

# what's happening!

AUGUST 2023

## in BOONE COUNTY, KY

### SD1 Keeps Things Flowing Through Continuous Improvement

Over the course of the last several years, Sanitation District No. 1 (SD1) has transformed itself through the simple concept of continuous improvement.

When Adam Chaney became executive director in 2017, his goal was to leverage his business experience to build a culture of continuous improvement at SD1.

Chaney, SD1 staff and its Board of Directors quickly got to work identifying and prioritizing the areas of the organization that had the most room for improvement.

This work began with defining the scope of the stormwater utility and creating a prioritized plan for stormwater projects. They developed new cost-share programs to help local governments; removed about 1,500 properties from the stormwater

service area; and last month reduced the stormwater fee for the second time in three years.

SD1 developed a long-term financial model that has brought predictability and transparency, allowing decision-makers to see how variables such as account growth, water consumption and long-term debt affect SD1's financial position over time. The model highlighted the need for SD1 to take a different approach to its rate structure, leading to a base rate model that now ties what each customer pays to the actual cost of providing service.

While the cultural shift has borne numerous other improvements, the crown jewel of SD1's continuous improvement work is its Clean H2O40 sewer overflow mitigation program. Learn more about that on page 2.

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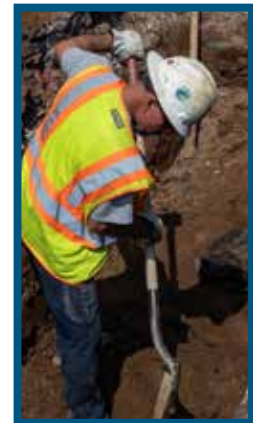
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# SD1 is Making Our Community Better Through Continuous Improvement

Sewer overflows are not a new challenge in Northern Kentucky – SD1 has completed about 50 overflow elimination projects since 2005 – however, the District has taken a new approach to this critical work through its Clean H2O40 program.



A sewer overflow occurs when wastewater that is supposed to be contained within the region's sewer system escapes the

system. There are two types – sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and combined sewer overflows (CSOs). SSOs occur when stormwater finds its way into pipes that are designed to carry only wastewater, thus overwhelming the system. CSOs occur when pipes designed to carry both stormwater and wastewater are overwhelmed by wet weather.

“Sewer overflows are a threat to public health and quality of life,” SD1 Executive Director Adam Chaney says. “Our team works tirelessly to eliminate overflows because we care about our community.”

Clean H2O40 is a partnership between SD1 and state and federal regulators to address Northern Kentucky's overflows over the next 20 years, with an ultimate target of January 1, 2040. The program's strategy focuses on storing excess stormwater in equalization (EQ) tanks and other structures across the region and then gradually releasing it back into the sewer system, keeping it from becoming overwhelmed. This approach has lowered the projected cost of the program by hundreds of millions of dollars, allowing SD1 to do this important work to keep local waterways clean and healthy while keeping sanitary sewer rates affordable.

“SD1 always seeks to strike the proper balance between environmental



leadership and fiscal responsibility,” Chaney says. “Through continuous improvement efforts in all aspects of our work, we have been able to improve our service levels while keeping rates as low as possible. I'm proud to say that SD1's rates are some of the lowest when compared to other regional sewer utilities.”

The first phase of Clean H2O40 was successfully completed last month. SD1 had committed to eliminating 20 percent of the region's typical-year SSOs and capturing 67 percent of typical-year combined system flow by that date. Through this new strategy, SD1 was able to eliminate over 60 percent of typical-year SSOs and capture nearly 71% of typical-year combined system flow.

SD1 tripled its SSO goal through several important projects, including the Licking River Double Siphon – a pipe built beneath the Licking River that helped to eliminate about 42 million gallons of typical-year SSOs – and EQ tanks in Highland Heights and Silver Grove that eliminated another 22 million gallons. In all, SD1 eliminated about 69.7 million gallons of typical-year SSOs during Phase 1 of Clean H2O40 and expects to eliminate another 40 million gallons over the next 6 years.

On the CSO side, SD1 achieved significant overflow eliminations through an extensive river water intrusion program that keeps river water from getting into the sewer system. This eliminated about 223 million gallons of typical-year CSOs. In the next 6 years, SD1 plans to eliminate another 388 million gallons of typical-year CSOs, with projects planned across the region.

“We have shown through Phase 1 of Clean H2O40 that we take our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community seriously,” Chaney said. “SD1 will continue this important work through 2040 and beyond.”



# Do You Have Pond Scum?

Lakes and ponds are living ecosystems that include diverse communities of algae, aquatic plants, and animals. Algae (“scum”) play an important role in the food chain, capturing carbon dioxide and providing food for insects, fish, and other wildlife. While some types of algae are typical in healthy ponds and help cycle nutrients throughout the ecosystem, other types of algae can decrease water quality, be harmful to animals, or can even be considered toxic to humans.



Excess amounts of pond scum (also known as “algal blooms”) are often caused by an influx of nutrients entering the pond ecosystem, typically in the form of fertilizers, animal waste, sewage, or storm water runoff. However, there are several ways for landowners to prevent these pollutants from entering your waterway and prevent harmful algal blooms.

## Know Your Watershed

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a particular body of water when it rains or snows. The land use that drains into your pond will determine the water quality. Native plants surrounding your pond will help filter out excess nutrients and create habitat for beneficial wildlife. Overuse of fertilizers and vegetation removal around the pond will encourage harmful algae to grow.

*Native grasses, flowers, and shrubs can prevent algae growth and encourage beneficial wildlife such as pollinators, birds, fish, or turtles.*



## Pond Scum Prevention

There are many best management practices (“BMPs”) that can help keep your pond ecosystem healthy for people and wildlife. Consider these common practices:

- Native vegetation buffers
- Bottom-up aeration
- Livestock exclusion fences
- Harvesting algae

## Get Help For Your Pond

The Boone County Conservation District can help you diagnose your pond's problems and identify best management practices to improve pond health. To see if you qualify for state or federal cost share programs, contact us at 859-586-7903 x. 3 or info@bccdky.org.



*Not only does mowing to the edge of your pond create habitat for nuisance animals such as geese, but it removes the important vegetative buffer that stops nutrients from entering the water, causing algae to grow.*

*The mission of the Boone County Conservation District (BCCDKY) is to promote the wise use and protection of natural resources through education and service to the citizens of Boone County, Kentucky.*

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Email: Info@bccdky.org







# Boone County Comprehensive Plan Update

## An Opportunity for Your Voice to be Heard

The Boone County Planning Commission will begin work this summer to update the County's Comprehensive Plan which will guide future land use and development. Your participation and input are vital to this process! In the upcoming months, the Fiscal Court will provide updates via the county website and social media about the schedule, process and public engagement opportunities as the Comprehensive Plan update gets underway. The Boone County Planning Commission will also have information about the full process and opportunities for engagement on its website and social media and will also be using a communications firm to assist with effectively sharing information with the public.

The Comprehensive Plan is formulated from an extensive and continuing planning process that includes:

- Collection and analysis of data;
- Creation of a statement of Goals and Objectives; and
- Development of written elements on subjects related to transportation, public facilities, land use, and other issues affecting growth and development.

The Boone County Fiscal Court and the three city governments each approve the Goals & Objectives of the Plan. The Boone County Planning Commission will then go about the work of collecting data, developing the substance of the plan and finalizing future land use maps which are then approved by the Boone County Planning Commission. There will be opportunities for public input both in the Goals & Objectives formulation by the elected bodies and in the development of the Comprehensive



sive Plan sections/land use work to be completed by the Planning Commission. The County Commissioners and I have

committed to public forums during the Goals & Objectives process and in working with the Planning Commission to ensure engagement opportunities as it formulates the elements for the Comprehensive Plan update. We encourage the public to be engaged and participate in this important process to ensure your voice is heard.

We are all dedicated to a very open and transparent process as we work to create the best possible plan for the future of Boone County!

**Boone County Fiscal Court:**  
[BooneCountyky.org](http://BooneCountyky.org)

**Boone County Planning Commission:**  
[Boonecountyky.org/planning\\_commission](http://Boonecountyky.org/planning_commission)

# Fiscal Court Approves Strategic Goals and Priorities for New Term

The county conducted a day long strategic planning session in January of 2023 to determine key goals and priorities as areas of focus for the next four-year court term. The session included participation from the county's elected officials which include Judge/Executive Gary Moore, Commissioner Cathy Flaig, Commissioner Chet Hand and Commissioner Jesse Brewer, as well as, the county

administration and department heads. In preparation for this event, key topics were identified as a result of an internal S.W.O.T. (strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats) document that was completed by members of the fiscal court and the county's department head team.

Each of these topics was explored and discussed in open session of the full

group and in small table break-out sessions. These discussions served as the basis for developing summary points of consensus/goals that were then approved by a formal resolution of the Court. The following information summarizes the key strategies and priorities that will become a focus of the county workplan for the next four years:

### Planning and Development:

Enhance community education regarding the planning and zoning structure and approval process for new development.

Engage the planning commission in order to enhance community outreach and citizen involvement in public input opportunities. Encourage the planning commission to archive public meeting and public hearing videos for future citizen review.

### Communications:

Retain a third-party/external professional to perform a comprehensive assessment of the county's communication program, resources, and strategies.

Explore possible community townhall events and mobile Fiscal Court caucus meetings around the county that would focus on sharing information and listening to resident feedback.

Plan and perform another citizen satisfaction survey in partnership with a local university.

### Sense of Place:

Work with cities, unincorporated communities within the county to develop strategies for physical improvements that would enhance neighborhood identity and improve gateway entrances and co-sponsor events that strengthen identity and sense of place.

Partner with the business community and explore interest in efforts to beautify interstate exit/entrance ramps, to attract quality business development and job creation.

### Economic Impacts and Considerations:

Continue to pursue policies and strategies regarding workforce needs within the county with a holistic focus that includes workforce housing, transportation, education/job training, and other services that support this overall goal.

Continue with groundwork and existing policy development that would provide strategies addressing needs for vulnerable populations within the county.

Monitor and advocate for tax policies that treat local government fairly and do not result in unfunded mandates or micromanagement of local government self-governance.

### Parks and Recreation:

Move forward with preparation of a prioritization list and recommendations from the staff regarding the Parks Master Plan Report, for final review and approval by the Fiscal Court.

Consider potential opportunities to acquire existing recreation assets when alignment with priority needs is present and the purchase price (plus rehabilitation cost) is less than capital construction cost of new comparable facilities.

Research local government ordinances that would permit and regulate limited alcoholic beverage consumption/use for special events hosted within county parks.

### Infrastructure:

Focus and commit to keep important "tools" updated and relevant including, but not limited to, the comprehensive plan, future land-use map, and county transportation plan.

Maintain aggressive planning and partnerships to extend public water in underserved areas.

Infrastructure planning and construction should always consider factors such as public safety, public health, and the overall impact on quality of life for our residents.



## Boone County Employee Spotlight: Jeffrey S. Earlywine

Jeff Earlywine has served as Boone County Administrator for seventeen years. In his role, Jeff serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the county where he oversees the operation of all county departments, administers the county budget, manages constituent needs, implements initiatives of the Fiscal Court, coordinates with partnering agencies and manages economic development and infrastructure projects.

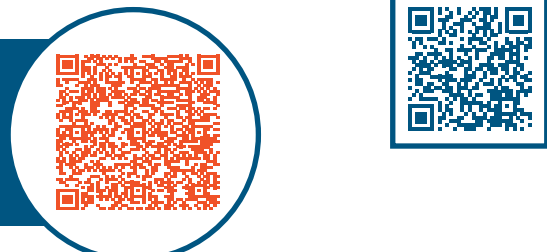
After serving in public administration for forty-one years between his roles as Boone County Administrator and City Manager of Fort Thomas, Jeff Earlywine will be retiring effective July 31, 2023. Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore describes Jeff as a consummate professional who has served Boone County at the highest level imaginable and whose fingerprints are part of every major positive project in the county for nearly two

decades. "Jeff Earlywine's contributions to Boone County will be felt for a very long time," said Judge Moore. "It has been an absolute pleasure working with Jeff. I thank him for his service and wish him and his family the very best for the future."





# Here's A Sneak Peek Of What's Coming Up This Fall And Winter At Boone County Parks!



## Boone Woods Arts & Crafts Show

**August 26, 2023**  
Boone Woods Park  
Ages - All  
Area artists will be selling their Arts and Crafts! We will have food trucks and music.

## Community Garage Sale

**October 7**  
8 AM - 1 PM - Gates open to public  
Boone County Admin Building Parking Lot

Sellers - \$10 for the first space and \$6 for each additional space (spaces are equivalent to a 9'x12' parking space). Pre-Registration is Required to be a Seller Set-up begins at 6 AM. Ages - 18 & up

## The Great Pumpkin Race

**October 14, 2023**  
Race begins at 1 PM  
England Idlewild Park  
Shelters 1 & 2

Check our website and social media for details!



## Pumpkin Carving Party

**October 27**  
6 - 8 PM  
Boone County Fairgrounds

Want to carve pumpkins? Don't want the mess? Join us at the Boone County Fairgrounds for a pumpkin carving party. Bring a pumpkin and carving tools. Leave your carved pumpkin to be entered in the Jack-O-Lantern Contest and Walk on Saturday. Pick up your pumpkin on Sunday and have it in time for Halloween. We will have pumpkins for sale for \$5 each. We will have limited carving tools available. Pre-Registration is required.

## Jack-O-Lantern Contest & Walk

**October 28**  
7:30 - 9 PM  
Boone County Fairgrounds

Rain or Shine! Walk the illuminated trail lined with Jack-O-Lanterns. We will have hayrides and refreshments! Family Event!

To enter the Jack-O-Lantern Contest please visit our website or call (859) 334-2117.



## Reindeer Games & Holiday Crafts

**Saturday, December 2**  
Times: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
(Register online)  
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, 1824 Patrick Drive, Burlington

The Boone County Parks Department and the Boone County Cooperative Extension Service are partnering to bring you 2 hours of holiday fun for the family! Join us for this FREE program We'll be a variety of holiday crafts and play Reindeer Games!

## Christmas in Boone County

**Early December**  
Location: Burlington Commons  
2951 Washington Street, Burlington

Enjoy music, refreshments, a visit with Santa and his friends and the Christmas Tree Lighting. We'll also have crafts to make!

# High Speed Fiber Project Nears Completion

The Boone County Fiscal Court launched an initiative in March of 2021 to bring high speed broadband to every home in Boone County. Following a public bidding process, altafiber (Cincinnati Bell) was selected as the partner to build a network that would deliver fiber cable to every residence across the county. \$13.6 million dollars from federal funding allocated to Boone County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) were committed to the project which leveraged a minimum commitment from altafiber of \$30 million dollars in private investment.

As of June 1, 2023, the project is 93% complete with a total of 29,680 doors now having access to a minimum of 1G of service. Many areas in Boone County now have access to utilize multiple providers and all areas of the county will have access to this critical service. Work will continue during the coming months to finalize the remaining sites and

make Boone County one of the first fully connected counties in the nation.

As part of the negotiated agreement with altafiber, the community will also enjoy free public Wi-Fi in most all Boone County Parks and public spaces. This summer, visitors to our major parks, golf courses, Petersburg Community Center and Boone's Landing Marina will have free access to the county Wi-Fi network - a service which continues to build upon the Fiscal Court's commitment to ensure all citizens have access to reliable high speed broadband services throughout the county.



## Paul Stephenson Appointed Chief Building Official

Paul Stephenson was appointed to serve as the Chief Building Official for the Boone County Building Department upon the retirement of Jerry Noran in March 2023. Paul is a lifelong resident of Boone County, a graduate of Boone County High School and has been with the Building Inspection Department since 2005. He is certified

Kentucky and ICC Level III Inspector and was promoted to Senior Residential Plans Examiner in 2020. Paul also recently completed the Thomas More University Leading People Program in 2022. Mr. Stephenson has made customer service and promoting safe building practices to protect our citizens his top priorities as Chief Building Official.

# 2023 BOONE COUNTY GOLF SPECIALS



## LASSING POINTE GOLF COURSE

**Rated #1 Public Course in KY 2023**  
Phone: 859.384.2266  
2266 Double Eagle Drive, Union 41091



### LASSING POINTE -

**Wednesday Senior Special: \$35<sup>+tax</sup>**  
Valid for foursome on Wednesdays before 1pm.  
Not valid on holidays. Expires: 9/1/2023



## BOONE LINKS GOLF COURSE

**4 Star Rating - Golf Digest**  
Phone: 859.371.7550  
19 Clubhouse Drive, Florence 41042

### BOONE LINKS-

**Tuesday Senior Special: \$29<sup>+tax</sup>**  
Valid for foursome on Tuesdays before 1pm.  
Not valid on holidays. Expires: 9/1/2023

### BOONE LINKS-

**Thursday Senior Special: \$29<sup>+tax</sup>**  
Valid for foursome on Thursdays before 1pm.  
Not valid on holidays. Expires: 9/1/2023



### BOONE LINKS-

**Miniature Golf Special: \$5<sup>+tax</sup>**  
Valid for 18 holes of mini-golf.  
Not valid on holidays. Expires: 9/1/2023







Mark Your Calendars!



**HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION EVENT  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**November 4, 2023  
9 am - 2 pm**

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 - limit of 2 TVs per vehicle)
- Hazardous Materials**  
(flammables, combustibles, corrosives, fuel, kerosene, aerosol cans, pesticides)
- 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**

**Household  
Hazardous Waste  
Collection Event**

Have old electronics, paint, and chemicals sitting around the house? We can help! The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held:

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
9:00am to 2:00pm  
Thomas More Stadium  
7950 Freedom Way, Florence**

We cannot accept appliances, fertilizer, mercury-containing devices, medications, or tires at this event. Paper is no longer accepted.

You must be a Boone, Campbell or Kenton County resident to participate.

**Items Accepted:**

- **Aerosol cans**
- **Antifreeze**
- **Batteries**
- **Corrosives/Flammables (fuel, gasoline, etc.)**
- **Electronics (computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, keyboards, etc.)**
- **Ink/Toner cartridges**
- **Light bulbs**
- **Oil**
- **Paint – limit of 10 cans**
- **Pesticides – limit of 2 gallons/liquid OR 2 pounds/powder**
- **Tanks and cylinders**
- **TVs – limit of 2 TVs**

**PAPER SHREDDING DAYS**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
DECEMBER 16, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Get your paper shredded with Solid Waste! Please register for a timeslot online at boonecountyky.org/recycle under 'Events'. This service is for Boone County residents only. Paper Shredding Days are held at the Boone County Recycling Center (3275 Maplewood Drive, Burlington).



**WASTE TIRE  
COLLECTION**

Kentucky's Division of Waste Management will host a Waste Tire Amnesty Day in Boone County on August 24, 25 & 26 open to every Kentucky resident (you do not have to be a resident of Boone County). Get rid of one tire or 40!



The event will be located at Boone County Recycling Center (3275 Maplewood Drive, Burlington).

The hours will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on August 24 & 25. And 7:30 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday August 26.

This event is FREE disposal of truck, passenger, farm implement, ATV, tractor, lawn, bicycle, and golf cart tires and rims are OK.

This event is open to Kentucky residents only, no businesses.

Sign up for our newsletter, *The Recycler*, online! Updates for upcoming cleanup events, litter issues, educational opportunities, burn bans, recycling information, and more can be found on [www.boonecountyky.org/recycle](http://www.boonecountyky.org/recycle)

**QUIT THE LITTERING**

**Calendar Contest**

Calling all K-5 graders in Boone County! Solid Waste will be hosting the annual Quit the Littering Calendar Contest. Drawings and slogans are due October 21st, 2023 to your child's teacher or Solid Waste (5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington). Visit [www.boonecountyky.org/recycle](http://www.boonecountyky.org/recycle) or call 859.334.3151 for more details.



**CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING &  
HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING**

Recycle your natural Christmas trees starting December 26th, 2023, through January 7th, 2024. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, ribbons, lights, and bags before drop off. All trees will be mulched.

We will accept holiday lights for recycling starting December 1st through February 1st at these locations.

**Boone Extension Enrichment Center**  
1824 Patrick Drive,  
Burlington

**Stringtown Park** 7340 Burlington Pike,  
Florence

**Union Park** 10165 Old Union Road,  
Union

**Walton Park** 35 Old Stephenson Mill  
Road, Walton

**Lakeside Christian Church**  
1980 North Bend Road, Hebron



COURTESY OF WHAT'S HAPPENING!: VOTING INFORMATION



**GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 10, 2023 4:00 P.M.**



**GOVOTEKY.COM**

**PRIMARIES**

Kentucky conducts closed primaries. Under Kentucky law, all persons who want to vote in the Democratic Party's or Republican Party's Primary Election must have changed their party affiliation by December 31 of the year prior to the next Primary Election.

**ONLY 17?**

You may register to vote in Kentucky as a 17-year-old if you will be 18 years old by the next General Election, which will be November 7, 2023.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

If you are a college student registered to vote in Kentucky and you are unable to vote in your precinct on election day, you may apply for an absentee ballot with your county clerk. Kentucky County Clerks

**CANCEL YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION**

Voters who are moving out of Kentucky should cancel their Kentucky voter registration before registering to vote in another state.

There are two ways to cancel your voter registration:

1. Visit your County Clerk's office with identification and request to be removed from the voting rolls. Find your County Clerk's office here.
2. Call the Kentucky State Board of Elections at 1-800-246-1399 to request a cancellation letter, which begins the process of canceling your voter registration.

**MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about voting, please contact the Kentucky State Board of Elections at 502-573-7100.



**BOONECLERK.COM**

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# Bringing More To Our Community With The Boone County Public Library Foundation



The Boone County Public Library Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions to The Library Foundation will enhance and support our mission statement (Discover. Explore. Experience. A lifetime of learning.) beyond the means of public funding. The Foundation and the Library will work together, in a strong partnership, to determine where private funds can be leveraged to have the greatest impact.



**Patrick Raverty**  
Chair/Secretary



**Pamela Goetting**  
Vice Chair



**Eric Richardson**  
Treasurer



**Lawrence Rosenthal**  
Member



**Jim Henning**  
Member

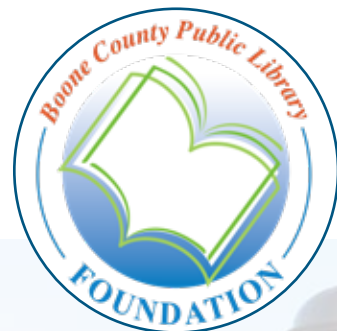
## Key Initiatives for 2023-24: Ways To Make A Donation:

**EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY**  
The Imagination Library sends a free book to every child in Boone County, ages birth to 5 years, to help support kindergarten readiness.

**BOONE COUNTY BORDERLANDS ARCHIVE & HISTORY CENTER AT BCPL**  
The nationally recognized Archive & History Center researches a wide variety of regional history topics.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
Capital projects planned for the next 20 years are aimed to meet the needs of the community for years to come.

**GENERAL**  
In addition to the above, general donations can be used for the following:  
**Programs**  
**Collections**  
**Summer Reading**  
**Other needs when identified**



**WRITE A CHECK**  
Make checks out to Boone County Public Library Foundation. On the memo line, write the key initiative you would like the money applied to (Early Childhood Literacy, Archive & History Center, capital projects, general).  
Mail checks to:

**Boone County Public Library  
Attention Foundation  
1786 Burlington Pike  
Burlington, KY 41005**

**HORIZON COMMUNITY FUND**  
Visit horizonfunds.org, click donate and fill out the form selecting Boone County Public Library as the organization.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**  
For a percentage of your purchases to be donated to the Foundation visit kroger.com, log into your Kroger account, search for Boone County Public Library Fdn by name or TC721, click Enroll.

All donations are tax deductible; an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the donor.

For more information or to make a donation, email foundation@bcpl.org.

BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
CALL 859.342.BOOK (2665)  
ALL LOCATIONS

Connect with us on social media.



# Upcoming Extension Programs



## BARN: FARM DINNER THEATER



THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 6:00 PM  
BOONE COUNTY EXTENSION ENRICHMENT CENTER

What is BARN: Farm Dinner Theater? The BARN (Bringing Awareness Right Now): Farm Dinner Theater is a unique program that uses drama to convey important messages to the community. The theme of the program focuses on mental health and well-being and the important role it plays within families and the community. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to engage in community conversations about mental health and will receive resources to further those conversations afterward.

The event will consist of a catered dinner and show produced by the BARN participants. The Dinner Theater is the method for communicating the BARN objectives to the community. The dinner theater format is a way to overcome some of the challenges associated with talking about mental health and well-being. By using the dinner theater model, communities can increase knowledge and understanding about mental health and well-being and improve willingness to address mental health challenges in their community.

The Northern Kentucky Extension Homemakers will be presenting their Farm Dinner Theater on Thursday, August 31 at 6:00 PM at the Boone County Extension Enrichment Center.

Dinner will be available starting at 5:30 pm and the program will start at 6:00 pm. Registration Required.

## FARM FRENZY

Farm Frenzy is an agricultural experience field trip for 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Students can see and learn about many parts of farming. See live beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys and more. Classes can learn about growing crop of corn, soybeans, tomatoes and other crops on the farm. Classes will even get a hayride.

Farm Frenzy for school field trips is September 26, September 27 and September 28, 2023

Farm Frenzy is open to the public on September 26 and 27 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Farm animals, hay rides, music and food. **Farm Frenzy**  
An Experience in Agriculture

## New 4-H Agent, Rusty Wolf



Hi, I am Rusty Wolf, I recently started as the new 4-H Youth Development Agent! I graduated from the University of Kentucky in December with a degree in Animal Science. I grew up in Campbell County where I was an active member of 4-H and FFA. I am excited to be a part of this program and I look forward to meeting you all as I become acclimated with my position.

## GRILLING OVER CHARCOAL

TUESDAY, 8/29, 6:30 pm  
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center

Learn the basics of using charcoal to successfully grill beef burgers while also learning about beef and ground beef. Class size limited, registration required.

## WITS WORKOUT: 10-WEEK INTERACTIVE BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM



MONDAYS, 9/11 – 11/13, 10:00 - 11:15 am  
Boone County Extension Office  
Simply put, coming together and learning new things is good for your noggin! Each week, participants will engage in structured, interactive puzzles while learning what they can do to keep their brain healthy. Registration required, plan to attend all session.

## WILLS AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS ALL ADULTS SHOULD HAVE

THURSDAY, 9/14  
Daytime and evening session will be offered  
Boone County Extension Office

Learn about wills, powers of attorney, living wills, and other important documents, and why all adults should have them. Probate and executor/executrix roles will also be discussed.

## CULTURE AND CUISINE: NEW ZEALAND

THURSDAY, 10/19, 6:30 pm  
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center

Join New Zealander Julie as she shares information about her native country and culture. We'll also share a sample of food, too. Registration requested.



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## NKY Health Celebrating 10 Years of Accreditation from National Board



Deep within the pages of a 2003 report by the Institute of Medicine on “The Future of the Public’s Health” was a call for the creation of a National Steering Committee to examine the benefits of accrediting governmental public health departments. Within that simple call to action was a seed that has had profound impact on public health agencies nationwide, including the Northern Kentucky Health Department. That seed grew to become the Public Health Accreditation Board, aka PHAB, which has created standards and measures for public health agency practices, and resulted in improved quality, accountability, and performance.

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The Northern Kentucky Health Department was at the tip of PHAB’s accreditation spear, becoming just the 11th agency in the nation to receive accreditation in 2013. More than 300 agencies are now accredited. It was also just the third agency nationally to be reaccredited by PHAB in 2019, meaning it continued to meet national standards for high-quality public health services, leadership, and accountability.

“While receiving accreditation and reaccreditation from PHAB may not mean a lot to the general public,” says District Director of Health Jennifer Mooney, PhD, “what they should at least know is that we have an agency watching over us, and they have twice given us a very hard-earned, comprehensive, exhaustive stamp of approval that says we are doing a great job at protecting the health of the people of Northern Kentucky.”

That first accreditation came 10 years ago, and NKY Health is celebrating that recognition this year.

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## Smoke-Free in Boone County



### Recognizing The Health Dangers Brought On By Secondhand Smoke, Several Local Communities Have Implemented Smoke-Free Ordinances, A Move Aimed At Protecting The Public’s Health

Take a deep breath and slowly blow it out. Feels good, right? Breathing clean air should feel good. So, how do you ensure you breathe clean air? We know that air quality is affected by many items, including secondhand smoke. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals. Hundreds of those chemicals are toxic and 70 can cause cancer.

There is no safe or risk-free level of tobacco smoke, even brief exposure is unhealthy. Secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems including heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer, as well as problems in infants and children. The CDC reports that secondhand smoke exposure causes close to 41,000 deaths per year.

Did you know that working in a smoky place for 6-8 hours is the equivalent of smoking nearly a pack of cigarettes? Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings does NOT eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke.

To improve the health of the public in NKY, it is important to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and the number of people smoking. One way

to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and the number of people smoking is to implement smoke-free policies. Kenton County previously enacted a smoke-free ordinance, and within the past year, three cities in Campbell County have passed smoke-free policies to protect the health of the community.

On November 6, 2022, the City of Dayton became the 33rd Kentucky city and the first Campbell County city to implement a comprehensive city-wide smoke-free ordinance. Since then, the City of Bellevue implemented a comprehensive city-wide smoke-free ordinance on May 15, 2023. On June 20, 2023 Highland Heights city council passed a city-wide smoke-free ordinance.

These comprehensive policies completely prohibit smoking and vaping indoors in any building or place of employment where the public is invited or permitted, such as offices, hotels, factories, churches, bars, restaurants, bingo halls, bowling alleys and stores. For more information about the ordinances please scan the QR code or visit the NKY Health website at [nkyhealth.org/?s=tobacco](http://nkyhealth.org/?s=tobacco).

“We congratulate and thank all of the cities and counties in Northern Kentucky in taking this important step to improve the health of the community,” said Dr. Jennifer Mooney, District Director of Health for Northern Kentucky Health Department.

Due to the health effects of secondhand smoke, LiveWell NKY, OneNKY Alliance, Breathe Easy, community members and organizations across Campbell County are dedicated to changing the norm when it comes to lung health in our region.

If you smoke or vape and want to quit, there are organizations and aids to help you stop.

Free Nicotine Replacement, such as gum, patches, and lozenges are available for adults at fourteen local pharmacies throughout Northern Kentucky. For more information regarding pharmacies distributing free nicotine gum, patches and lozenges, scan the QR code.

1-800-Quit Now for adults and My Life My Quit for youth are quitlines available for confidential and free resources that can help one quit smoking or vaping. Each quitline will connect you with a quit coach. Call 1-800-Quit Now or youth can text “Start My Quit” to 36072.

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## 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 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)

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

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## HOW TO SAVE A LIFE: Northern Kentucky Health Department Offering Free Naloxone to State Residents to Counteract Opioid Overdoses

*Despite the recent decrease in drug overdose deaths in Kentucky—the first such drop in more than four years—more than 2,000 Kentuckians passed away from drug overdoses in 2022, according to the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center. While even one life lost is far too many, Kentucky regularly outpaces a majority of the country when it comes to overdoses and overdose death rates.*

Many in the Commonwealth have been personally affected by an overdose or know someone that has. Losing a loved one to overdose can be saddening, confusing, traumatic, and frustrating. It can leave us feeling powerless. However, there is a way to stay prepared and be ready to save a loved one's or a stranger's life if the time comes: naloxone.

### Obtaining Naloxone

Naloxone is a clinically proven, life-saving medication that counteracts the effects of an opioid overdose, potentially saving someone's life. It's easy to use and, now, even easier to get. The Northern Kentucky Health Department offers free naloxone to anyone with a Kentucky address. In partnership with the HEALing Communities Study out of the University of Kentucky, the Health Department's "Mail Order Naloxone Program" can mail a two-dose box of nasal naloxone to any Kentucky home that requests it, for free.

Transportation, money, and location have all acted as historical barriers to successful treatment of substance use disorders and access to life-saving medications. As a result, the mail order program was designed specifically to help break down those barriers and get naloxone to the people that need it the most. Community naloxone distribution is a proven and effective method of driving down overdose rates and saving lives. June 2023 marked the one-year anniversary of the mail order program. Since its inception, the Health Department has mailed out 643 boxes of naloxone.



### Looking Ahead

The Health Department is always looking at new ways to help save lives, and making naloxone as accessible as possible is one of the keys to doing that. It is currently working on the creation of "Naloxboxes," which are opioid overdose response boxes similar to an AED kit that are accessible in public spaces such as businesses, schools, community agencies and government entities. The more methods through which naloxone is made available, and the more people who are prepared to use it around the Commonwealth, the more lives can be saved.





### NKU's Global Supply Chain Management Program

Offering the only four-year degree of its kind in the region, Northern Kentucky University's Global Supply Chain Management program has grown tenfold since its inaugural semester in 2017. When the major was founded, it consisted of little more than two students and a list of courses accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Six years later, under the leadership of director Mark Thackeray, the degree track encompasses more than 200 students, a minor, an MBA and a STEM-certified master's degree in supply chain management, which will launch in the Fall 2023 semester.

Thackeray attributes much of the program's success to its focus on experiential learning, offering students the opportunity to attain hands-on experience with greater Cincinnati employers like Amazon, the Castellini Company and DHL, as well as the access it offers students to their faculty.



Mark Thackeray leads NKU's Global Supply Chain Management Program

"All of the professors in this program have industry experience," Thackeray says. "They are academics, meaning they do research, but they're also practitioners. When they come into the classroom, they're speaking from experience. That makes us unique from other schools, which offer a more predominantly research-based experience."

In 2022, the program also opened its Verst Group Logistics Hub of Supply Chain Excellence in the Business Academic Center, providing a central location for activities within the major. The space features a boardroom-style classroom where students attend lectures, an interactive history mural and a reference library.

To learn more about NKU's B.S.B.A. degree in Global Supply Chain Management, visit the program's website: <https://nku.edu/academics/cob/programs/undergraduate/global-supplychainmanagement.html>.



### NKU Upcoming Events

#### AUGUST 14: FALL CONVOCATION

The annual Fall Convocation will welcome back faculty and staff to campus before the start of the fall semester. Interim President Bonita Brown will give a welcome address and review the successes of the past year.

#### AUGUST 17: MOVE-IN DAY

Incoming freshmen begin moving into the residential village.

#### AUGUST 17 – SEPT. 8: VICTORFEST

Over 40 welcome back events across campus for students at all levels. Highlights include RecFest, Paint Wars, FreshFusion, Movie Night, and Capture the Flag.

#### AUGUST 21: CLASSES BEGIN FOR FALL 2023 SEMESTER

#### SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 8: NKU SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS "THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME"

The story follows 15-year old Christopher, a boy with an extraordinary brain that is exceptional at mathematics but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he discovers his neighbor's dead dog, Wellington, he finds himself under suspicion and sets out to solve the mystery, leading him on a thrilling journey that upturns his world.

To be performed in NKU's Griffin Hall Digitorium.

#### OCTOBER 16 OR 17: YOUNG WOMEN LEAD CONFERENCE

YWL focuses on Leadership, Education and Development (LEAD) empowering girls to be bold, confident leaders in their communities. The all-day conference features keynote presenters, interactive breakout sessions, and lunch

#### NOVEMBER 3 – 11: NKU SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS "9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL"

Featuring music and lyrics by country icon Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, "9 to 5: The Musical" is set in the late 1970s and centers around three female coworkers who are fed up with their sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot of a boss. They come up with a plan to get even and, in a series of outrageous events, give their workplace a dream makeover while taking control of the company that had always kept them down.

To be performed at The Carnegie, Covington.

#### DECEMBER 16: COMMENCEMENT



## Northern Kentucky Health Department Looking to Move Beyond the Pandemic and Reshape the Future of Public Health in the Region



In May, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially ended the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) that was brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. While cases of COVID-19 still exist in the community, and new or exacerbated health challenges brought on as a result of COVID still exist, officials at the Northern Kentucky Health Department are extremely optimistic about our region's ability to recover and the future of its public health.

"While we continued to provide essential public health services to the community in addition to our COVID response, we were also able to keep our eye on the future and complete two huge projects that will both drive our work and impact the community's health," says District Director of Health Jennifer Mooney, PhD. "With the official end of the Public Health Emergency, we now have the opportunity to move beyond the pandemic, reshape

our mission, and impact the future of public health in Northern Kentucky."

The Health Department was able to complete:

- A Community Health Assessment that resulted in a comprehensive Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- And a new Strategic Plan that puts a special focus on four key areas over the next three to six years: operational excellence, strategic communications and relations, engaged partnerships, and building a thriving workforce.

The Northern Kentucky Health Department was one of the first public health agencies across the country to receive national accreditation for its work, and these plans should allow it to not only continue on that path, says Mooney, but excel in its efforts to impact public health in the region.

*"These next few years will signify a renaissance period during which we have the opportunity to reconstruct the narrative of public health," says Mooney.*

*"Our CHIP details the areas of focus, and our Strategic Plan serves as an organizational roadmap in keeping our communities healthy and promoting the best quality of life possible for all those in Northern Kentucky."*



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## Upcoming Events Fall 2023



### LABOR DAY / END OF SUMMER CONCERT AND CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 2

Celebrate the unofficial end of summer with us as we host a Car Show and Concert at the Florence Mall, Lower Parking lot on September 2. Registration for the car show begins at 10:00 a.m. with awards at 3:00 p.m. Following the car show, stay and enjoy the celebration with games for the kids, food trucks and concert!  
Call (859) 647-5425 for more information.

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 16

The City of Florence Arbor Day Celebration will be held on September 16 at the Florence Nature Park. This year's event will begin at 10:00 am and run through 12:00 pm with lunch provided for participants. The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and reading of the City's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree planting activities. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.  
Call (859)647-5416 for additional information.

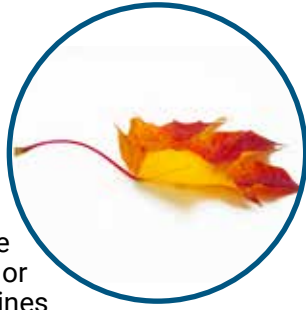
### FALL CLEANUP PROGRAM OCTOBER 9 - 15

The Florence Public Services Department will offer its annual Fall Cleanup Program to residents during the week of Monday, October 9 through Sunday, October 15. The program is an opportunity for Florence residents to bring unwanted debris to the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane for disposal.  
Proof of residency required. Facility hours are 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.  
Call (859) 647-5416 for details.



### ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION OCTOBER – DECEMBER

The Florence Public Services Department performs their annual Leaf Collection Program from mid-October to mid-December for City of Florence residents. Leaves are treated and used as compost or fertilizer. Schedule and guidelines for collection will be posted on the City of Florence website – [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).



### HALLOWEEN NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 24

Join us for a spooktacular evening at our Annual Halloween Night Out on October 24! Bring the children for an entertaining evening of tricks and treats with City staff, local organizations and businesses. The program is free and will be held rain or shine. For Sponsorship opportunities or to register as a vendor, call (859) 647-5425.

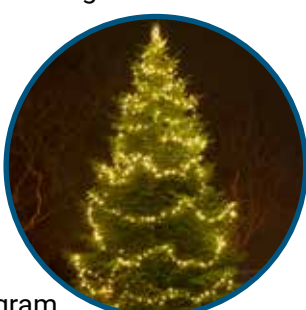


### VETERANS DAY PROGRAM NOVEMBER 12

The City of Florence will hold its Annual Veterans Day Program on Sunday, November 12 with a ceremony at the Florence Government Center (8100 Ewing Boulevard). Join the City as we honor Veterans of all wars. The program will include a speaker, music from the Florence Community Band & Chorus and recognition of local Veterans.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 5

Bring your family as we deck the halls of the Florence Government Center and welcome Santa Claus with the Annual Community Tree Lighting Program on December 5. Civic organizations and local businesses will provide holiday activities while the children await their visit with Santa Claus. For Sponsorship opportunities or to register as a vendor, call (859) 647-5425.



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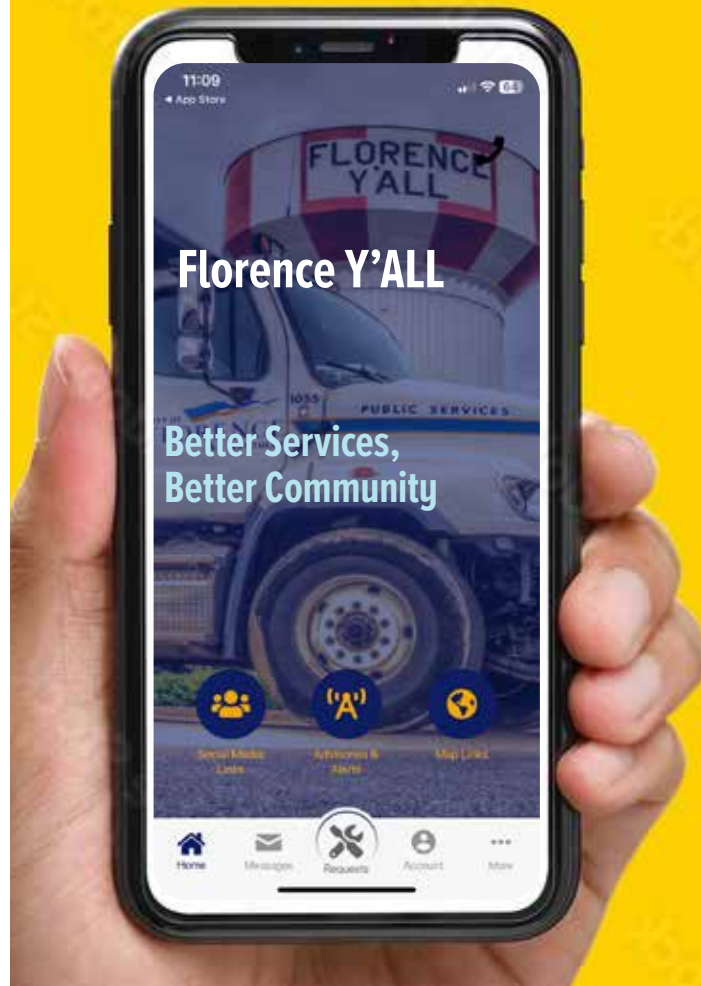
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From streets or parks, water to sewer, code enforcement and more, Florence Y'ALL is an easy way to report an issue and monitor the progress as the City works on a solution.

Additional features include public services projects, city news and events, city department information, online utility payments, staff information, advisories and alerts, employment opportunities, and feedback.



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# TANK Begins Public Transit to CVG



Exciting changes are coming for Northern Kentucky residents, that will help them better connect to CVG using public transit with TANK.

Starting this August, getting to the Airport will be a lot easier for NKY residents. TANK's 2X Airporter route currently connects downtown Cincinnati to CVG, and runs every 30 minutes, 7 days a week. When TANK service adjustments take effect in August, this route will be extended south to terminate at the Florence Hub transit center on Mall Rd. and will have intermediate stops on Turfway Rd. at the Houston Rd. interchange.

People living along the Dixie Highway corridor (Florence, Elsmere, Erlanger, Crestview Hills, Lakeside Park, Ft. Mitchell) will now be able to get to the Airport in about half the amount of time it takes today. Just catch a #1 or #42X to the Florence Hub to transfer to the 2X.

Today, it can take up to 2 hours for residents of Boone County looking to get to CVG, as they must take their local bus into downtown Cincinnati in order to take the 2X to the airport. This new connection in Florence was one of the most requested comments from TANK's 2020 System Redesign Plan, and thanks to the completion of Wendell Ford Blvd., it will now be possible this August.



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