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AUGUST 2025

CAMPBELL COUNTY, KY

Start Your Path in Law Enforcement with the Campbell County Police Department Cadet Program



Are you between the ages of 14 and 21 and thinking about a future career in law enforcement? The Campbell County Police Department Cadet Program is a great way to explore that path. This hands-on program offers a mix of training and real-world experience designed to prepare you for a career in law enforcement.

As a Cadet, you'll get:

- Scenario-based drills
- Training on Kentucky Revised Statutes and report writing
- Learn how to use the tools of the trade for law enforcement — from duty belts to cruisers
- Visits to local police-related facilities (jail, dispatch, fire departments and more)
- Resume building and interview prep

You'll also help out at community events around Campbell County, from festivals and fairs to local celebrations. Some Cadets even join officers during their patrol shifts to get a feel for the job.

Uniforms and equipment are provided, and there are no residency requirements. Meetings are usually every other week, so it's easy to fit into your schedule.

Several Campbell County Police Department officers started out as Cadets—and some former Cadets are now working in law enforcement at agencies nearby!

Want to learn more or apply? Contact Captain Dornheggen by email at ddornheggen@campbellcountyky.gov or call (859) 547-3100.

Discover One of Kentucky's Longest-Running County Citizens' Academies

The Campbell County Fiscal Court is excited to announce the 2025 session of its Citizens Academy, a program designed to enhance civic education and foster greater citizen engagement in county government.

The nine-week program runs from September through November, meeting on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

Local elected officials, community partners, and county staff will give participants firsthand insights into county operations by offering presentations on topics such as:

- economic development
- quality of life
- amenities
- public safety

Residents and business owners are encouraged to apply by August 29, 2025.

For more information and to apply, visit CampbellCountyKY.gov.

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Campbell County Fiscal Court

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Regular meetings of the Fiscal Court are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Visit www.campbellcountkyky.gov for information about meeting times and locations.

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Stay Informed During Emergencies

Sign Up for Smart911 Alerts

Smart911, a free service from the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management, delivers critical alerts like road closures, severe weather warnings and public safety updates directly to your phone, email or landline.

Signing up is easy:

1. Visit Smart911.com
2. Opt in to the alerts you want
3. Choose your preferred method of communication: text, call, or email
4. Add your home address for location-specific updates

Smart911 is a vital tool for staying informed during emergencies. Sign up today and share this lifesaving information with friends and family.



For the latest updates, follow the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management at facebook.com/CampbellCoKYEmergencyManagement.

Expand your preparedness with the county's free emergency training calendar at tinyurl.com/j3we3vxn.

Stay safe, stay prepared, and stay connected with Smart911!

County Directory

County Judge/Executive	547-1803
County Commissioners	547-1803
AJ Jolly Golf Course	635-2106
AJ Jolly Park Ranger Station	635-4423
Animal Services	635-2819
Economic Development	547-1806
Emergency Management	635-1111
Housing (HUD)	261-5200
Human Resources, Employment Info	547-1872
Human Services, Assistance Programs	547-1873
Information Technology	547-1883
Occupational License, Business Tax	292-3884
Parks and Recreation, Shelter Rentals	547-3680

Planning and Zoning, Building Permits	292-3880
Police, Emergency	911
Police, Non-Emergency Dispatch	292-3622
Police, Administration	547-3100
Senior Center	572-4300
Solid Waste, Recycling	547-1866
County Road Department	635-9100
Circuit Court, Circuit & District Court	292-6314
County Attorney	491-7700
Child Support	431-0522
County Clerk - Alexandria	635-2151
County Clerk - Newport	292-3845
Auto Registration, Tags, License Plates	292-3850
Land Records, Delinquent Property Taxes, Property Deeds, Lien of Properties	292-3845

Voter Registration, Marriage Licenses	292-3885
County Coroner	441-8800
County Sheriff, Property Taxes	292-3833
Detention Center, Jail	431-4611
Driver Licensing, Real ID	(502) 564-1257
Master Commissioner, Auction Properties	441-2700
Property Valuation Administrator, Property Assessments	292-3871
Pauper Burial, Indigent Cremation	261-8560
NKY Health Department, WIC, Dental Assistance	431-1704

County Newsletter Opt-in
CampbellCountyKY.org/Contact





Get Rid of Trash for Free with the 2025 Fall Cleanup & Voucher Program

The Campbell County Fall Cleanup lets residents throw away trash, bulky items and debris for free.

**Friday, September 26 &
Saturday, September 27**

8 am to 5 pm

You will need to unload your own items since help is limited.

Great news — electronics can now be dropped off at every location!

Locations and acceptable items include:

Frederick's Landing
100 Frederick's Landing, Wilder

- furniture*
- construction debris
- mattresses*
- electronics (limit 1 TV)
- yard waste
- household trash

Pendery Park
4113 Williams Lane, Melbourne

Same items as Frederick's Landing.

Campbell County Road Department
1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria

Same items as above plus:

- appliances (Freon OK)
- scrap metal
- propane tanks
- tires (limit 8, rims OK).

**No need to wrap furniture or mattresses.*

If you have more than 8 tires, visit campbellcountky.gov to find local tire events.

Items that are not allowed:

- whole boats
- vehicles
- trailers
- hazardous waste
- liquid waste
- non-propane tanks
- latex or oil paint

You can also get up to two (2) free trash vouchers to take your trash to the landfill. Rules apply. Learn more at campbellcountky.gov.

Take advantage of this free service and help keep Campbell County clean!



Safely Dispose of Hazardous Waste

The NKY Solid Waste Management Area is holding the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for residents of Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties. This free event is

**Saturday, November 1, 9 am - 2 pm
at Thomas More Stadium
7950 Freedom Way, Florence
(home of the Florence Y'alls)**

Bring your hazardous waste and drop it off safely and easily.

Items that are not allowed:

- latex paint**
- appliances
- fertilizer
- medications
- radioactive materials
- tires
- ammunition
- explosives

Keep in mind, scrap metal and appliances (Freon OK) are accepted at the Campbell County Road Department all year long. Drop-off hours are Monday - Friday, between 8 am - 2 pm.

This popular event brings over 2,500 cars every year, so be ready to wait. Registration from can be found at nkyhww.org.

For more details, contact the Solid Waste office at (859) 547-1866.

Items you can bring include:

- aerosol cans
- antifreeze
- batteries (all types)
- corrosive/flammable items
- electronics (such as monitors, keyboards, phones, VCRs and headphones)
- ink and toner cartridges
- light bulbs
- oil and car fluids
- oil paint (limit of 10 cans)
- pesticides
- tanks or cylinders
- televisions (limit of 2)

***Note: Latex paint is not hazardous. You can dry it out with paint hardener, concrete mix, or cat litter, and then throw it away in your regular trash with the lid off.*





**AJ Jolly is located at
1501 Race Track Rd
Alexandria, KY 41001**

Plan Your Perfect Day at AJ Jolly Park!

AJ Jolly Park, one of Kentucky's largest county parks, covers 1,000 acres filled with outdoor activities. Enjoy a 200-acre fishing lake, 20 miles of horse trails, sports courts, baseball fields, picnic areas and an 18-hole disc golf course. It's perfect for family picnics, tournaments or peaceful trail days.

Plan to Stay Connected: Free High-Speed Wi-Fi Now Available

Visitors to AJ Jolly Park can now enjoy free high-speed public Wi-Fi, thanks to a partnership between Campbell County and altafiber.

Access is available at equestrian facilities, campgrounds, and key park areas. Guests can stream music, post on social media, read and stay connected. By logging in and opting in for messages, users can receive updates about park specials and events.

Plan Your Stay: Tents, RVs & Yurts

AJ Jolly Park & Campground has 89 campsites, including 62 with water and electric hookups, plus five cozy yurts. Premium tent and RV sites are available,

with multi-night bookings required on weekends, holidays, and during events like *Festival on the Lake*.

Plan Your Play: Family Fun & Sports Amenities

AJ Jolly Park offers fun for all ages. Families can enjoy the playground, while self-service firewood bundles near the campground make it easy to spend an evening making s'mores.

Sports lovers can hit the baseball fields, soccer fields, or play basketball, sand volleyball, pickleball and tennis.

You can also play cornhole or snap a photo at the park's oversized, Instagram-worthy Adirondack "Big Chairs."

Plan Your Path: Hiking & Nature Trails

AJ Jolly Park offers scenic walking and hiking trails across its 1,000-acre landscape. AJ Jolly's trails offer something for everyone, from short strolls to longer treks. Dogs are welcome—just be sure to keep them on a leash.

Plan Your Adventure: AJ Jolly Rentals

Enjoy AJ Jolly Park's family-friendly rentals for lake and trail adventures.

Rent single and double kayaks, canoes, paddleboats and stand-up paddleboards starting at \$17 per hour. On land, rent a bike for as little as \$9 per hour.

Whether on the water or on the trails, AJ Jolly makes outdoor fun affordable and easy.

Plan Your Picnic: Shelters & Private Rentals

AJ Jolly Park offers scenic shelters and picnic rentals, perfect for birthdays, reunions, or cookouts. Choose from one large shelter or private picnic areas

near the lake with water, electricity, restrooms, and playgrounds.

Plan Your Catch: Fishing & Boating at AJ Jolly

AJ Jolly Lake is a peaceful no-wake lake, stocked with saugeye, largemouth bass, channel catfish and blue catfish by the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Night fishing is allowed Thursday through Monday during camping season (excluding festival weekends).

Plan Your Throw: 18-Hole Disc Golf Course

AJ Jolly Park features a free, year-round 18-hole disc golf course with rolling hills, wooded fairways, and lake views. Holes range from 183 to 485 feet (Par 3 and 4) and are conveniently near picnic areas, sports courts and restrooms.

Plan Your Ride: Horse Trails & Equestrian Campground

AJ Jolly Park offers 20 miles of scenic horse trails and a dedicated equestrian campground. The campground features 16 campsites with electric, water, fire rings, grills, a modern bathhouse, sanitation station and 28 horse stalls with wash areas.

Plan for Safety: Lightning Alert System in Use

AJ Jolly Park now has a Lightning Threat Alert System to enhance safety during storms. Installed by the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management, it detects lightning strikes within 5 to 20 miles

and activates voice alerts at the park entrance and campground.

Warnings escalate from “Caution” at 20 miles to “Warning” at 5 miles, with an “All Clear” after 30 minutes of no strikes.

Visitors should return to vehicles or enclosed shelters and avoid elevated areas, metal and isolated trees. The system adds protection, but guests should also use good judgment during storms.

AJ Jolly Golf Course 2025 Rates
In Season Rates

9 Holes Walking	\$20
9 Holes Riding	\$36 / \$34 League
18 Holes Walking	\$40
18 Holes Riding	\$65
Friday-Sunday Twilight	\$25

Weekday Senior Special

9 Holes Walking	\$17
9 Holes Riding	\$30
18 Holes Walking	\$29
18 Holes Riding	\$39

Junior Rates

9 Holes Junior Walking	\$5
18 Holes Junior Walking	\$10



**Plan Your Year:
2025 Events at
AJ Jolly Park**

Campbell County Parks & Recreation offers free, family-friendly events at AJ Jolly Park and beyond all year long. Enjoy spring festivals and fall favorites, with most events requiring no registration and open to all ages.

Fall & Seasonal Favorites

AUGUST

- 4** Fall youth baseball begins
- 9** Fall youth soccer begins
- 16** Festival on the Lake, 4-11 pm
- 24** Park & rides for Heroes Car Show, 9 am - 5 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 24** Senior Picnic at Pendery Park

OCTOBER

- 25** Halloween Spooktacular, 12-2pm

NOVEMBER

- 1** Last night of camping

DECEMBER

- 1** Winter access only begins at all county parks

All events are weather-dependent and take place at AJ Jolly Park unless otherwise noted.
Admission is free unless stated.



Donna's Story: A Journey from Despair to Hope with PACE

In August 2024, Donna found herself overwhelmed. Grieving the recent loss of her beloved husband, legally blind, and recovering from open-heart surgery, she also developed a painful spinal infection. It was a difficult time—physically, emotionally, and financially. Yet more than anything, Donna wanted to stay in the home she and her husband had chosen together. Their condominium, with its peaceful backyard fountain, was filled with memories. It was where they had built a life together, and it brought her comfort and connection to his spirit.

Another source of comfort was her loyal dog, Bailey. More than just a companion, Bailey had once saved their lives—alerting them in time to escape a devastating house fire in 2018. Donna couldn't imagine leaving Bailey behind.

As her health declined and depression set in, Donna feared she would lose everything. Then one day, while listening to the news, she heard about the **PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)** program operated through Senior CommUnity Care of Northern Kentucky, a service of Volunteers of America National Services, a non-profit organization.

"It was like an answered prayer," she recalls.

Donna enrolled in the PACE program and everything changed. Today, she receives comprehensive care through PACE. Her care includes medical services, home health support, transportation and socialization through the PACE Day Center three times a week.

"They don't just get you to your appointments," Donna says. "They make you feel like family. There are so many laughs, activities and friendships at the Day Center. I feel like I belong again."



PACE has even helped equip her home with safety features like grab bars, manages her medications, and coordinates all her appointments with compassion and ease.

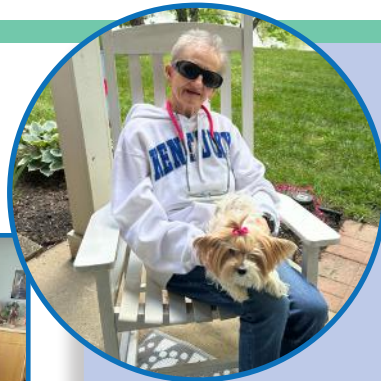
"If they don't know how to help you," she says, "they will find a way. They make you feel special."

What Makes PACE Different?

The PACE model is designed to help older adults stay in their homes and communities, avoiding institutional care. Funded through fixed payments from Medicare and Medicaid, PACE streamlines care, emphasizes prevention and improves outcomes—all while reducing costs.

Proven Impact of PACE:

- **Longevity:** High-risk participants live longer due to coordinated care.
- **Mental Health:** Depression symptoms drop by 80% within 9 months.
- **Independence:** 96% of PACE participants remain at home or with family.
- **Caregiver Support:** Stress among caregivers drops from 48% to 17%.
- **Hospitalizations:** Participants have 24% fewer hospital visits.
- **Cost Savings:** Medicaid costs for PACE participants are 12% lower than other long-term care options.



Services Offered Include:

- Adult Day Health Center
- Medical and specialist care
- Transportation to PACE and medical appointments
- Home health and light housekeeping
- Prescription and medication management
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Lab tests, X-rays, and other diagnostics
- Preventative care (dentistry, optometry, podiatry)
- Social services and caregiver support

Seniors are eligible for this program if they:

- Are 55 and over
- Live in one of the eight Northern Kentucky county service areas
- Meet nursing home level of care
- Can live safely at home with PACE services, at the time of enrollment

For more information on eligibility contact us:

www.seniorcommunitycareofnky.org
(859) 970-2450





Get a Library Card!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, which makes it the perfect time to register for your own library card! Campbell County Public Library offers a variety of library card options to meet the diverse needs of our community. Whether you're a local resident or an educator, CCPL provides access to a wealth of resources—both physical and digital.

For those who prefer digital content, CCPL offers Digital Patron Cards. These cards provide access to e-books, audiobooks and online resources without the need to visit a branch.

Teacher Cards offer additional resources for educators. These cards provide access to online databases, practice tests and the ability to borrow books for educational purposes. Teacher Cards are not restricted to Campbell County teachers or residents.

Visit any of our branches to obtain a library card or apply online for a Digital Patron Card. With various library card options available, CCPL ensures that all community members have free access to valuable resources.

More information at cc-pl.org/library-card.



BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Campbell County Public Library

The Friends of the Campbell County Public Library is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing library services across Campbell County. Through fundraising efforts and community engagement, the Friends contribute to a variety of library programs and initiatives that benefit patrons of all ages. The Friends also provide ongoing support to library staff.

One of the primary ways the Friends support the library is through their used book sales held in the lower level Friends Room at the Newport Branch. These sales offer a wide selection of books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs at affordable prices. New this fall, the Friends will be joining the *Cincy Bookstore Crawl* Friday, October 3-Sunday, October 5!

Upcoming Book Sale Dates:

August 28	9 am - noon
September 11-13	9 am - 5 pm
October 3	11 am - 8 pm
October 4-5	10 am - 5 pm
October 23	9 am - noon
November 13-15	9 am - 5 pm

Interested in joining the Friends? Pick up an application form at any of our branches or apply online at cc-pl.org.



Book Clubs for All Ages!

Whether you're a lifelong reader or someone looking to reconnect with the joy of reading, joining a book club can enrich your reading experience and introduce you to new perspectives.

Book clubs offer more than just a chance to read—they foster a love for reading while also serving as a space for meaningful conversations and community building.

CCPL hosts a variety of book clubs catering to different interests and age groups. From romance themed clubs to mystery books to manga and more, there's something for every age and interest.

The Cold Spring Branch welcomes a new book club to the library's lineup in August. Geared to ages 11-19, *You've Been Booked* book club meets at 3 pm on the third Monday of the month.

For more information on CCPL's book clubs and upcoming meetings, visit cc-pl.org/book-clubs, scan the code or pick up a book club brochure in any of our branches.





Improving Water Quality – One Hydrant at a Time

Every year, the Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) flushes fire hydrants in its system as part of routine water system maintenance. By opening the fire hydrants and releasing water, NKWD cycles water from the distribution (water main) system ensuring the system is operating properly and water quality remains optimal.

“First and foremost, this practice helps us maintain the quality of our water,” said NKWD President/CEO Lindsey Rehtin.

“Flushing our hydrants helps us maintain chlorine levels and it scours our water mains to help keep them clean from the natural buildup of sediment and mineral deposits.”

Fire safety is another important element of this process. When NKWD staff flushes the hydrant, they verify the condition of the hydrant and ensure that it remains operational. While staff are flushing hydrants, they also record water pressures. These readings are shared with local fire departments and are used for NKWD’s hydraulic modeling (how water flows through NKWD’s distribution system) to identify areas that require changes.

“We have nearly 12,000 hydrants in our system,” noted Richard Harrison,

Fire safety is another important element of this process.

NKWD Vice President of Engineering & Distribution. “We start by flushing the even numbered hydrants and then we come back and flush the odd numbered hydrants. This ensures that we are in every zone of our system at least twice a year.”

While most customers will never notice any effects caused by flushing, if you notice any water discoloration, NKWD recommends running cold water for several minutes. Avoid washing light colored laundry until the water clears. Customers may also experience air sputtering from the faucet during flushing.



NKWD will either use a diffuser (pictured here) or a hose to control the waters path as it comes out of the hydrant.

NKWD’s flushing schedule runs from March to November and is operated by a four-person team. Before flushing takes place, NKWD will post signs in the areas so that customers are aware of the upcoming maintenance. A full flushing schedule is available on NKWD’s website: nkywater.info/hydrantflushing

“This process is just one of the ways that NKWD efficiently provides safe, reliable, and affordable water,” said Rehtin.

Questions? Contact us:

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generalinfo@nkywater.org | NKYWater.org
 2835 Crescent Springs Road
 Erlanger, KY 41018



Northern Kentucky residents will see some welcome news on their SD1 bills this summer: a 5 percent reduction in the stormwater fee, thanks to SD1's approved budget for fiscal year 2026.

The budget, approved by the Judge Executives of Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties, marks the fourth time in five years that SD1 has reduced the stormwater fee—part of a broader effort to deliver value while keeping costs in check.

SD1 Executive Director Adam Chaney says that's no accident.

"We know every dollar matters to the people we serve," Chaney said. "That's why we've made it our mission to return savings to our customers wherever possible, without compromising on service or environmental leadership."

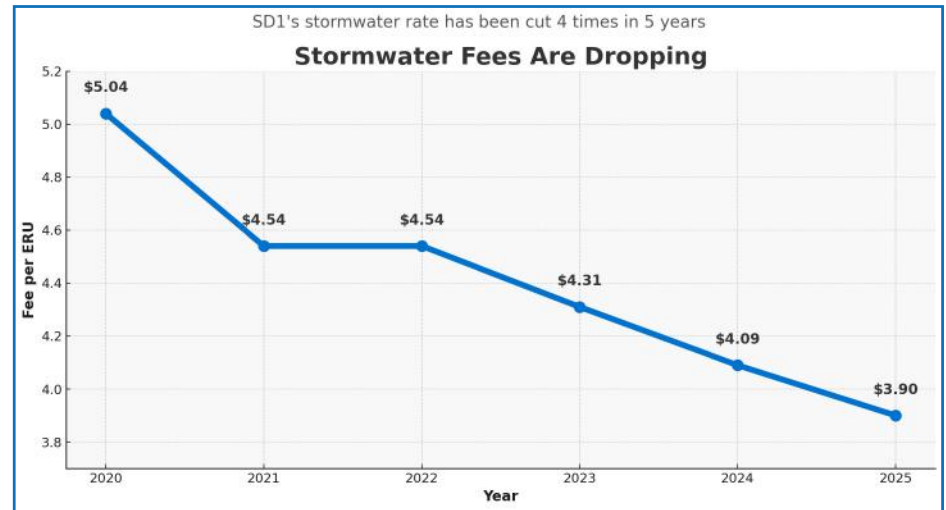
Delivering Value Amid Economic Headwinds

Over the past decade, SD1 has faced the same economic challenges as every household and business, including inflationary pressures brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Even so, the utility has kept average annual operating expense increases below 1 percent since 2019—a rare achievement in the public sector.

That discipline has allowed SD1 to reinvest in its infrastructure, improve efficiencies and, most importantly, reduce costs for its customers.

Along with the stormwater fee reduction, SD1 is also lowering its environmental surcharge—

SD1 Reduces Stormwater Fee for Fourth Time in Five Years



the charge that helps fund Clean H2O40, SD1's long-term plan to reduce sewer overflows and meet regulatory requirements.

Keeping Growth Affordable

To further support housing affordability and economic development, SD1 will continue to freeze its capacity connection fee—the one-time charge assessed when new homes or businesses are connected to the public system.

Brian Miller, Executive Vice President of the Building Industry Association of Northern Kentucky, applauded the move.

"This action sends a clear message that our region is serious about addressing the housing crisis by holding down cost increases that directly impact home affordability," Miller said.

A Smarter Rate Model

While the stormwater fee is going down, wastewater charges will increase slightly—about 4.8 percent for the average customer. That's still below the rate originally projected in a four-year plan approved by the counties last year.

The change is driven by an ongoing shift in SD1's rate model, which is designed to better reflect the utility's actual fixed and variable costs while maintaining strong bond ratings from Moody's and S&P.

A recent review found that SD1's rates continue to compare favorably to peer utilities across the Midwest. The average SD1 sanitary sewer customer pays about one penny per gallon for wastewater treatment.

What to Expect

The new rates will take effect July 1, with the changes appearing on residential bills starting in August. As always, the actual impact will vary depending on each household's water usage.

Chaney says the 2026 budget reflects SD1's values and its mission.

"This budget reflects our commitment to fiscal discipline, strategic reinvestment and environmental stewardship," he said. "We're proud to be setting a regional example for how public utilities can deliver value and accountability."





Responsible Dog Owners Take Care of Licenses, Vaccines and Waste

Due to the large number of dog owners in the county, below are some helpful reminders regarding state and local regulations.

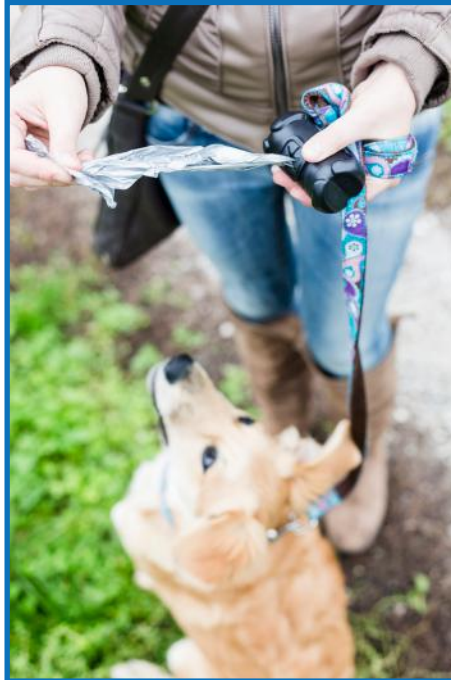
Vaccinations

State law requires every owner to have his dog vaccinated for rabies by the age of four months and revaccinated at the expiration of the immunization period as certified by the veterinarian. The veterinarian is required to give the owner a metal tag bearing a serial number that must be hooked to the dog's collar. There is a possible penalty of \$10 to \$100 for violation of these provisions and each day is a separate violation.

While owners are no longer required to license their dogs through the state, Campbell County requires that owners of all dogs, six months or older, that are owned or maintained in the county be licensed with Campbell County Animal Services. Peace officers or animal control may seize and impound any dog found roaming freely in the public or on another person's property which does not bear a proper tag or other legible identification.

Vicious Dogs

Kentucky law also provides that any person may kill or seize any dog which he sees in the act of pursuing or wounding any livestock, or wounding or killing poultry or attacking human beings, whether or not the dog bears a license tag. Also, any person who has been attacked by a dog may file



a criminal complaint charging the owner with harboring a vicious dog. The penalty for harboring a vicious dog is a fine of \$50 to \$200, and/or imprisonment in the county jail for 10 to 60 days. Moreover, once a court declares a dog vicious, the owner may not allow the dog to appear in public except when visiting a veterinarian or being turned into the animal shelter. In any circumstance when the dog is in public, the dog must be muzzled. The owner must ensure a vicious dog is confined to a locked enclosure at least 7 feet high or a locked kennel with a secured top.

Pooper Scooper Laws

I'd be remiss, if an article about dogs did not discuss a dog owners' responsibility of picking up and properly disposing of a dog's waste.

Most jurisdictions have an ordinance requiring a pet owner to pick up after their pet, often referred to as "pooper scooper" laws. It has been my experience that most pet owners are diligent about picking up their pet's waste.

However, there are always some pet owners that apparently are too self-centered to bother complying with these personal and legal obligations. These pet owning scofflaws make our public places quite unattractive and even dangerous for people, especially young children. These selfish people give the responsible pet owners a bad reputation and deserve to be shamed into compliance and cited by law enforcement for harming our communities by their irresponsible behavior.

Fortunately, despite visual evidence to the contrary, the vast vast majority of pet owners take their legal and personal responsibilities seriously.

I hope this information is interesting and helpful. If you have any topics you would like to have covered in this column, please contact my office at the information below.

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Campbell County Clerk, Jim Luersen

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(859) 635-2151

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First & Last Thursdays: 8:30 am - 6 pm

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1098 Monmouth St • Newport, KY 41071

Hours: First & Last Mondays: 8:30 am - 6 pm
Tues - Fri: 8:30 am - 4 pm

Better Ways to Renew Your Auto Registration

Please don't wait until the last day of the month if you have renewals to complete.

Renewals can be made in the following ways:

- In person
- Online at drive.ky.gov
- By phone 24/7 at 1 (877) 885-3017
- By mail to the Monmouth Street location

Register to Vote Before the 2026 Primary Elections

I hope everyone is having a great summer. There has been a lot going on at the County Clerk's office since my last column.

Voting Precinct Audit

There are no elections scheduled in 2025. However, our election office has been keeping very busy behind the scenes. We are going through street by street, house by house, to make sure everyone is voting in their correct precinct. With over 71,000 registered voters here in Campbell County, this is a daunting task. Amber and her staff do a wonderful job and our records are in great shape.

2026 Primary Election

Our next election will be the primary held on **May 19, 2026**. There will be early voting on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the election. There is a lot to vote for in 2026. Some of the offices up for election in May include:

- The US Senate
- The US House of Representatives
- The Kentucky State Senate
- The Kentucky State House of Representatives
- Most County Offices

Remember, in the primary you can only vote for the party for which you are registered. Only a registered Republican can vote in the Republican primary and only a registered Democrat can vote in the Democratic primary.

If you are registered with another party or are an Independent, then you can only vote in a nonpartisan primary race, such as a city council or judge race.

If you want to change your party affiliation and still be eligible to vote in the May primary then you must do so by **December 31, 2025**. If you change your party affiliation after the end of the year, you will not be able to vote in either party's primary in May.

Of course, any registered voter can vote in the general election in November regardless of party affiliation.

Go to the state website at GoVote.Ky.gov to check your party affiliation and voting location. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call our election office at (859) 292-3885.



**By
December
31, 2025
for the May
Primary**

REGISTER TO

VOTE



What is Cooperative Extension?

Kentucky's two land-grant universities, the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University, serve as partners in conducting educational programs through Cooperative Extension.

The Extension delivers programs through the Extension Faculty, County Extension Agents & Assistants, Advisory Council members, Volunteer Leaders and the public.

Stay up to date with all the latest events and classes. Scan the QR Code, visit campbell.ca.uky.edu or call (859) 572-2600.



Cooperative Extension Service

and implemented based on the needs of the local community and are always changing to stay relevant and up to date.

4-H Youth Development

4-H welcomes young people of all backgrounds, creating positive change in their community, research-based programs with mentors, hands-on projects and leadership opportunities.

Campbell County 4-H is committed to building outstanding leaders through positive, hands-on learning activities. 4-H encourages youth to work together, learn new skills and to set and achieve their goals. We offer several clubs for youth ranging from K-3 grade and 9-18 years old.

Family & Consumer Sciences

Emphasizes well-being with a focus on human development, parenting, resource management, nutrition, health and leadership development.

We advise the Campbell County Extension Homemakers, who are a volunteer organization that works to improve the quality of life for families and communities. Some examples of classes offered include fall prevention,

kids cooking, family bonding activities, food and nutrition with kids and adults, mindfulness and mental wellbeing, physical activity and kindergarten readiness.

Environmental Education

Empowers people to make decisions and take action to improve the sustainability of the environment.

Information, programs, events, and property visits are available to help residents, landowners, cities, and businesses with tree issues (risks, pruning, diseases, insects), forestry, landscaping, soils, erosion, wildlife, pests, ponds, rain barrels, composting, recycling and waste management.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Provides non-biased, research-based education in agricultural production by way of personal communication, classes, hands-on demonstrations, newsletters, videos, publications, field days and farm tours to anyone and everyone! These events are developed

Campbell County Extension offers free soil, forage, plant and blood testing as a service to the community in addition to partnering with local businesses to provide rental equipment, including a lime spreader and no-till seed drill.

We also partner with organizations like the Campbell County Cattle Association, Campbell County Conservation District and Northern Kentucky Horse Network to offer beneficial services and events to the community.

Horticulture Education

If you have a question about a plant in your landscape or need soil tested, your Campbell County Horticulture staff will be glad to help. We provide you with research-based information to assist you in making more sustainable gardening decisions.

We also have our wonderful Lakeside Commons Educational Gardens for individuals to come explore and to fuel their curiosity. Feel free to pack a lunch and soak up the beauty of the gardens!

Highland Heights Office

3500 Alexandria Pike
Highland Heights, KY 41076
(859) 572-2600
Mon-Fri., 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Environmental Education Center at A.J. Jolly Park

1261 Race Track Road
Alexandria, KY 41001
(859) 694-1666
Mon-Fri., 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

NEW FACILITY

Campbell County Extension Agriculture Complex

13169 Alexandria Pike
Butler, KY 41006
Mon-Fri., 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Email: campbell.ext@uky.edu
campbell.ca.uky.edu



Vehicle Inspections

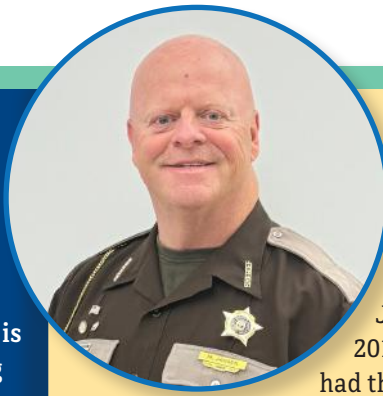
Sheriffs in Kentucky perform vehicle inspections to uphold public safety, prevent fraud, and ensure that vehicles meet state standards before being registered. This process is a crucial step for individuals bringing vehicles into the state or purchasing them from out-of-state sources.

What is required for a vehicle inspection?

To undergo a vehicle inspection, owners should bring to the Newport or Alexandria Office:

- The vehicle to be inspected
- The vehicle's title or certificate of origin
- A valid U.S. driver's license
- Payment for the inspection fee: \$15

We also offer an on-site vehicle inspection. An on-site inspection costs a one-time travel fee of \$20.00 at your location in Campbell County. Each additional inspection is \$15.00 per inspection. On-site inspections are done by appointment only. Call (859) 292-3833 to schedule.



A Message from Sheriff Mike Jansen

Since January 2015, I have had the distinct

honor of serving as

Sheriff of Campbell County, Kentucky.

It is a role I hold with great responsibility and pride.

As Sheriff, I am committed to upholding the principles of the Constitution and ensuring that these rights are applied fairly and equitably to every individual. Together with a dedicated team of professionals, we lead with integrity, build strong relationships within our diverse community and work cooperatively with all law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety and trust.

The Office of the Sheriff in Kentucky serves a vital function in both civil and

criminal justice. Our responsibilities include serving legal documents, executing warrants, and ensuring safety and professionalism. Our deputies undergo continuous education and must maintain annual law enforcement certification.

Another essential function of our office is the collection and distribution of county property taxes—a key contributor to the county's growth and financial health. Each year, we enhance our systems and procedures to make tax collection more accessible, efficient and convenient for all residents.

We are grateful for the trust the people of Campbell County have placed in us. My team and I remain dedicated to serving this community with transparency, accountability and unwavering commitment.

Campbell County Property Tax Collection Information

If your property taxes are paid through a mortgage escrow account, please note that tax bills are sent only to the property owner—not to mortgage companies. Before making any payment to the Sheriff's Office, check with your mortgage provider to avoid duplicate payments.

Some mortgage companies automatically request and pay your tax bill, while others may require you to forward it by mail or fax. To verify the status of your bill or check if it has already been paid, use our online lookup tool available on the Sheriff's Office website.

Tax Discount Period

A 2% discount is available November 1–30, 2025.

Please note: The 911 fee included in your bill does not qualify for the discount.

How to Pay Your Property Tax Bill

1 Online Payments:

- Pay by credit/debit card or E-Check through our website
- Credit/Debit Card: 2.75% transaction fee (paid by cardholder)
- E-Check: \$2.00 fee (not available for amounts over \$30,000)
- The Sheriff's Office does not receive any portion of these fees

2 In-Person Payments:

- Newport Office: 1098 Monmouth St.
- Alexandria Office: 8330 West Main St.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 am–4 pm

3 By Mail:

- Use the return envelope provided and include the bottom portion of your bill
- Make checks payable to: Mike Jansen, Sheriff
- Include your tax bill number on your check
- Your cancelled check serves as your receipt

4 At Heritage Bank Locations:

- Payments accepted during normal banking hours Nov 1–Dec 31, 2025
- Visit: www.ourheritage.bank
- Bring your tax bill with you



For additional information, contact the Campbell County Sheriff's Office at (859) 292-3833 or visit us at: CampbellCountySheriffKY.org.



Who Receives the Tax Bill When a Property Sells During the Year?

Many property owners who buy or sell a property, especially for the first time, wonder where the property tax bill is mailed to at the end of the year.

The Sheriff's office will mail the county tax bills at the end of October. Please check with your local city office to find out when the city tax bills are mailed and due.

But who receives the bill after a property is sold?

KRS 132 states that the owner as of January 1st is responsible for the taxes for that year; however, the statutes also require the bill to be mailed to the most current owner of record at the time the bills are printed.

For instance, if you sell a property in May 2025, the bill is technically the responsibility of the seller, but the buyer (if the most recent purchaser) will receive the tax bill.

The statute was enacted for several reasons. First, most taxes are prorated at the closing. Usually, the buyer receives a credit from the seller for a percentage of the year's estimated taxes. The buyer then assumes responsibility for the taxes for that year. The buyer then receives and pays the current year tax bill when it is due. This is normally the case, but each individual should review the closing documents or contact the lender to be sure.

Second, if the bill were sent to the seller, a large majority would be returned by the post office as undeliverable. These bills would then have to be sent out again to the newest owner, incurring additional, unnecessary postage costs. The statute's requirement to send the bill to the most current owner alleviates this situation and greatly reduces the

amount of returned mail to the county and cities.

Lastly, if the seller receives the tax bill, which they have already paid their portion of to the buyer, it is likely the bill may be thrown away and not given to the correct person to pay the bill. This could result in unpaid bills, which can incur late penalties and delinquencies.

Due to the amount of time needed to get the bills generated, printed and mailed, some deeds are not recorded until after the bills are ready to be mailed. For this reason, some tax bills will still be mailed to the seller instead of the buyer. In these cases, it is encouraged that the seller either forward the bill to the new owner or notify the PVA office of the change in ownership so that the bill can be reprinted and mailed to the appropriate person.

If you do not receive your county property tax bill by mid-November, you should call either the PVA or Sheriff's office to request a copy be mailed to you.

If you do not receive your city tax bill, or have questions regarding your city taxes, please contact your city office.

If your tax bill is paid through escrow, please forward your tax bill to the appropriate company. If you need the mailing address changed on a property tax bill, please contact the PVA office.

If you receive a tax bill on a property you recently sold, please forward this bill to the new owner of the property.

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



Tax Exemptions for Qualified Homeowners

Homestead Exemptions (Hex):

To qualify for the Homestead Exemption, a homeowner must:

- Turn 65 anytime during 2025
- Have resided at that location on or before January 1st, 2025
- Be listed as an owner/trustee/or retain life estate

Enroll in the program by stopping by the PVA office. Bring your driver's license or state ID (it must have your home address on it). *You do NOT have to wait until your birthday to apply; you can come in any time during the year that you turn 65!* If you move to a new home, you will need to reapply for the HEX at that location.

Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator

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Phone Calls & Emails

Next time you call for more information or email an agency, tell them, "I heard about it in *What's Happening!*" Knowing which communication efforts really work for residents is very valuable to local agencies.

Working to Serve You

All the agencies in *What's Happening!* work hard to serve the Campbell County community. *What's Happening! Magazine* seeks to serve you as well by bringing this information to your door.

We welcome your feedback! Use the tools above to let us know what you think. You can also contact us on our website: WhatsHappeningNews.com.

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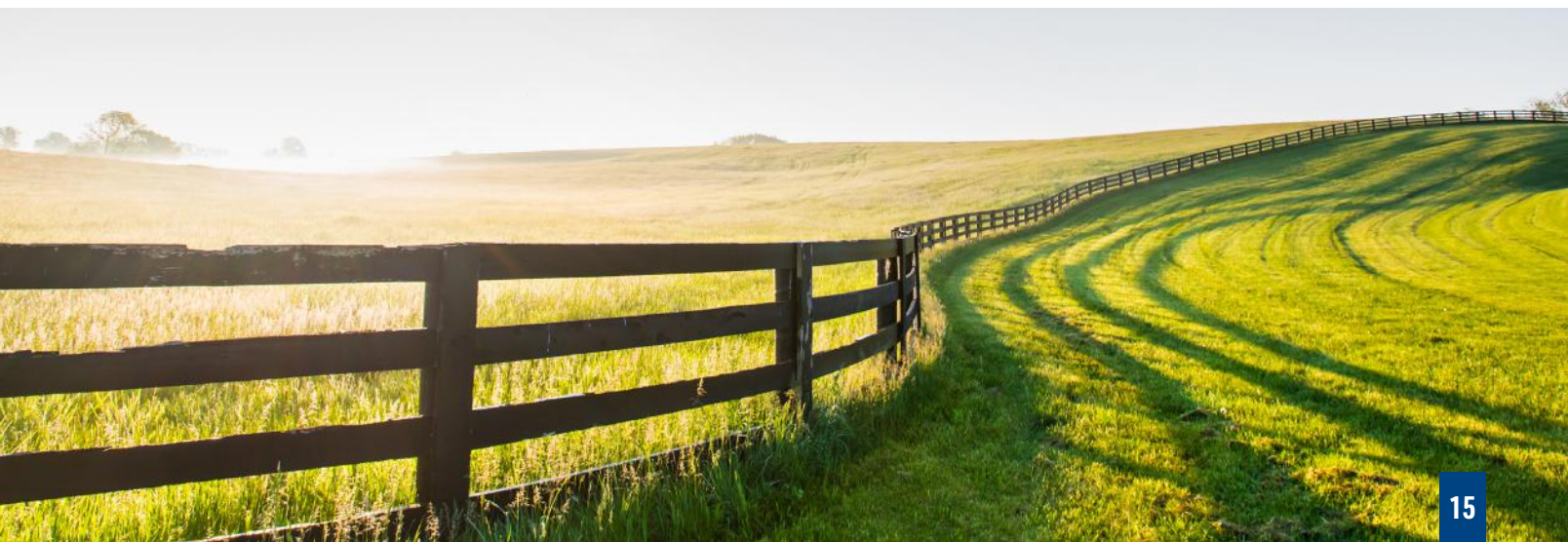
Local Agencies

We think community is best when everyone knows what's going on and what resources they have available!

What kinds of agencies can be part of *What's Happening!*?

- Governmental agencies
- Educational institutions
- Utilities
- Work Force development agencies
- Social service agencies
- Healthcare institutions
- More!

If you represent a local agency and you would like to participate by including important public information in *What's Happening!*, you can contact us by scanning the code or emailing Sarah@WhatsHappeningNews.com.





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TANK Plus Connects Campbell County

TANK Plus is a flexible on-demand way to get around town, curb-to-curb within the designated zone

or connect you to TANK's fixed route service to travel outside of the zone. Instead of fixed bus routes, TANK uses smaller vehicles that you can schedule when you need a ride, either through the TANK+ app or their call center at 859-331-TANK. It's all about making your transit experience more personalized and convenient.

The difference between TANK's regular bus service and TANK Plus is the convenience of On-Demand, just like ride share! Passengers establish a pickup location when scheduling a trip on the TANK+ app or over the phone during the booking process. TANK Plus will pick up passengers, curb-to-curb, at the location requested when scheduling a ride. Customers using the TANK+ app will be able to track the vehicle on a map in the app, similar to other ride share services, but for a fraction of the cost.

TANK Plus fare is \$5.00 each way for each passenger. If you are connecting to a transfer point from TANK Plus to a fixed route service, the fare will cost

Riders who make their first trip to a Kroger store within the zone will earn a free \$5 Kroger gift card as a thank you for riding.



\$2.50 for each trip. You can use the TANK+ app and pay by credit card/debit card or you can pay cash when you board.

Available transfer points are convenient and allow you to easily leave the zone using TANK's regular fixed route service.

Fixed Route transfer point locations:

- **Covington Transit Center**
- **Monmouth at Carothers Bus Stop**
- **St. Elizabeth-Ft. Thomas Bus Stop**
- **Lakeside Dorms NKU Bus Stop**
- **NKU Student Union**



Cities that are serviced by TANK+ include Ft. Thomas, Southgate, Silver Grove, Melbourne, Highland Heights, Wilder and parts of Newport. You can easily search an address to see if you're in the zone by visiting our website and clicking Zone Info.



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