Health



### Campbell County Health Center

1098 Monmouth Street, Newport, KY 41071  
phone: 859/431-1704 • fax: 859/655-6386  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am - 5 pm

### District Office

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

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- [@nkyhealth](https://twitter.com/nkyhealth)
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## Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

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

Contact us! Phone: 859/331-TANK (8265) • Web: [www.tankbus.org](http://www.tankbus.org)

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# Promoting the care and stewardship of our natural resources

## Welcome to our district manager!



**Patti Dischar** We'd like to welcome our district manager, Patti Dischar, as of November 15, 2021. Growing up in Campbell County Patti Dischar saw firsthand from her parents a good work ethic and using her talents to be a good steward to the community. Patti married her husband, John Dischar, 33 years ago and moved to California, Kentucky where they raised five children who were involved in farming, 4-H, and learning about preserving the land. Patti is excited to begin her work with the Conservation District and getting involved with all the ways we can preserve the soil, water and natural resources in Campbell County Kentucky!

## 2023 Soil and Water Conservation District election year

Deadline to file is June 7, 2022. Contact the Campbell County Clerk's office to obtain a petition and for filing information.

## CAIP Program

2021 was the year for our County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP). The District received \$57,568 from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. So far 22 farmers have been awarded funds from the program with only two to go. The most popular investment areas include Large Animal, Forage and Grain Improvement, Fencing and On-Farm Water, and Innovative

## Campbell County Conservation District

# MISSION

The mission of the Campbell County Conservation District in accordance with state statute is promoting the care and stewardship of the land, water, and other natural resources within the district and serving the people by encouraging the use of Best Management Practices, and promoting the importance of agriculture to the culture and economy of the county. To further these efforts, the district provides technical and financial assistance, information, and education throughout the county.

Agricultural Systems. The next program year will be 2023. Watch for information on our website and Facebook page around April 2023 for the application period. The three requirements to qualify for scoring are: farm serial number, social security number, and having a Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan.



## Composting 101

On November 29, 30 & December 1 the Campbell County Conservation District partnered with DJ. Scully, Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service agent, and his Environmental Assistant Aubree Dawson on a drive-through event to distribute 100 composting bins. Participants received educational information on composting basics and an Earth machine compost bin. This event was funded through a grant from the KY Division of Waste Management to promote composting in our county.



## Farm Preservation Seminar

The Campbell County Conservation District is partnering with the Campbell Conservancy and Campbell County Extension on a Farm Trusts, Protection & Preservation spring seminar. Topics of interest will include easements, and the various types of family trusts, and the advantages/disadvantages for farms. Due to the continuing evolution of the pandemic and consideration of our participants more details about the spring seminar will be posted on our website: <https://campbellkyconservation.org/>. We will continue to update this information on our website as event details are confirmed.

## State Cost-Share Program

The conservation practices eligible for state cost-share may include: fence, stream crossing, waste storage facility, heavy use area, pasture and hay land erosion control, pipeline watering facility, spring development, pond, animal waste utilization and more.

## Backyard Local Cost-Share Program

The Campbell County Conservation District's Backyard Conservation Local Cost-Share Program is an incentive program intended to assist with landowner's costs while implementing conservation practices that benefit soil and water quality and wildlife habitat. Possible projects for funding are, but not limited to: rain barrels, Monarch waystation, raised garden

beds, invasive plant removal, rain gardens, composting, and native grass and tree planting.

## 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 on our website: select the forms tab.

## Dead farm animal removal cost-share assistance for local farmers

The Campbell County Conservation District offers cost-share assistance, through a grant from the Kentucky Division of Conservation, up to 75% of the haul bill for the removal and proper disposal of fallen livestock. Two haulers in our area include Shipley & Son (513/734-1818, 24/7) and on

holidays) and Countryside Industries (859/421-1867 M-F 8 am-4 pm but closed on holidays). The program is limited to private landowners. Kentucky law regulates the proper disposal methods for dead farm animals. Water quality concerns can also be addressed by using approved disposal methods.

## Waste water disposal local cost share

In recent years Campbell County has seen increases in population, development, and economic growth. Unfortunately, the County has also seen increase in water pollution. Untreated effluent from rural homes and camping trailers is discharged into the streams that provide our drinking water. This Waste Water Disposal cost-share program is a financial incentive for landowners to dispose of this effluent properly by providing funds for code-compliant plumbing installation/modifications of both supply-and drain/vent-pipes to carry wastewater into existing sewer/septic systems. Leach line repair will also be considered.

# Mark your calendars for the July 16, 2022 Backroads Farm Tour!

The 2022 Backroads Farm Tour will be here before we know it! On July 16, from 9 am to 3 pm. The Campbell County Conservation District's Farmland Work group will present the 14th annual Backroads Farm Tour. This event is a self-guided, multi-stop driving tour of Campbell County's working farms and wineries. Many stops will have food, drinks and home grown goods for purchase, as well as farm-fresh produce, wine and more. The annual Tour presents an opportunity to experience and learn Campbell County agriculture farming, equine, horticulture, vineyards and more! For more information check our website for updates as we begin planning.



## Campbell County Conservation District

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Keep up to date on your Conservation District news by subscribing to our quarterly eNewsletter on our website at [www.campbellkyconservation.org](http://www.campbellkyconservation.org).

# 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 Ft. Thomas, Southgate, Wilder, and Woodlawn for the 2022 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](http://pva.campbellcountykentucky.com).

The conference period this year, by state law, begins Monday, May 2, 2022, and continues until Monday, May 16, 2022. The deadline to submit an appeal to the office is 12 PM EST on Monday, May 16, 2022. After May 16, 2022, we can no longer accept appeals to a property's value until the following calendar year, and that



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current assessment will stand for the 2022 tax season. Appeals can be made 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 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 any-time during 2022; you must also have resided at that location on or before January 1, 2022, 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

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, 2022, 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 driving 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/DEX 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 2022. 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.

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/DEX at that location.

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

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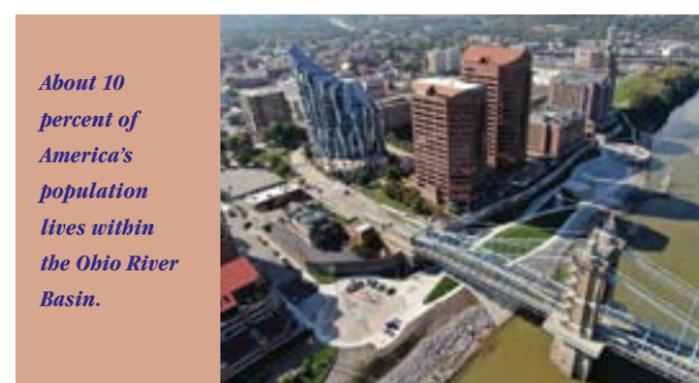
# Proudly serving Northern Kentucky for 75 years

The Ohio River is 981 miles long and stretches from the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers in Pittsburgh to the Mississippi River in Cairo, Illinois. Geologists say the river formed on a piecemeal basis beginning about 3 million years ago as the result of one of the early ice ages.

Native Americans and early settlers were the first to use the river as a transportation route, and today more than 184 million tons of cargo — most commonly coal — are carried up and down the river each year. About 10 percent of America's population lives within the Ohio River Basin, with thousands of communities receiving their drinking water from its relentless flow.

Up and down the river, urban and agricultural runoff, abandoned mines, industrial waste and — yes, raw sewage — all threaten its water quality. This threat is not new.

News reports of rising concerns about the river's quality began not



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long after the Civil War, but it wasn't until the 1940s that Congress passed the first federal law aimed at protecting water quality. At that point, most of the nation's cities continued to discharge raw sewage directly into streams, rivers, lakes or oceans. Northern Kentucky was no different.

But a decade before the first federal law protecting water quality, states along the river had begun working together to address the increase of pollution resulting from population growth and increased in-

dustrial activity. It would be a costly endeavor, with 1943 estimates for cleaning up the Ohio River ranging from \$53 million to \$200 million.

On September 5, 1945, in response to odor concerns at Banklick Creek, Dr. H. Clay White, a Kenton County health officer, recommended the establishment of a sanitation district in Northern Kentucky.

One year later, on September 12, 1946, the Kentucky Commissioner of Sanitation Districts F.C. Dugan issued an order establishing the

boundaries of a proposed sanitation district in Northern Kentucky pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes 220, which authorized populous counties within Kentucky to establish such districts. Three months later, Dugan issued an order organizing Sanitation District No. 1 of Campbell and Kenton Counties.

In the decades since SD1 was founded, life in and around the Ohio River has improved tremendously. Each day, SD1 prevents about 75,000 pounds of waste from entering our beloved river and its tributaries.

Our commitment to protecting public health, property and the environment has never been stronger, as evidenced by our ambitious Clean H2O40 sewer overflow mitigation program, which aims to completely eliminate typical-year sanitary sewer overflows and dramatically reduce the volume of combined sewer overflows by the year 2040.

## Be winter ready: Tips for buying and applying de-icer

Snow and ice removal is an annual winter chore. As snow piles up, the first line of defense is simply to shovel paved areas to keep them clean and prevent ice from forming. When ice does form, it is common to use salt and other types of chemical de-icers to clear walkways and driveways.

Salt and other chemical de-icers help make travel conditions less hazardous, but they can also have an impact on local waterways, landscaping, pets and wildlife. These tips will help you safely battle the icy cold this winter while limiting the environmental impact.

### Buying de-icer

Traditional rock salt and some chemical de-icers can injure your pet's paws, damage cars, prematurely age cement and asphalt, and pollute streams. Some alternative de-icers have less of an environmental impact but are just as effective at melting ice from paved walkways and driveways.

Check de-icer labels to ensure the product is safe for your pet, property and the environment.

### Applying de-icer

Before applying de-icer, make sure to manually remove as much

snow and ice as possible. De-icer works best when it is applied to thin layers of ice.

Follow the directions on the de-icer container. Using more than what is recommended will not make the ice melt faster. When snow and ice melt, the runoff picks up the excess de-icer and carries it to our streams.

When possible, avoid using salt and other de-icers near trees, shrubs and grasses. The salty water can severely harm or kill a home's landscaping.

If you have questions, email [info@SD1.org](mailto:info@SD1.org) or call SD1 at 859/578-7450.

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# St. Elizabeth elevates advanced heart care in the region with new comprehensive facility

St. Elizabeth Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Physicians have brought more than 30 multi-specialty Heart & Vascular Institute physicians and 30 advanced practice providers from multiple office sites to one central location in Edgewood with the opening of a new 67,000-square-foot building.

St. Elizabeth will treat even more community members who have complex cardiac needs thanks to the generous support from William (Bill) J. Yung III. The \$7 million donation (largest in St. Elizabeth history) will be used for facilities, equipment and physician recruitment. The Heart & Vascular Institute has been renamed the Florence Wormald Heart & Vascular Institute at St. Elizabeth after Yung's mother, whose courage, independence and pioneering spirit served as a catalyst in his life.



"My mother always pushed me to do things for myself — to work for myself, to spend money to make money," said Yung. "That advice has been key to my business success, which is why I'm honored to support the St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute with a gift in her name. My hope is that this donation will help attract even more top physicians and researchers while enhancing access to elite cardiovascular care, right

here in the community we call home."

"At St. Elizabeth, our number one priority is our patients. With the opening of the new facility, we are uniquely positioned to offer exceptional cardiac care and patient experience in one central location: close to home," shared D.P. Suresh, MD, Cardiologist and Executive Medical Director of the St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute.

The new center features cardiology, cardiac electrophysiology, cardiac surgery, cardiac rehabilitation, an outpatient cath lab, the Advanced Heart Failure Management Center, the Structural Heart & Valve Center, diagnostic services, cardiovascular genetics, cardiac clinical trials, and an on-site lab. The significant investment made by St. Elizabeth in state-of-the-art heart care facilities, treatment options and cardiovascular specialists is yet another demonstration of the system's commitment to providing the most advanced and innovative care, leading the communities it serves to become one of the healthiest in America.

For more information on the Florence Wormald Heart & Vascular Institute at St. Elizabeth and our commitment to integrated, patient-focused cardiac care, visit [stelizabeth.com/heart](http://stelizabeth.com/heart).

## New mural honors healthcare workers

St. Elizabeth and ArtWorks, an award-winning nonprofit that has created public art throughout the Greater Cincinnati region, unveiled a 59-foot-tall by 91-foot-wide mural to honor the heroic efforts of healthcare workers worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Simultaneously, this year marks the 160th anniversary of St. Elizabeth Healthcare so this mural also creates a lasting public commemoration of this moment in history. Featuring a masked healthcare worker, this comic book-themed creation is visible on the Western Loading Dock of the Newport on the Levee complex at 1 Levee Way near the Taylor Southgate Bridge in Newport. This monumental image can also be seen from various locations in downtown Cincinnati.



### St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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# News from the County Clerk

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe new year. There has been a lot going on at the County Clerk's office since my last column. 2021 was a quiet year on the elections front, having no elections on the state or federal level. But we are working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we continue the Campbell County history of fair and accurate elections.

## Poll workers needed

We are always in need of poll workers. Campbell County has 66 precincts with each staffed by at least four workers. If any of you are 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.

## 2022 elections

2022 has a large number of races on the ballot. They include the offices of US Senate, US House of Representatives, Kentucky Senate, Kentucky House of Representatives, all of the county offices (Judge Executive, County Commissioners, County Clerk, Property Valuation Office, County Attorney, Sheriff, Coroner, District Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Family Court Judge, County Surveyor, Justice of the Peace/Magistrate and Constable), local school boards, and city races for mayor (except Newport) and city council. The primary is Tuesday, May 17. You can only vote for a partisan race in the primary if you are a registered Republican or Democrat and only for that particular party's ballot. If there is a nonpartisan primary (judge or city council), any registered voter may vote for that particular race. The last day to change party registration and still be eligible to vote for a partisan race in the May primary was December 31, 2021. If you change party affiliation after that date you will not be able to vote for the



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partisan races in the May primary. The last day to register to vote in the May primary for a new voter is April 18, 2022. A seventeen year old can register to vote in the May primary as long as they are eighteen by the General Election date of November 8, 2022.

## Absentee and early voting

If you are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day call our office at 859/292-3885 starting in March to get information on the process of voting by absentee ballot. We do everything within our power to make sure that every registered voter who wants to vote is able to do so. We will also have three days of countywide early voting on Thursday, May 12, Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. Keep an eye out for hours and locations to be announced.

## Polling locations

We hope to have most of our polling locations open on Election Day, although there will be some changes. Those whose locations have changed will be getting postcards in the next few months. If you have any questions about your voting status or precinct location you can go to [GoVoteKY.com](http://GoVoteKY.com)

or call our Election office at 859/292-3885.

## License renewals

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.

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.

### 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

Motor Vehicle Dept.: 859/292-3850

Marriage Dept.: 859/292-3885

Real Estate Dept.: 859/292-3845

#### Alexandria

8330 W. Main, Alexandria, KY 41071

ph: 859/635-2151

#### Hours:

M, T, W, F, 8:30 am-4 pm  
Thurs. (first and last of month only), 8:30 am-6 pm  
Sat. (first and third of month), 9 am-noon



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## Campbell County Drug Free Alliance

# Promoting a healthy lifestyle

The Campbell County Drug Free Alliance (CCDFA) is a group of agencies and individuals that strive for a better community with everyone able to live, work and play in an environment that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Campbell County Drug Free Alliance is Prevention in Action! We partner to promote and plan sustainable substance use prevention in Campbell County and beyond. Join the movement every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9 am.

For information on volunteer or donation opportunities, please visit [ccdugfreealliance.org](http://ccdugfreealliance.org) or email [campbellcountydfa@gmail.com](mailto:campbellcountydfa@gmail.com).

Throughout recent years, substance use efforts in our community have focused on the opioid epidemic, of which overdoses reached its peak in 2017, with 377 documented overdoses (KIPRC, 2019), and high school prescription drug use reached 3% in 2016 (KIP, 2016). The use of substances by adults in the community influences the rates of substance use among its youth. Substance use as a factor in hospital admissions have been increasing since 2014. Latest data shows 59,000 admissions to Campbell County hospitals due to non-dependent use of drugs. Opioids make up almost 10,000 of these admissions (KIPRC, 2018).

The consequences of use (youth and adult) provide insight into the impact of substance use in the community. Adult criminal offenses related to drugs and narcotics have been decreasing since 2015 going from over 2,100 offenses annually to a little over 1,000 offenses in 2019. Whereas youth offenses in the same time period have gone from 50 offenses per year to over 800 offenses per year (KSP).

In response to the complex nature of preventing and reducing opioid, methamphetamine, and prescription drug use among 12-18 year olds and to reduce the availability and use of opioids, the CCDFA has obtained funding to: Increase availability of lock boxes; Increase access to home disposal pouches; Promote take-back boxes and annual take-back events and engage in a community awareness campaign.

To spearhead these efforts, the CCDFA is proud to announce the hiring of Samantha Payne as Project Coordinator. Samantha is a recent graduate of Northern Kentucky University, having majored in Mental Health and Addictions. For information on how to obtain lock boxes or disposal pouches, please contact her at [Coordinatorccdafa@gmail.com](mailto:Coordinatorccdafa@gmail.com).

2022 ALEXANDRIA POLICE EVENTS	
February	Love Is All We Need; Solicitation for ARC Program
March	Sponsoring families for Easter
April	National Take Back Day (April 30)
May	Foster Care Awareness Month-Light up the City Blue
June	Story Book Walk-Share a Smile
July	Cops and Cones
August	Back to School Welcome
September	Story Book Walk-suicide awareness month
October	Faith and Blue Event (October 7-10, 2022) National Take Back Day National Coffee with a Cop
November	Angel Tree Blessing Bags
December	Sock collection for seniors

Please follow our Facebook page for further details on upcoming events.

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