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 underserved in Campbell County.

Expanded fiber network coming to 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 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 90-gig 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 of emerging 10, 25 and even 50 Gbps service in Greater Cincinnati and across 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.

The County will not use any general funds for the project. “Spending the ARPA money on high-speed internet is one of the best funds for the project,” said Pendery. “The ARPA allows local governments to use the money on high-speed internet. ARPA allows local governments to use the money on high-speed internet. The County will not use any general funds for the project. The County will not use any general funds for the project.

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Please take the time now to mark your home and driveway clearly so there is no time to waste, we can quickly locate you!

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.

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Spring/Summer 2022

Rate

9 Holes Walking

$18

9 Holes Riding

$29

18 Holes Walking

$36

18 Holes Riding

$55

Senior Rates

9 Holes

$16

18 Holes

$27

18 Hole Senior

$27

18 Hole Senior

$35

Junior Rates

9 Holes

$5

18 Holes

$10

Weekend Twilight (Friday-Saturday after 5 pm)

$19

9 Holes Riding

$9

18 Holes Riding

$19

Senior Passes

Single

$65

Couple

$95

Senior (65+)

$57

Senior Couple

$75

Junior

$225

Family

$1200

Premium

$2400

Spectator Car/rental (per person)

9 Holes

$11

18 Holes

$19

2022 AJ Jolly Golf Course Rates

• All rates include imposed State Sales Taxes.
• All concessions, including alcohol, must be purchased at the golf course.
• Morgan starts are available for groups of 10 or more.
• Private lessons are available for $75, call the pro shop at 859/635-2106 for additional information or email a.j.jolly@golf.com.

For information on special promotions or to book your tee time, please visit www.marshallky.com.

2022 AJ Jolly Park DATES TO KNOW

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The Campbell Planning & Zoning Department is able to help you or your insurance agent with:
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- 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 (fmsgeo.gov) and our regional mapping system (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 numbers, 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 859-292-3800 or at 1098 Moomouth Street, Suite 343, Newport, Kentucky, 41071.

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Campbell County Fiscal Court

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 or call Human Resources at 859-547-8872.

Campbell County is hiring!

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY WITH A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT!

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Congratulations to these two professionals who proudly serve Campbell County!

Campbell County Office of Emergency Management

Campbell County Fiscal Court - Solid Waste Management

Upcoming Solid Waste events

Campbell County Fiscal Court - Solid Waste Management

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.

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.

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.

**Furniture/Mattresses do NOT need to be plastic wrapped.
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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 false 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 available 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 victims identity to go on a purchase spree. With a person’s information, a thief could make fake 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 put a 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 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) 847-7888 or by website at https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/AttorneyGeneral/ScanReport. 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 depriv- ing 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 claims 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 questions you would like to have covered in this column, please contact my office at the information in the contact box below.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Franzen
Campbell County Attorney

Protecting yourself from identity theft, continued

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Sign up for story times

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Celebrate STEAM Month

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 GMC, 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 information 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 Carrocco/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.

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 in March. The library’s spring Signature Series and STEAM programs are just a few of the many events the library has planned.

El Dia de los Libros

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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 in children (MIS-C) — a condition that can affect numerous organs systems of the body.
- 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.


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

- Everyone between the ages of 13 and 18 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 60% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who don’t know they have the virus.
- For those at higher risk, the CDC recommends:
  - 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/
  - 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.

Sources:
- https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/free-hiv-testing/index.html
- https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/individuals/children-teens.html

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:

HIV

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It weakens a person’s immune system by destroying important cells that fight diseases 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 (Hamblen County, Ohio and Northern Kentucky). According to the Northern Kentucky Department for Public Health’s 2020 HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, as of December 31, 2019 Northern Kentucky is reported to have 934 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/ahp/hub/Documents/AnnualReport2020.pdf)

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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 cell phone applications, has made it easier for the drug to be accessible to all populations, including youth. The majority of e-cigarette users are young people.

**Tobacco-Free Environment**

- **Talk to your child/young adult about the impacts that an addiction can lead to in their life.**
- **Bring up sports/extracurricular activities**, spending and other immediate side effects along with long-term risks such as disability and disease, 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.**

**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
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**Tools for cessation:**

- **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.

**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. In 2012, the Foundation Partnersing 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.
Promoting the care and stewardship of our natural resources

Welcome to our district manager!

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, 35 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 $37,568 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 area include Large Animal, Forage and Grain Improvement, Fencing and On-Farm Water, and Innovative 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 Aubrey 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.

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 community.

Campbell County Conservation District

Mission

The mission of the Campbell County Conservation District is partnering with the Campbell Conservation 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, 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 Plans. Plans can 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 total cost for the removal and proper disposal of fallen livestock. Two haulers in our area include Shipley & Son (513)734-1818, 2674 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/systems. Leach line repair will also be considered.

Kentucky Agriculture

Grain Improvement, Fencing and Water Quality Plan.

Conservation District offers cost-share assistance for local programs. The program year will be 2023. Watch for information on our website and Facebook page. Budgeting for the removal and proper disposal of fallen livestock. Two haulers in our area include Shipley & Son (513)734-1818, 2674 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. 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/systems. Leach line repair will also be considered.

Backroads Farm Tour!

The 2022 Backroads Farm Tour will be here before we know it! On July 16, from 9 am to 1 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 steps will take place, food, drinks and home grown goods for purchase, as well as farm-fresh products. 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.
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 P. Thomas, Southgate, Wilder, and Woodlawn for the 2022 tax year. The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically reassess 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 as of the mailing deadline 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.campbellcountyky.com.

The conference period this year, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:15 pm*, 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 have your home address on 01 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.

The HEX/DEX exemption amount has gone up for the 2022 and 2023 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.

Homestead/Disability Exemptions

HEX: To qualify for the HEX, a homeowner must be over 65 anytime 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 to 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 your Social Security award letter or DPWY (available online through SS Office) as well as your driving license or state ID (it must have your home address on 01 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 DEX at that location.

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The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically reassess all property in the County at least once every four years. 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 de-icers to clear walkways and driveways. Salt and other chemical de-icers can 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, your environment 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 de-icer work 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 or call SD1 at 859-578-7450.

SD1

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 terraneal basis beginning about 35 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 must be transported by water. But a decade before the first federal law protecting water quality was passed, the Ohio River was no different. In 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 Sanita- tion District No. 1 of Campbell and Kenton Counties.

In the decades since SD1 was founded, the level of water 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 H2O+ sewer overflow mitigation program, which aims to completely eliminate typical yearly sanitary sewer overflows and dramatically reduce the volume of combined sewer overflows by the year 2040.
**St. Elizabeth elevates advanced heart care in the region with new comprehensive facility**

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 community to serve as one of the healthiest in America.

For more information on the Florence Wormold Heart & Vascular Institute at St. Elizabeth and our commitment to integrated, patient-focused cardiac care, visit stelizabeth.com/heart.

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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 67 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 in the May primary if you are a registered Republican or Democrat and only for that particular race. The last day to change party affiliation after that primary was December 31, 2021. If you change party affiliation after that date you will not be able to vote for the 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 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 locations you can go to campbellcounty.ky.gov or call our Election office at 859/292-3885.

License renewals

Our automotive department continues to see an increase in business and we 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. 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.

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**St. Elizabeth Healthcare**

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**New mural honors healthcare workers**

St. Elizabeth and ArtXorks, 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 is dedicated to the annual recognition of 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 monument image can also be seen from various locations in downtown Cincinnati.

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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 ccdrugfreealliance.org or email 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 Coordinatorccdfa@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.