

# what's happening!

Your Reference Guide for Local Government Resources and Programs

## in KENTON COUNTY, KY

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# SD1 Enters Final Year of Rate Realignment



Sanitation District No. 1 will move forward with the fourth year of its residential sanitary sewer rate realignment for fiscal year 2023. This is the final year of the rate restructure, which was developed in 2019 to align sewer rates more closely with the actual cost of providing service and to reduce the impact of declining water consumption on SD1 revenues. Under the plan, SD1 charges a base rate for the first 2 hundred cubic feet (HCF) of wastewater treated and a variable rate for each additional HCF of wastewater treated. Over the four-year plan, as the base rate increases, the variable rate decreases. The new rates take effect on July 1. The base rate will increase from \$23 to \$26 per month and the environmental surcharge, which helps fund SD1's Clean H2O40 sewer overflow mitigation program, will increase from \$7 per month to \$8 per month.

To offset the increase in these fixed rates, the variable rate will decrease from \$5.24 to \$4.72 per HCF. The rate adjustments are anticipated to result in a five percent revenue increase needed to fund the obligations of SD1's long-term capital program. Depending on the total volume of water used, individual sanitary sewer customers may see their bills increase or decrease, while all monthly residential storm water customer bills will remain unchanged at \$4.54 per household.

## WHY IS MY SANITATION BILL HIGHER THAN MY WATER BILL?

Do you ever wonder why your sanitation bill is higher than your water bill? After all, drinking water is clean and pure, while wastewater is, well, just sewage.

There are numerous reasons your SD1 bill might be higher than your water bill, including the cost of conveyance, the complexity of treatment and the level of regulation. Drinking water is pushed through pressurized pipelines that are much smaller than sewer lines. These pipes do not have to be constructed at grade, can follow the natural terrain and are typically only 5-6 feet deep.

Sewer lines, on the other hand, are not pressurized. They pull wastewater



using gravity and pump stations, and therefore must be built to grade with a certain slope. Northern Kentucky's hilly terrain makes conveying wastewater more difficult. SD1 often has to cut through hills, deep underground and into hard rock. Trench excavation is very expensive.

There are about 1,685 miles of sanitary sewer pipe in Northern Kentucky along with 122 wastewater pumping stations that work together to convey wastewater to one of three large regional treatment plants or a number of smaller "package" treatment plants. SD1's plants treat about 35.5 million gallons of wastewater every single day.

That treatment process has evolved dramatically over the last century. Today, SD1 uses sophisticated biological systems, complicated filters and

modern disinfection methods in a process designed to protect public health and the environment. That process takes about 16 hours at the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

And when the treatment process is complete, the water SD1 releases is usually cleaner than the river that receives it. And that's good for our environment and the quality of life within our community.

State and federal regulations have also evolved. When SD1 was founded in 1946, most of our region's sewage was being dumped directly into the Ohio River.

Today, regulators oversee virtually all aspects of SD1's operation, including our Clean H2O40 sewer overflow mitigation program. When we launched Clean H2O40, Northern Kentucky was experiencing about 1.5 billion gallons of combined sewer overflows and 115 million

gallons of sanitary sewer overflows each year. These result when wastewater escapes our collections system.

We're working to eliminate and mitigate sewer overflows to make our community a safer and cleaner place. Over the next 20 years, we'll invest nearly a billion dollars in innovative wastewater and stormwater management solutions and infrastructure across our region.

The next time you wonder why your SD1 bill is higher than your water bill, remember the unique challenges that come with collecting, transporting and treating the millions of gallons of Northern Kentucky wastewater every day. SD1 does all of that for about 2 cents per gallon.

SD1

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# TANK is Celebrating 50 Years of Serving the Northern Kentucky Community!



The Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! We are kicking off the occasion by celebrating the past 50 years of serving the Northern Kentucky communities while also looking towards the future of public transit in the region with special events, swag items, \$.50 fare and more! Follow us on Facebook to make sure you don't miss any of it.



The past 50 years have seen a great deal of growth and change, while sticking to our core values of serving the people who count on us to get them where they need to be. We've focused on streamlining our most traveled routes, outfitting our buses with the latest technology to keep you connected, and proactively creating strategies to connect service to the up-and-coming communities and businesses in Northern Kentucky. We also enjoy a good "throwback" and have always believed that moving forward, while paying homage to the past – employees, fleet, customers, and facilities—is so very important.

To show our appreciation, we invite you to officially celebrate our anniversary with us on Saturday, September 17th at our public Open House at our Ft. Wright offices, located at 3375 Madison Pike. Take a look back at the history of TANK over the years, plus enjoy food, bus tours, music, and giveaways with a groovy 70's theme to bring us all back to 1972.

We would not be who we are today without the support of each of you, and we thank you for trusting us with your transportation needs. We are excited for what the future holds!



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

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From the Desk of...

## Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann



To start, I want to thank you for the opportunity to continue in the role of Judge/Executive. My commitment to you, as it has always been, is that I will fight every day on behalf of Kenton County to make it the best place to live, work, and raise a family, now and for generations to come.

As I wrote in my last What's Happening column, our regional economic development agency, Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development ("NKY Tri-ED"), and our county planning agency, Planning & Development Services of Kenton County ("PDS"), are working together better now than at any time in their organizations' histories.

Lee Crume, President & CEO of NKY Tri-ED, and Sharmili Reddy, Executive Director of PDS, are not only elevating the performance of their respective agencies, but they, and their staffs, are seamlessly working to chart our future path in Kenton County.

Sometimes, though, cooperation like this, fueling the production of better data and analytics, identifies truths that would be more convenient if left unknown. In the three-page letter accompanying this column, Lee Crume articulates to the Fiscal Court two facts about the future of Kenton County that demand attention sooner than later.

First, acreage available for additional manufacturing in Kenton County is on pace to be completely developed in as little as ten years, ending the his-

toric economic cycle that characterized life in our community since the establishment of the airport and the inception of the interstate highways.

Second, the incredibly hot market for warehousing and distribution facilities, with generally lower-paying jobs and heavier truck-traffic, is squeezing advanced manufacturing, with higher-paying jobs, out of the Northern Kentucky market.

In Kenton County, we want a balanced economy, with jobs of all types, from entry-level to skilled, that offer opportunities for every individual and family to move up the economic ladder. While warehousing and distribution have a place in our larger economy, it cannot dominate our future development to the exclusion of all else.

Lee Crume concludes that unless our community activates some of the tools available to it, new advanced manufacturing development in Kenton County will be increasingly difficult. Instead, development during the next decade will be mostly large warehouses, with generally lower-paying jobs and heavier truck traffic.

We will study NKY Tri-ED's recommendations and act on those that provide the clearest path forward to economic prosperity and a better quality of life for every Kenton County resident.

Our efforts will not be limited to encouraging advanced manufacturing, though. We will work diligently to

support the entrepreneurs in our community who are creating new companies and jobs. We will also work collaboratively with our post-secondary education institutions and life sciences partners to grow our knowledge-based economy.

We will tackle the issue of workforce development, because skilled individuals have clear opportunities to move up the economic ladder and improve their lives and the lives of their families.

The lasting importance of these issues, though, goes far beyond my expected time serving the community as Judge/Executive. The Kenton County that our children and grandchildren grow up in will be very different from that of our parents and grandparents, and we must be up to the challenge of assuring it is a better community for future generations.

I know we can succeed at accomplishing this, and we need you to be involved if we are to reach our goal. If you would like to be a part of this effort, email [Future@KentonCounty.org](mailto:Future@KentonCounty.org) with your name, mailing address, and email address. We will keep you connected as our work progresses.

In the meantime, God bless our country and Kenton County!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris A. Knochelmann". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the main body of text.



June 8, 2022

Tri-ED Letter - Page 1

Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann  
Commissioner Jon Draud  
Commissioner Joe Nienaber  
Commissioner Beth Sewell  
1840 Simon Kenton Way, Suite 5200  
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

As you are aware, Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-ED) serves as the economic development leader for Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties. We appreciate your ongoing support of our work, and especially our collaboration with Planning and Development Services of Kenton County (PDS) to incorporate market data into planning and policy decision making.

In this capacity as economic development leaders, we work with a variety of companies; in the industrial market these primarily fall in the advanced manufacturing and distribution sectors. Since 2019 we completed over 300 projects with industrial companies and the analysis and recommendations below are directly derived from this work and the requirements expressed by those companies.

We resoundingly hear one clear preference cross all projects and all customer types. These companies share a strong preference to be located on flat land near the interstate with easy access and sufficient utilities.

With this information in mind, Tri-ED and Planning and Development Services of Kenton County ("PDS") studied Kenton County and identified two areas meeting the preferred scale and identified requirements of these companies. The two identified areas cover a combined 5,483 acres. This inventory represents Kenton County's best, and last, opportunity for greenfield economic growth by industrial companies.

To the layperson, 5,483 acres sounds like an enormous amount of land. However, this represents less than 5% of Kenton County. Additionally, commercial real estate experts consulted by Tri-ED estimate that current development rates and trends will consume these 5,483 acres in less than ten years, which will end greenfield manufacturing and distribution development in Kenton County.

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Tri-ED's work has provided the following insights on the economics of industrial development projects:

- Market Demand: Tri-ED worked on 3.5X as many manufacturing projects as distribution projects. This demonstrates that Northern Kentucky is a very attractive location for advanced manufacturing.
- Jobs: Manufacturing generates 29% more jobs per project compared to distribution (153 vs. 119).
- Wages: Manufacturing generates 23% higher wages compared to distribution (\$57,802 vs. \$46,825). Notably, manufacturing wages are ABOVE the median income for Northern Kentucky, while distribution wages are below.
- Capital Investment: Manufacturing generates 5X more capital investment per project compared to distribution (\$58.8 million vs. \$11.4 million). Additionally, because of the significant capital investment, manufacturers are "stickier," which means they are less likely to move their operations to another location.
- Development Process: Manufacturers generally require highly specialized, custom-built buildings, prefer to own properties instead of lease them, and strongly prefer single tenancy. Because of these preferences, manufacturing development is a longer and more cash-intensive process.

Distribution buildings are typically built speculatively, which means that there is no tenant at the time of construction. The buildings are faster and cheaper to construct and can be built to common standards that appeal to a wide range of potential logistics or warehouse tenants.

Northern Kentucky finds itself in the epicenter of a national wave of distribution center development resulting from economic changes brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many communities across the country face these challenges and wrestle with these same questions. The demand for distribution center development is so high it dominates most development in both Northern Kentucky and nationwide. Private companies must minimize their risks. Combine that with this surging demand, the lower cost to build, and the ongoing revenue stream of leasing; it is no surprise that developers build almost exclusively distribution facilities.





As a result of these market factors, the previously mentioned scarcity of developable land, and its consumption rate, Tri-ED supports the following recommended public-sector actions to assure a balanced and diverse economy that will sustain Kenton County in the long run, without unduly impeding the private market:

1. Tri-ED will activate the Northern Kentucky Port Authority as an economic development tool to assist the private market in completing projects that would otherwise be too risky.
2. Tri-ED supports zoning text amendments that limit the development of distribution in the two focus areas while a longer-term economic development strategy is enacted to assure a balanced and sustainable economy that includes both manufacturing and distribution.
3. Tri-ED supports the use of the recent \$13 million line-item allocation for site development in Kenton County for higher-wage manufacturing projects.

Tri-ED encourages the Kenton County Fiscal Court to take action to assure a balanced and diverse economy that will serve the community better in the future than one dominated by any one single type of development.

Sincerely,



Lee A. Crume  
President & CEO

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# Underage Drinking: Kenton County Steps Up!



Living in Kenton County, it might be easy to forget. As County officials and businesses build tourism through a Bourbon Trail, new vineyards and microbreweries seem to spring up everywhere, and festivals and fairs keep the beer taps flowing, it might be easy to overlook the young eyes upon us, always watching us, trusting us to help them make safe and healthy decisions about alcohol now and for their future. Kenton County, however, has recognized our responsibility to our children, and it is showing a positive effect!

More Kenton County students than ever, across all grades, are telling us on the KIP Survey taken in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 in three school districts across the county, that they are NOT using alcohol. About half as many Kenton County graduating students as their peers in the Northern Kentucky region, the state, or the nation report using alcohol. Maybe it's not a surprise, then, that more Kenton County students than their peers in the state or Northern Kentucky region also disapprove of alcohol use for people their age or that our county's students understand that their parents also disapprove of them using alcohol.

The rates are overwhelming. Nearly three of every four high school students in Kenton County tell us that their friends would disapprove of them using alcohol. And only 35% (far lower than the 51% state rate or 49% Northern Kentucky rate) say they have even one friend who drinks alcohol. When so many children are doing the right thing about alcohol, peer pressure takes on new meaning!

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN KENTON COUNTY?

How can a county whose government and businesses are so heavily invested in alcohol tourism, alcohol heritage, and alcohol culture be producing so many children making good decisions about alcohol use?

Well, it seems that county citizens have bellied up to the... hmm... bar (sorry), taking responsibility for preventing underage drinking! Working together, schools, community groups, and coalitions of concerned community members have helped parents, businesses, and all community members provide tools that help youth make healthier decisions about alcohol use.

Schools have evidence-based prevention curriculums in place. Alcohol retailers and the county government support Project Sticker Shock, using labels on alcohol containers to remind adults it is illegal to provide alcohol to children. Police programs such as STAND in Erlanger-Elsmere and school resource officer supports help students learn about legal consequences of underage use.

And parents and other concerned adults are using common sense and evidence-based tools available through groups like Kenton County Alliance, Erlanger-Elsmere's E3C, and Covington Partners that address many issues related to early substance misuse. The local groups promote important tools such as *Talk. They Hear You* and *Underage Drinking Information* that provide good guidance to concerned community members.

# Want to do your part to help kids grow up free of alcohol?

## HERE ARE 10 TIPS SHOWN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- 1 Talk about the dangers of drinking.
- 2 Drink responsibly yourself, if you choose to drink.
- 3 Serve as a positive role model in general.
- 4 Do not make alcohol available.
- 5 Get to know the friends of children in your life.
- 6 Have regular conversations with kids about life in general.
- 7 Connect with parents and other key adults about sending clear messages about the importance of youth not drinking alcohol.
- 8 Supervise all parties to make sure there is no alcohol.
- 9 Encourage kids to participate in healthy and fun activities that do not involve alcohol.
- 10 Know that kids are always watching and learning as much from what we do as from what we say about how to act as adults.



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**NKU HAS FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR LIFE...**

NKU offers a wide variety of learning opportunities to continue your education. Whether you are looking to advance your career, seeking an industry certification, or taking classes for pure enjoyment, training is available for all levels.

In addition to the traditional degree programs, with more than 90 majors and minors, NKU has more than 20 advanced degree programs with in-person and online tracks. Micro-credentials and certificates, which consist of 2-4 courses, are a great option for people that are looking to enhance skills and competencies.

In addition, NKU offers non-credit, online courses, taught by national industry and academic leaders. The self-paced, on-demand courses cover a wide range of topics, such as data management, web development, leadership, organizational culture, entrepreneurship, and communication.

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## Changing Lives

YOUR KENTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE PROVIDES RESEARCH-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

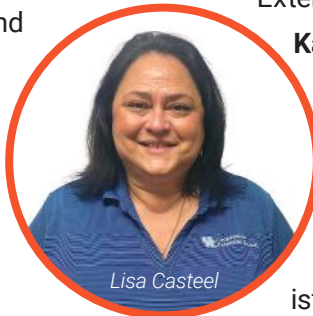
### HELLOS AND GOODBYES

The Kenton County Cooperative Extension Office has added two new staff members. We are so pleased to welcome....

**Lisa Casteel**, born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. I went to college at Lindsey Wilson. Most of my working career was spent working with youth. Then this job came along, and it is

AMAZING. Working in the Nutrition Education Program is such a great opportunity. I work with families who enjoy learning new ideas about cooking, nutrition and stretching food dollars. I am blessed with three children and five awesome grandchildren. Working with people of all ages is such a blessing to me. There are so many things I want to do with and for the community.

**Laura Patton**, a proud graduate of the University of Kentucky, and is excited to be serving Kenton County Extension Service as a Staff Assistant in Bookkeeping. I am looking forward to seeing you at the office!



Lisa Casteel



Laura Patton

It is also time to say goodbye to two of our long-time employees.

**Mary Averbeck**, 4-H Extension Agent retired in June after 23 years of service with Kenton County Cooperative Extension.

**Kathy Byrnes**, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent is taking a new position after 36 years as a County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. She will continue her career with Kentucky Cooperative Extension as the Extension Administrator Support Coordinator.

### 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Kenton County 4-H program was pleased to be included in the 4-H Pollinator Habitat Teen Leader Program. This program allowed eight 4-H'ers from across the state of Kentucky, three of which were from Kenton County, to attend the 2022 National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-science in Bethesda, Maryland, from March 10-13th. The event was hosted by the National 4-H Council and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Kenton County 4-H'ers, Madeline, Lydia, and Anna Beth, accompanied by Blake Newton 4-H/Youth Extension Specialist and Lori Clark, Kenton County 4-H Youth Development Assistant, gathered with other teen leaders from across the nation. They learned about the challenges facing agriculture, sustainability, and the challenges

faced in agricultural professions today. The 4-H'ers attended workshops where they learned about pollinators, water quality, and food safety and security, while cultivating the skills necessary to help find, develop, and present solutions to issues facing today's agricultural industry.

The National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-science was a wonderful experience for these teen leaders, who enjoyed the opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from across the United States, while learning about the agricultural industry. "The speakers were incredibly inspiring with their stories of how they started out in the agriculture field to where they are now and how much they've grown," said Madeline. "I had no idea how many areas of agri-science there were, and the summit showed me how many opportunities there are for someone interested in both the actual farming and business side of agriculture."

Anna Beth, whose "all-time favorite" activity was listening to the "motivational" speakers, found that she "learned a lot about agriculture and pollinators." Summit activities were followed by a tour of the nation's capital and its monuments. "I really enjoyed the experience of going to the capital and touring the national monuments," said Lydia, "It was overall a really great experience!"

Following the summit, the teen leaders received six hours of pollinator habitat training, where they created social media content promoting pollinator week.







Kenton County 4-H'ers (left to right) Lydia, Anna Beth, and Madeline, attend the National 4-H Agri-science Youth Summit in Bethesda, Maryland.

## ARE YOU ON OUR GOOD TO GROW

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### E-NEWSLETTER?

Whether you own a farm, homestead, or a yard there is something for everyone in this informative on-line newsletter! Each edition has timely tips and lists of agriculture or horticulture classes offered by the Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service. Visit us at [kentoncountyextension.org](http://kentoncountyextension.org) to register your email!

### FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

#### Kenton County Extension Homemakers!

We are a volunteer organization that works toward helping those in need through leadership development, education, and other volunteer services. This is accomplished by hosting fundraising events like our Day at the Races, Bunco, and one of our favorites-Girl's Day Out. Proceeds from these and other fun events, are used to award annual high school scholarships to graduates headed to college. Raising money is one of our favorites for sure, however, we also enjoy learning and having fun. We have quilting and sewing groups, knitting, crocheting, and paper crafting, a book club,

Wondering how you can join this group? There are three ways:

- ▶ **Join a physical group and meet monthly.**
- ▶ **Join as a "Mailbox Member". You would receive information thru the mail regarding current events.**
- ▶ **You can join one of our virtual groups thru Facebook.**

Dues are \$10 annually for any of these three options. You will receive a monthly newsletter however you join.

Have we piqued your interest enough to want to know more? Visit us on Facebook (Kenton County Extension Homemakers), or our web page (<https://kenton.ca.uky.edu/content/extension-homemakers>). Or call the Kenton County Extension Office and ask for a membership brochure at 859.356.3155.

Come make new friends. We look forward to seeing you at a Homemaker event soon!



Homemaker members and friends enjoy a bunco scholarship fundraiser

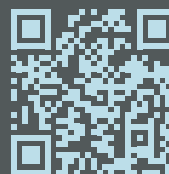


## Mark Your Calendars!

### Kenton County Farm Tour

Saturday,  
September 17  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Rain or Shine!

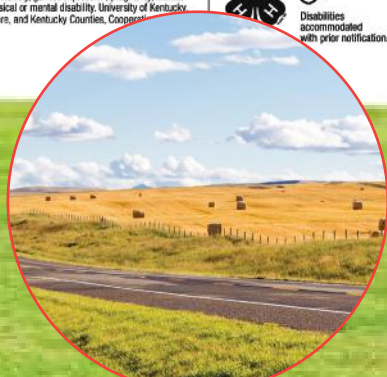
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## KENTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

# CLASS LIST FALL 2022

### 4-H CLASSES

\*4-H programs are for youth aged 9-18, unless otherwise specified.

### 4-H LEGO CLUB

Meets the first Tues of each month beginning Sept 6  
6:30-8 pm  
Kenton Lands Road  
For Ages 6-10



### 4-H RABBIT CLUB

Meets the first Tues of each month beginning Sept 6,  
7 pm  
Kenton Lands Road  
Learn how to care for your rabbit, show your rabbit, and have fun!

### 4-H ROUGH RIDERS CLUB

Meets the third Thurs of each month beginning Sept 15  
7pm Kenton Lands Road  
This 4-H Community Club meets once a month and focuses on projects that can be entered in the Kenton County Fair. These projects include Crafts, Fine Arts, Home Environment, Photography, and many more.

### COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL PROJECTS

Tues, Sept 20  
6:30pm  
Marshall Road  
Are you curious what it would take to show a pet or livestock project at the county fair? This information-filled class is designed to help you decide. In addition to learning about the different projects from leaders and 4-H members, you will learn about community 4-H clubs that are specific to pets or farm animals.

### 4-H STEM

Mon, Sept 26, Oct 24, and Nov 28,  
6 pm  
Kenton Lands Road  
Interested youth who would like to complete 4-H Projects and learn about science are invited to 4-H STEM Club. Projects designed for youth 4th through 8th grade and teen volunteers are welcome. Please register online via PACE. Materials prep is needed, and group is limited to 10 youth participants.

### 4-H "IT'S YOUR REALITY"

Offered October- April to school's 8th through 12th grades  
Please call for additional information, two months prior to scheduling.  
4-H "It's Your Reality" allows youth to receive a career based on their educational goals. Participants then visit "stores" to provide for their needs and the needs of their family. The store process helps young people determine whether their career aspirations provide the income for their desired lifestyle as an adult.

### 4-H LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

All Livestock Educational Programs will be held at Marshall Rd  
Sat, Oct 22, 8:30-11:30 am;  
Thurs, Nov 10, 6-8 pm  
Tues, Nov 22, 6-9 pm  
Mon, Dec 12, 6-8 pm  
Sat, Jan 7, 8:30-11:30 am  
Wed, Jan 11, 6-8 pm  
If you would like to participate in showing livestock, beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, or country ham next summer, educational meetings must be completed before your animal is tagged. Please register online via PACE.



### ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS: BAKING UP LEADERSHIP

Tues, Aug 30  
1-3:30 pm  
Boone County Enrichment Center  
Learn about the basics of baking (tools, ingredients, importance of temperatures) while discussing how we are all essential ingredients to the groups with which we participate.

You will make a one-layer cake to take home and enjoy with your family, plus learn about baking treats for your pet. Sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Area Extension Homemakers. Register by calling (859) 356-3155 or register online: <https://kenton.ca.uky.edu/content/line-class-registration>

### INVASIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Thurs, Sept 8  
2-4 pm - Marshall Road  
6-8 pm - Kenton Lands Road  
Learn how to identify and manage local invasive plants through best management practices and discover better choices to replace them.

### LAUGH AND LEARN

Fri, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, and Dec 9  
10 am  
Marshall Road  
This Kindergarten readiness program for children ages 3-5 who are accompanied by an adult caregiver will teach preschoolers through storybook adventures, music, nutrition, and activity. Free.

### GET TO KNOW YOUR URBAN TREES IN AUSTINBURG

Sat, Sept 24 from 10am - 12pm  
Meet at Sixth District  
Elementary School Parking Lot  
Rain Date: Oct 1 (same time & place)  
Join us for a tour of the urban trees in the Austinburg neighborhood of Covington with Urban Forester, Patrick Moore. We'll be discussing merits of a suitable "street tree" as well as identifying characteristics of the many tree species located here.

### KENTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE LOCATIONS AND HOURS

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HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8 AM-4:30 PM; CLOSED NOON-1PM





## CULTURAL COOK ALONG

Tues, Sept 27, 6:30 pm – Spain, Tues, Oct 25, 6:30 pm – Italy, Tues, Nov 29, 6:30 pm – France Virtual

Join us for these monthly virtual cooking programs featuring recipes and general information about some of our international neighbors. Register for any or all of the sessions. Supply and ingredient lists will be sent via e-mail prior to the program. Sponsored by the Kenton, Boone, and Pendleton County Extension Offices. To register, call (859) 654-3395 or visit [pendleton.ca.uky.edu](http://pendleton.ca.uky.edu)

## THE ART OF HYPERTUFA

Sat, Oct 8, 10 am Marshall Road Barn  
Learn how to make troughs and garden features that look like stone by mixing simple ingredients at home.

## LET US EAT PIE!

Tues, Oct 11, 2pm Marshall Road  
This hands-on pie baking class will walk you through each step of making a 2 crusted pie. Each participant will go home with their own pie to bake. Registration required. Limited to 14.

## SUCCEEDING WITH PLANT PROPAGATION

Thurs, Oct 13, 2-4 pm Marshall Road, and 6-8 pm Kenton Lands Road  
Discover how and when to take cuttings of your favorite plants to increase your supply and save \$\$!

## WILD KENTUCKY: CONSUMING NATIVE PLANTS

Thurs, Nov 3, 2-4 pm Marshall Road, and 6-8 pm Kenton Lands Road  
Learn about our commonly sourced native plants and discover their applications in food, medicine, and alcohol production.



## CREATING A FAMILY TRADITION VIRTUAL STORYBOARD

Tues, Nov 8, 2pm Kenton Lands Road  
Participants will learn the importance of sharing family history and innovative ways to record family memories and traditions for generations to come.

## FINDING EVERGREENS IN A DECIDUOUS WORLD

Thurs, Dec 8,  
2-4 pm Marshall Road,  
6-8 pm Kenton Lands Road  
While few evergreen plants thrive in our eco-region, come discover which ones can and learn how to make your landscape suitable for their success.

## BOTANICAL TRAVEL: LONDON AND THE BRITISH ISLES

Thurs, Dec 15  
6-8 pm Kenton Lands Road  
Take a visual journey through some of the most famous gardens in London, England as well as other standouts from the British Isles.

## BOTANICAL TRAVEL: ISRAEL

Thurs, Jan 19, 2023, 6-8 pm  
Kenton Lands Road  
Take a visual journey through the land of milk and honey and discover some of Israel's most scenic landscapes and gardens.

**Unless otherwise indicated, you can register by calling our office at 859.356.3155, or through our on-line registration program. Visit our office website <http://kenton.ca.uky.edu/> and click on the "online registration" tab. Our staff will keep in touch with those who register with details regarding the class or program, and how it will be conducted-either live or through on-line instruction.**

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## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!





# Get Your Library Card

You can apply for a library card at any Kenton County Public Library location. Please bring a photo ID or a piece of mail, such as your phone or electric bill, with your current address.

You can also apply on-line at [kentonlibrary.org/library-card](http://kentonlibrary.org/library-card). Those under the age of 18 applying for a library card need to have a parent or guardian sign the application.

# Save time and use the library after-hours to:



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# Did You Know That Your Library Offers

Job service skills training and networking opportunities

Homebound delivery for those physically unable to come to the library

WiFi Hotspots

Items such as microscopes, yard games, binoculars, tools and more

Notary service

Reservable meeting rooms

An app to search the catalog, check out items and see upcoming programs

Drive-thru windows

# Location Info

## COVINGTON BRANCH

502 Scott Boulevard  
Covington, KY 41011

## ERLANGER BRANCH

401 Kenton Lands Road  
Erlanger, KY 41018

## WILLIAM E. DURR BRANCH

1992 Walton-Nicholson Road  
Independence, KY 41051



**PARTY LIKE IT'S 2002  
20 YEARS ON  
KENTON LANDS**



The Erlanger Branch is celebrating 20 years in its permanent home on Kenton Lands Road. Join us for a celebration this fall leading up to the 20th anniversary on Thursday, October 13. Visit [kentonlibrary.org](http://kentonlibrary.org) for details.

**PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

All programs are free. Additional programs at [kentonlibrary.org/events](http://kentonlibrary.org/events). \*Please register where\* noted.

**DIY BUSINESS CARDS\***

Thurs., Sept. 1, 10 - 11 AM  
Covington Branch  
Make networking easier, and design and print your very own business cards on the same day.

**HIIT BOOTCAMP CLASS\***

Tues., Sept. 6 & 20, 6 - 6:30 PM  
Erlanger Branch  
Join BJ and Kagan from Affordable Athletic Supplements for a fun, energetic workout.

**TEEN ART KITS**

Wednesdays in Sept., 3:30 - 4:30 PM  
Covington Branch  
A new art kit will be available each Wednesday to take home or do at the library.

**OPENING OF TRAVELING  
PANEL EXHIBITION**

Sat., Sept. 10  
Covington Branch  
See the unveiling of a month-long exhibit of African American Children's Illustrated Literature!

**SENSORY OPEN PLAY**

Fri., Sept. 16, 23 & 30, 10 AM - 2 PM  
Up to age 8  
William E. Durr Branch  
Expand the mind, gross and fine motor skills and engage the senses in this learn-through-play program geared for young learners and those with autism or other sensory challenges. Jump in the bounce house, climb through the tunnels, and soar from the trampoline onto the crash pad during this exciting and lively event!

**KENTON COUNTY FARM TOUR**

Sat., Sept. 17, 9 AM - 2 PM  
William E. Durr Branch  
Enjoy music, refreshments, and games, say hi to the chickens and grab pumpkins from our patch while supplies last.

**CONCERT: JASON LOHRKE  
TRIBUTES EARLY NEIL DIAMOND\***

Sat., Sept. 17, 6:30 - 8 PM  
Erlanger Branch  
Enjoy a concert featuring the early years of Neil Diamond's ground-breaking and legendary performances.

**ART SUPPLY FREE STORE**

Thurs., Sept. 22, 4 - 6 PM  
William E. Durr Branch  
Take your pick of our gently used materials and supplies at no cost!



**AUTHOR VISIT: RUTA SEPETYS\***

Thurs., Sept. 22, 6:30 - 8 PM  
Erlanger Branch  
Ruta Sepetys is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of historical fiction, including "Between Shades of Gray," "Out of the Easy," "Salt to the Sea," and more. A book signing will follow the author's talk.

**GOAT YOGA\***

Sun., Sept. 25, 12 PM  
William E. Durr Branch  
Bring a yoga mat or towel to use during class.



**CEMETERY TOUR:  
SAVE THE DATE**

Sat. October 1, all day/times vary  
Various locations throughout Kenton County.



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## At NKU, Learning Doesn't End at Graduation

Many working professionals want the chance to grow and develop their skills without slowing down. Actively seeking educational opportunities not only helps employees continue to climb the ladder and adapt to an ever-changing workplace, but also allows companies to hold onto their most talented employees longer.

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (NKU) IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THOSE PATHWAYS FOR LEARNERS OF ALL AGES—WHETHER IT'S FOR ENJOYMENT, INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION OR CAREER ADVANCEMENT.**

"People often look at non-university programs or consultants for professional training and don't realize they have a resource in their community," says Carmen Hickerson, NKU's assistant vice president of economic engagement and government relations.

NKU offers a wide variety of opportunities that allow learners to continue their education and develop new skills—or sharpen existing ones. There are more than 22 advanced degree programs to choose from, in fields like business leadership and data management, that can enhance employability.

NKU also offers more than 30 micro-credentials, all of which are aligned with relevant industry standards. These for-credit courses allow learners to easily build on their career and demonstrate

their mastery of relevant workplace skills, abilities and competencies more quickly. Many micro-credentials can be stacked as a pathway toward a degree.

However, not everyone has the time or interest in long-term programs. That's why NKU also offers flexible non-credit courses, certificate programs and online courses for learners who are at various stages in their career. These learning opportunities are designed to allow professionals to have a work-life balance while they study.

Learners have the option to enroll in NKU's self-paced classes that can be accessed online anytime, anywhere. These courses, which provide practical skills training, are taught by industry leaders and are curated by NKU faculty. Courses cover a variety of areas, including data literacy and management, technology, leadership and project management.

Additionally, NKU partners with local companies in the region to upskill their employees, which prepares them for a modern, ever-changing workplace, by providing a variety of customized training courses.

"Employees want opportunities to grow; employers want to retain their best workers. It's a win-win situation," Hickerson says. "Organizations get to keep their employees as they develop their skills—skills that they'll then use to support the business."

### WHY NKU?

At its core, the NKU is committed to learners of all ages and backgrounds and to moving the region forward. Through online, in-person and hybrid learning opportunities, NKU offers flexibility and pathways that fit busy lifestyles.

Pursuing professional development opportunities at NKU gives learners the chance to engage with respected, experienced instructors and training facilitators who provide practical, cutting-edge training.

No matter which path learners take, NKU offers a vast catalog of courses, which is based on what our world needs now. Learners leave with tangible skills and knowledge that not only make them highly marketable but can transform their industries and make an incredible impact where it matters.

"Our goal at NKU is to give all students—whether they're recent high school grads or mid-career professionals—the learning experiences they need to succeed in their careers," Hickerson says. "We're proud to help them on their way."

**Learn more about how NKU's professional development and continuing education offerings can move you or your business forward by visiting [nku.edu/pdce](http://nku.edu/pdce) or call (859) 572-5236.**





## Events & Programs

### KENTON COUNTY BIG BLUE RECYCLING BIN PROGRAM

There are several recycling bin locations throughout Kenton County for convenient and free recycling to reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills. Big Blue Recycling Bins, though, are NOT trash bins.



**Unaccepted Materials:** Styrofoam, general trash and waste, hazardous materials, electronics, yard debris, garden hoses, play sets, car parts, certain plastics (including laundry baskets, planting pots, buckets, plastic bags, hangers, toys, etc.). A full listing of recyclable and non-recyclable items is available on the Kenton County website: <https://l.ead.me/kcrecycles>

### TRASH FOR CASH PROGRAM

501(c)3 non-profit organizations can earn \$100 per mile for picking up trash on approved public roadways. The program runs from April 1st through September 30th each year. Funds are limited and the program is first-come, first-serve. Together we can keep Kenton County beautiful and litter-free. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/kcsolidwaste>

### ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP

**SEPTEMBER 30TH & OCTOBER 1ST, 8AM-6PM**

**Kenton County Public Works Campus,  
420 Independence Station Road,  
Independence, KY 41051**

This event is an opportunity for Kenton County residents to dispose of unwanted trash, debris, and bulky household items free of charge. Up to (8) standard tires are free per resident address, each additional tire is \$3.00. Please bring proof of residency such as a driver's license or a current trash bill. Businesses, including junk/construction removal or automotive, are prohibited.



**NOT ACCEPTED:** hazardous materials, chemicals, paint, liquid waste, fluorescent bulbs, boats, sheds, large propane tanks or cylinders, concrete, brick, shingles, or fill dirt.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

#### HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

December 1, 2022 - February 1, 2023  
(designated drop-off locations)

#### CHRISTMAS REAL TREE-CYCLING

TBD- Dates in January 2023  
(remove all lights and ornaments)

### NORTHERN KENTUCKY HOUSEHOLD

#### HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT: NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM – 2 PM

**Location: Thomas More Stadium, 7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY 41042  
"Home of the Florence Y'alls"**

The NKY Solid Waste Coordinators of Kenton, Campbell, and Boone Counties partner to host this event for residents of all three counties. Learn more about the event and accepted items at: [www.NKYHHW.org](http://www.NKYHHW.org) or <https://bit.ly/kchazardouswaste>.

*Please bring a completed Household Hazardous Waste Registration Form with you:*

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT REGISTRATION FORM November 5, 2022 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

County you live in:  Boone  Campbell  Kenton

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

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

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

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



**QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT US:**

**MELISSA GRANDSTAFF, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

**MELISSA.GRANDSTAFF@KENTONCOUNTY.ORG**

**PHONE: 859.392.1919 KENTONCOUNTY.ORG**

## KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE...

Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. Lead in children's bodies is harmful. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect the ability to learn, pay attention and to achieve academic success. Children age 6 and younger are at the most risk. Since the effects of lead exposure may be permanent, the most important step that parents and caregivers can take is to prevent lead exposure before it occurs.

## HOW DOES LEAD EXPOSURE OCCUR?

Lead exposure occurs when a child comes in contact with lead by ingesting or breathing in lead or lead dust. What are Sources of Lead Exposure? Lead can be found throughout our environment. Children are exposed to lead by breathing in or swallowing things that are contaminated with lead. Lead can be found in:

- Homes built before 1978 containing lead-based paint.
- Dust, soil and/or water may be contaminated with lead.
- A family member working in industries that expose them to lead. Lead dust can be tracked onto carpets, floors, furniture, automobile interiors and other surfaces.
- Consumer products like toys, jewelry and fishing lures. Lead can also be used in plastics.
- Home/herbal remedies using ingredients that contain lead including Greta and Azarcon.



## You Don't Have to Be a SUPER HERO to Prevent Lead Poisoning

### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO LEAD?

A blood test is the best way to determine if a child has been exposed to lead. The amount of lead in blood is referred to as a blood lead level, which is measured in micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ). Most children with lead in their blood have no obvious symptoms. Every child should be tested for lead poisoning at ages 9 to 12 months and again at age 24 months. Talk to your child's health care provider or one of NKY Health's County Health Centers about getting a blood lead test.

### HOW CAN I PREVENT LEAD EXPOSURE AND PREVENT FURTHER EXPOSURE AND DAMAGE TO MY CHILD'S HEALTH?

Fortunately, preventing childhood lead exposure is possible and cost-effective. Additionally, if your child has been exposed to lead, there are things you can do to help lower lead levels and reduce damage to your child's health.

### SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CAN DO INCLUDE:

1. Have lead-based paint in your home removed by certified lead abatement companies. Do not remove the paint yourself.
2. Take steps to keep children away from areas with lead paint chips or dust.
3. Clean dusty areas with wet household cleaners often to remove lead dust.
4. Remove shoes before entering a house to keep soil that may contain lead outside.
5. Wash your child's hands, toys, bottles and pacifiers frequently.
6. Plant grass to cover any bare dirt areas in your yard and around your home.
7. Vacuum using a HEPA vacuum cleaner.
8. Feed your children healthy foods with lots of calcium, iron and vitamin C. Fruits, vegetables and milk are great sources, plus they may keep lead from being absorbed.
9. The good news is that childhood lead exposure is preventable and support is available. To learn more about NKY Health's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, please visit our website: <https://nkyhealth.org/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention/>. (QR Code Above)

Source for article: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/prevention/default.htm>

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
8001 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., FLORENCE, KY 41042  
PHONE: 859.341.4264 / FAX: 859.578.3689  
HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 5 PM**

# #GetTheLeadOut



## Clean Air in Kenton County

### DID YOU KNOW THAT SECONDHAND SMOKE HARMS WORKERS EXPOSED ON THE JOB?

Secondhand smoke exposure causes heart disease and lung cancer, and puts workers at significant risk for stroke, asthma and other breathing disorders. At least 250 chemicals in secondhand smoke are known to be toxic or to cause cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Even brief periods of exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and can cause coronary heart disease. Breathing secondhand smoke can have immediate adverse effects on your blood and blood vessels increasing the risk of having a heart attack. (accessed on 7/7/2022, [https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/fact\\_sheets/secondhand\\_smoke/health\\_effects/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/secondhand_smoke/health_effects/index.htm)). Additionally, secondhand smoke is a cause of breast cancer in premenopausal women.

All workers deserve equal health protection; 27% of Kentucky's blue-collar workers are exposed to secondhand smoke at work. Only 43% of the 6.6 million food preparation and service workers in the U.S. are protected by smoke-free laws. Restaurant and bar workers have the greatest risk of developing lung cancer and heart disease compared to other occupations. Workers and volunteers in gaming facilities such as bingo halls are also exposed to high levels of secondhand smoke

Eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only strategy that fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. Working in a smoky environment for 6-8 hours is the equivalent of smoking nearly a pack of cigarettes (16-20 cigarettes). Comprehensive smoke-free policies protect employees, residents and children from the dangers of secondhand smoke inside workplaces and public spaces.

LiveWell NKY, community members and organizations across Kenton County are dedicated to changing the narrative and changing the norm when it comes to lung health in our region. "There is no safe level of smoke exposure! As a Respiratory Therapist for over 25 years I have seen the damage smoke (in any form) can do to

a person's body. Smoke free laws protect our hearts, lungs and lives." says Thomas Cahill. For more information or to get involved with LiveWell NKY, contact Jodi Cesene at 859.363.2153.

If you smoke or vape and are trying to quit, there are many resources to help you stop, just scan the QR code or visit <https://nkyhealth.org/tobacco-use-e-cigarettes-smoking/>.



LiveWell NKY needs to hear from you! You could WIN \$100! We are conducting our Health and Wellness Assessment and encourage all residents and workers of NKY to take the survey. You will be entered for one of five \$100 giveaways.



We want to hear from you!



SCAN ME!

Or visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/97NDWQ1>

You will be entered for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards for completing the survey!

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1-800-QUIT-NOW



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# Be Prepared. Save A Life.



Summer greetings, Northern Kentucky! These warm summer days bring about gatherings with family and friends, walks around many of our neighborhoods' parks and iconic settings, attendance at youth sporting events, and visits to the festivals that occur in our communities. While you are enjoying your summer activities, it's important to be aware that Northern Kentucky saw an increase in opioid overdose deaths in 2020, and continued to increase in 2021.

epidemic. Naloxone is a safe antidote to suspected overdose and, when given in time, can save a life." (Adams, 2022).

Opioids include heroin, morphine, oxycodone, codeine, hydrocodone, fentanyl and carfentanil. Synthetic opioid-based products such as fentanyl, carfentanil, Demerol and Dilaudid have higher potencies than traditional opioids like morphine and heroin.

Naloxone will not work on overdoses of cocaine, methamphetamine, alcohol

- Individuals recently released from incarceration with a history of opioid misuse
- Individuals recently released from an in-patient behavioral health care facility
- Individuals who have a decrease in tolerance from opioid use

NKY Health, in partnership with the University of Kentucky: HEALing Communities Study, have created a mail order program to help make it easy and convenient for people to access and carry naloxone. The mail order program allows an individual to receive naloxone after taking a short, online training course to learn and recognize the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose and how to respond. You may access the training and naloxone by visiting [www.nkyhealth.org/savealife](http://www.nkyhealth.org/savealife). This is a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service provided to Northern Kentucky residents.



## ARE YOU PREPARED IF A NEIGHBOR OR LOVED ONE EXPERIENCES AN OVERDOSE?

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when administered when symptoms begin. Overdose deaths typically occur within one to three hours after symptoms first appear. (Giglio, R. E., Li, G., & DiMaggio, C. J., 2015). Research has proven the use and distribution of naloxone dramatically decreases overdose deaths. Former U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Jerome Adams states, "Expanding the awareness and availability of naloxone...is a key part of the public health response to the opioid

or benzodiazepines (Valium or Xanax). Unfortunately, fentanyl and other opioids are being mixed with drugs such as cocaine and Xanax. Since the presence of fentanyl and other opioids are not visible to the naked eye, when an individual unknowingly takes a drug that has been laced with an opioid, it can lead to a potential opioid overdose. While an opioid overdose was not expected or intended, reversing it with one or more doses of naloxone is possible.

## WHO IS AT RISK FOR AN ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE?

- Individuals who are prescribed opioid based pain medications
- Individuals who use opioids for non-medical reasons
- Individuals seeking and/or receiving treatment for opioid use disorder

**BE PREPARED. GET NALOXONE. SAVE A LIFE.**



Works Cited- Giglio, R. E., Li, G., & DiMaggio, C. J. (2015). Effectiveness of bystander naloxone administration and overdose education programs: a meta-analysis. *Injury Epidemiology*, 2(1). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40621-015-0041-8>. Adams, J. (n.d.). U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Naloxone and Opioid Overdose. HHS. Gov. Retrieved June 17, 2022, from <https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/reports-and-publications/addiction-and-substance-misuse/advisory-on-naloxone/index.html>

TO RECEIVE A NALOXONE KIT: [NKYHEALTH.ORG/SAVEALIFE](http://NKYHEALTH.ORG/SAVEALIFE)





# Why Work for NKY Health?

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

## WHAT DOES PUBLIC HEALTH DO?

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

While conventional health care traditionally treats diseases and injuries, the role of public health is to prevent diseases and injuries before they happen. NKY Health performs numerous mandated services and works with community partners, including health care organizations, to determine the community's

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



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

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON DEGREES AT NKY HEALTH?

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

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

needs and identify priority health issues. Every position at NKY Health plays an important role in the health of Northern Kentucky.

## ARE THERE MORE REASONS TO WORK FOR NKY HEALTH?

It's exciting to be part of a team focused on making a difference.

- **Work/life balance is part of our culture. (M-F, 8-5 are our usual work hours).**
- **New challenges are always coming our way.**
- **We are established, stable and credentialed.**
- **Our fringe benefits (including continuing education) are competitive.**

## WHAT POSITIONS ARE TYPICALLY AVAILABLE?

NKY Health is typically accepting applications for the following positions:

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



**LET'S PLAY CATCH-UP ON ROUTINE VACCINES**

Make sure your child's routine vaccines are in the lineup this season.  
Start here: [nkyhealth.org/kids/](https://nkyhealth.org/kids/)

**NKYHEALTH**  
NORTHERN KENTUCKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To make an immunization appointment, please contact the county health center directly. Contact information can be found by scanning the QR code to the right.

## MANY CHILDREN MISSED CHECK-UPS AND RECOMMENDED CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend children catch up on routine childhood vaccinations following disruptions from COVID-19. Routine vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months and older, are available at any of NKY Health's County Health Centers. Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>



*Greetings from the PVA Office, Darlene Plummer, Your PVA*



**PROPERTY REVIEW/QUADRENNIAL REVIEW PLAN**

In accordance with the state of Kentucky requirements, the PVA office is required to physically inspect properties at least once every four years. For assessment year 2023, the PVA office will review properties in Elsmere, Erlanger, Ft. Mitchell (Common and Beechwood Schools), Lakeside Park, Park Hills and the Elsmere Fire District. If there is a change in the property's assessment, the owner will be sent a notice of the new assessment. Notices are typically mailed in April.

**DID YOU KNOW YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A REDUCTION IN THE TAXABLE VALUE OF YOUR HOME?**

Turning 65 this year, own and occupy your home as of January 1? Then you may qualify! **APPLY NOW** - no need to wait until your birthday! Please visit our website for additional details and to submit your application. (Exemptions also available for homeowners classified as 100% disabled.) The Exemption is determined by the legislature every 2 years and historically, has been increased. The Exemption amount is scheduled for review for 2023 and 2024 – visit our website later this year for additional information.

**IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT?**

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the mailing of all tax bills; however, their Office utilizes PVA's address information. If you need to update your mailing address, please submit a change of mailing address online at [www.kentonpva.org](http://www.kentonpva.org).

**LOOKING FOR "FREE" PROPERTY INFORMATION?**

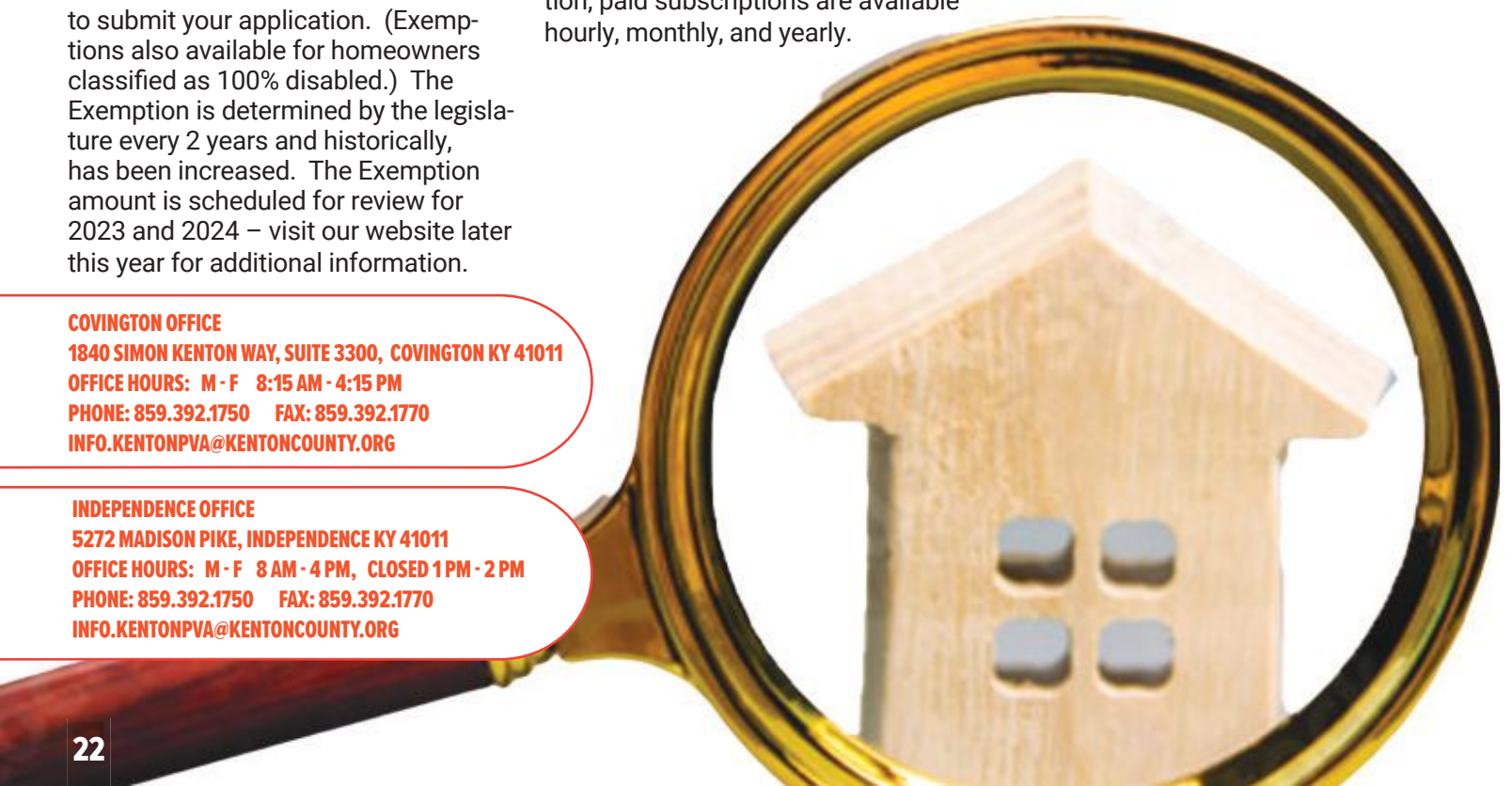
Please visit our affiliate website at [www.kcor.org](http://www.kcor.org) where you can find owner information, school district information, assessment information, etc. Click on the black bar: **CLICK FOR FREE ACCESS MENU**. A photo and map are available as part of the free access, along with a Residential Sales menu, Property Tax Estimator and Property Tax Rates. If you are searching for more detailed information, paid subscriptions are available hourly, monthly, and yearly.

**BUYING AGRICULTURAL/FARM LAND?**

To qualify for the Agricultural Exemption, you must have at least ten (10) contiguous acres or at least five (5) to qualify for the Horticultural Exemption. Owners must apply for the exemption to qualify. (The application shall be valid until the property is transferred or the land use is changed.) In the event Agricultural property is transferred to anyone other than a surviving spouse, the new owners, including heirs to the property, must make an application for the exemption to remain. The applicant must be the owner of record as of January 1 for the year in which they are seeking exemption. The application must be submitted no later than the end of the inspection period for which exemption is requested.

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**MEET THE KCCD BOARD**



KCCD provides technical and financial assistance to protect our county's land, soil and water, and works with local communities to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns. KCCD is a special purpose government entity that is guided by a board of seven supervisors who are elected during presidential and mid-term election cycles, and who serve a four-year term. Our non-partisan board serves in the best interest of the county and works with district staff to develop programs that assist homeowners, farmers, businesses, schools, organizations, cities, and local governments in protecting natural resources in our county. Current board supervisors include: Gailen Bridges (Chair), Jennifer Myka (Vice Chair), Chris Kaeff (Treasurer), Amy Powell, Nancy Kloentrup, Andrew Johnson and Bill Schneider.

**2021 CONSERVATION WRITING CONTEST WINNERS**

Last spring, KCCD presented awards to the winners of the 2021 Conservation Writing Contest. Simon Kenton student Rohan Ketron was named the winner for Kenton County and the region this year. The contest was produced as a partnership between Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

and themed: "We All Need Water." Congratulations to Rohan and all who participated in the contest.

**EDUCATION UPDATE**

Students from Lloyd Memorial High School had a great performance in the Envirothon competition last April, just narrowly missing the state qualifier. Envirothon® is a problem-solving, teambuilding and leadership competition focused on natural resources for high school students across the United States, Canada, and China. In preparation, students trained with farmers, scientists, naturalists, foresters and wildlife experts from the county and the state. Lloyd Memorial High School became involved in the program under the leadership of KCCD Board Member Nancy Kloentrup.



Lloyd High School students visited Ed Mar Dairy farm to learn agricultural Best Management Practices, sponsored by KCCD and the Kenton County Cooperative Extension.

**KCCD WELCOMES...**

New District Manager Heather Mayfield. Before coming to KCCD, Heather directed the Foundation for Ohio River Education, and worked as a STEM Coordinator with USEPA. Heather first became involved with KCCD



Heather Mayfield

as an elected board member serving from 2009-2015. She truly believes that conservation districts are where the "rubber meets the road" in restoring and protecting our natural resources for

generations to come! Heather is eager to oversee KCCD's existing programs while collaborating with local and regional partners to develop new initiatives to protect farmland, forests, waterways, and other natural areas within the county.

**Upcoming Events**

**THE GOOD, BAD AND THE MANAGED:**

**Pond Scum & Maintenance Workshop**

Anyone who wants to maintain healthy lakes and ponds are invited to attend the workshop, hosted by the Kenton, Boone and Hamilton County Conservation Districts. This workshop will teach participants how to identify toxin-producing algae that can harm pets and livestock, and how to best address the water quality conditions that contribute to nuisance blooms of algae in farm ponds, subdivision ponds and retention ponds. For more information and dates, visit <https://www.hcswcd.org/pond-clinic.html>.

**KENTON COUNTY FARM TOUR**

**September 17th, 9am-5pm**  
**Morning View Heritage Area (MVHA)**  
**15168 Decoursey Pike**  
**Morning View, KY 41063**

Be sure to make MVHA one of your stops on the farm tour. MVHA is a 224-acre nature preserve that is being restored and managed by KCCD to support native species of plants and wildlife. It is open to the public for hiking and nature study. Stop by and explore!



2021 Conservation Writing Contest Winners.

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