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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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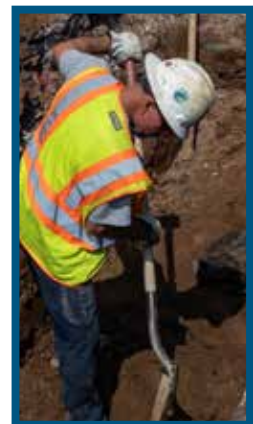
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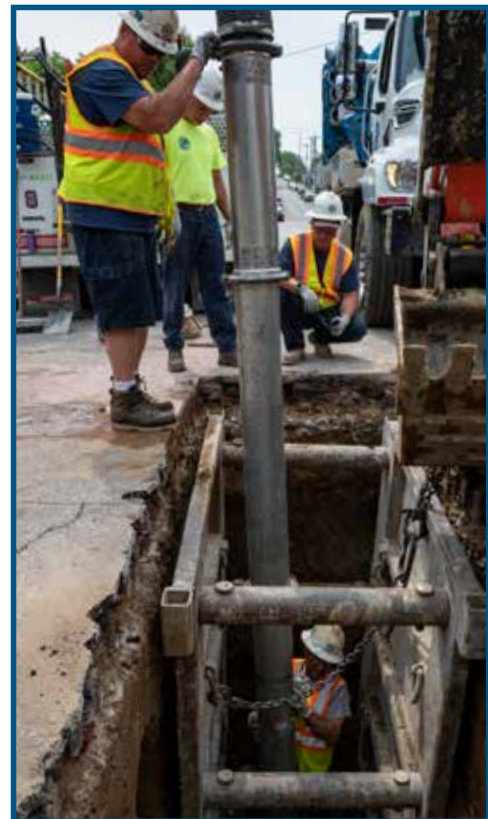


SD1 is Making Our Community Better Through Continuous Improvement

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

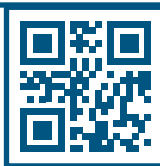


leadership and fiscal responsibility,” Chaney says. “Through continuous improvement efforts in all aspects of our work, we have been able to improve our service levels while keeping rates as low as possible. I'm proud to say that SD1's rates are some of the lowest when compared to other regional sewer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



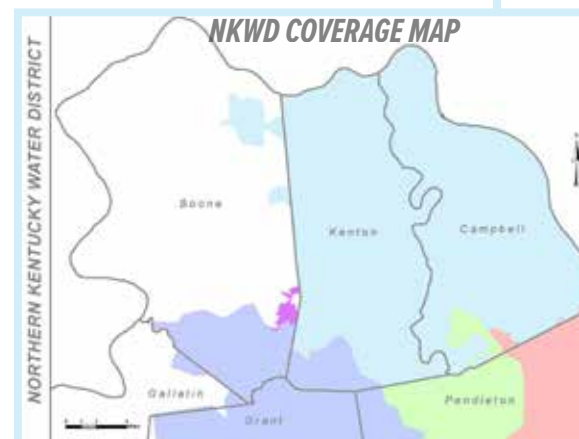
Your Water Supply

The Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) serves approximately 300,000 people in Campbell and Kenton Counties and portions of Boone, Grant, and Pendleton Counties.

Our mission is to provide our customers with a safe, clean, and sufficient water supply through a reliable and interactive system that meets customer expectations, and all State and Federal standards, while delivering great value at a reasonable cost.

NKWD Facts:

- **NKWD IS THE LARGEST WATER DISTRICT IN KENTUCKY, COVERING OVER 229 SQUARE MILES**
- **1,325 MILES OF WATER MAIN (THAT'S LIKE DRIVING FROM ERLANGER, KY TO CHICAGO, IL AND BACK TWICE)**
- **THREE (3) WATER TREATMENT PLANTS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 64 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY**
- **THIRTEEN (13) DISTRIBUTION PUMP STATIONS**
- **NINETEEN (19) WATER STORAGE TANKS**



- Northern Kentucky Water District
- Wholesale to Walton Waterworks Department
- Wholesale to Bullock Pen Water District
- Wholesale to Pendleton County Water District
- East Pendleton County Water District

Our Leadership Team:

LINDSEY RECHTIN, CPA
President/CEO



As President/CEO, Mrs. Rechtin's responsibilities include overseeing all the managerial and operational functions of NKWD and leading and managing NKWD in the accomplishment of reaching the vision, fulfilling the mission, and accomplishing the key goals established in cooperation with the Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Rechtin began her career at NKWD as Finance Manager in 2013. From 2016 to 2022, she served as Vice President of Finance and Support Services where she oversaw the financial and customer support services of NKWD and its annual budget of more than \$60 million. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from Eastern Kentucky University and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the State of Kentucky. Mrs. Rechtin is a member of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants. She also serves as a board member of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies and the Water Research Foundation.

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Vice President of Engineering, Production & Water Quality

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General Counsel & Manager of Legal, Compliance, & Regulatory Affairs

KIM CLEMONS, SHRM-SCP
Director of Human Resources, Facilities, Fleet & Communications

CHRIS BRYANT
Director of Technology, Innovation, & Business Intelligence

Recent Projects:

- Generator installation – keeps water flowing even during events that may impact power needs for our water supply
- Water Information Management Solution (WIMS) - provides enhanced data for management and operational decisions for the water system
- Mud removal at reservoir at Fort Thomas Treatment Plant – increases water storage capacity
- Satellite leak detection – detects water leaks more effectively and efficiently through aerial scan of entire system
- Service Line Inventory System – provides management system for tracking and reporting service lines

NKWD has numerous projects in process throughout our service area. A list of projects currently being designed and under construction can be found on our website at <https://nkywater.info/projects>.

Governance:

NKWD is administered by a Board of Commissioners who are appointed by the Kenton and Campbell County Judges/Executive. NKWD is also regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and governed by the laws, regulations, and standards of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Kentucky Environment & Energy Cabinet, Division of Water.



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From the Desk of...

Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann



My “Judge’s Column” usually updates you on all of the projects we are working on or have completed in Kenton County. When I think back over the past eight years, though, what really stands out to me is that none of these projects would have occurred without my three extraordinary colleagues on the Kenton County Fiscal Court, the County Commissioners. The County does not pass a budget, or spend one dollar, without them, and I want to acknowledge and thank them for their dedicated and long service.

Commissioners Beth Sewell, Dr. Jon Draud, and Joe Nienaber have been, and continue to be, everything you want in great public servants: thoughtful, engaged, inquisitive, professional, selfless, and committed to building consensus. They set the standard.

Each Commissioner brings unique talents and interests to Fiscal Court: Beth, with her background in urban,

business, and rural issues; Jon, with his background in education and Frankfort; Joe, with his private sector business experience, service as Mayor of Ft. Wright, and time as a volunteer firefighter. Their diverse backgrounds bring perspective and context to every issue Kenton County faces.

From consolidating 911 dispatch, building out a regional radio system for first-responders, constructing a new county government center, solving our long-term finances, cutting property taxes, stabilizing our golf course, addressing addiction and mental health issues, investing in economic development projects, reorganizing our growth organizations, deploying resources to train future workers, partnering with cities on infrastructure projects, supporting water and sewer infrastructure, and so on, Beth, Jon and Joe have been full partners in every project designed to improve our community.

Each Commissioner asks tough questions, offers insight and options to solve whatever challenge, and then listens to the others to form a final decision. In now over eight years together, working to build consensus has

been the hallmark of this group of Commissioners. They pursue it with humility, class, and purpose.

As we begin our third term together, we know there will be challenges. The good news is, with this team of Commissioners and a supportive staff, we will be able to address all issues that arise.

Lastly, on a personal level, I can tell you that Beth, Jon and Joe are good people. They are deliberative, thoughtful, selfless, and considerate. They often start a conversation by genuinely asking about you and your family. The Commissioners are blessed with great spouses, and kids who are teachers, doctors, musicians, nurses and guidance counselors in our community.

They are active in Kenton County, and not just in county government. Beth, Jon, and Joe are “givers” who do not look for what they can get out of their service. They are simply focused on serving. People often tell me how good they feel about living in Kenton County. My response is that much of the good things happening in the county are due to our Commissioners. They’re the best set in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and I encourage you to remind them of this when you see them.

So, hats off to Commissioners Beth Sewell, Dr. Jon Draud, and Joe Nienaber. I’m looking forward to the next three and a half years with them.

Historic Kenton County / altafiber High-Speed Broadband Expansion Project Completed

In the summer of 2021, Kenton County negotiated an agreement with altafiber to construct a high-speed fiber-to-the-premise broadband network reaching every home in the county by August 2023.

The County is pleased to announce that, ahead of schedule, fiber-to-the-premise gigabit internet from altafiber is now available to 72,000+ addresses in Kenton County, which represents nearly 100% single-family household coverage.

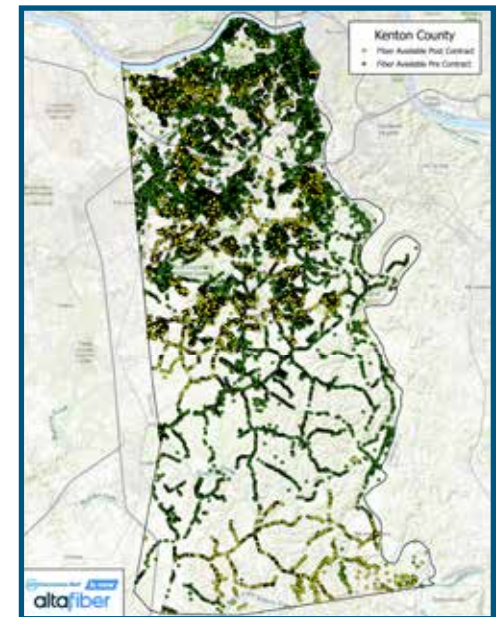
Approximately 37,000 unserved or underserved single-family and multifamily homes benefitted from this historic project, and nearly all single-family households in Kenton County are now served with high-speed broadband, with the exception of a small number of addresses where issues such as railroad permits require additional time for completion.

Altafiber is continuing to work with private property owners to extend service to multifamily households – for example, condos and apartment complexes – within Kenton County and expects to extend service to an additional 1,300 multifamily households during the remainder of 2023. As with the case of single-family households, Kenton County and altafiber are working to serve all multifamily locations without exception through this innovative and historic partnership.

The Kenton County/altafiber high-speed broadband project demonstrates the important role that public-private partnerships have in ensuring all residents have access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities through quality internet connectivity.

“We appreciate Kenton County’s leadership and collaborative approach on this important project, which is creating more digital equity and new economic development opportunities,” said Jason Praeter, President – Consumer & Small Business for altafiber.

“The completion of the high-speed broadband expansion project directly addresses the healthcare needs of our citizens through tele-medicine, and unlocks unlimited educational and economic opportunities for everyone,” added Kenton County Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann. “We’ve been told that Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties will be the first set of contiguous counties in the United States 100% served by high-speed broadband, so the completion of this project marks yet another historic day in Northern Kentucky produced by regional innovation and cooperation.”



Completed Kenton County High-Speed Broadband Expansion



Kenton County Fiscal Court (L to R) – County Attorney Stacy Tapke, Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann, Commissioner Beth Sewell, Commissioner Joe Nienaber, and Commissioner Dr. Jon Draud.





Kenton County Partners with BIA to Provide Training in Skilled Trades

Kenton County recently forged a partnership with the Enzweiler Building Institute to provide skilled-trades training to 240 Kenton County high school students and 400 Kenton County adults. By acquiring certified training in the skilled trades, residents will see their lives improved, while our community rebuilds a component of the workforce devastated by the impact of the COVID pandemic.

The Enzweiler Building Institute (EBI) was created in 1967 by the Home Builders Association, now called the Building Industry Association of Northern Kentucky (BIA). EBI offers seven programs: carpentry, electric, facilities maintenance & remodeling, HVAC, masonry, plumbing, and welding.



EBI classes are post-secondary, meaning adult students have completed high school or the equivalent. It operates on an apprenticeship model, where students work full-time during the day (preferably in their field of choice) and attend classes at night. It is a "clock-hour" school where students complete a minimum of 144 contact hours during the standard school year, meeting twice weekly from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., between September and April.

EBI currently offers training in two locations, at Mineola Pike in Boone County, near the Northern Kentucky-Greater Cincinnati International Airport, and at 3923 Winston Avenue, Covington, in the Latonia Commerce Center. Both locations offer EBI's seven core programs.

The partnership between Kenton County and BIA will fund intensive daytime classes that meet Monday through Thursday at the end of the workday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This structure will enable students to complete their studies in thirteen weeks. The EBI program incorporates interaction with local companies as they both provide instructors in the classroom and serve as employers for the students.

The Kenton County partnership with BIA anticipates The Life Learning Center (LLC) working

alongside EBI to help students add personal skills and assets that enable them to reach and sustain their highest potential, so look for more details on LLC's training component as the program develops.

In addition to funding training in skilled trades for adult students, the Kenton County/BIA partnership provides support for EBI's "Introduction to the Skilled Trades" program for high-school students. This program enables seniors to complete four courses under the Kentucky Career and Technical Education "carpentry assistant" curriculum. High School students spend half a day at EBI throughout their school year.

"Partnering with the Enzweiler Building Institute to build our skilled trades workforce will address a significant need in the community, while helping 640 Kenton County residents individually elevate their skill sets and long-term earning potential," noted Kenton County Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann. "It's a huge win for Kenton County to partner with the Building Industry Association to rebuild a sector of our workforce significantly impacted by the pandemic."

"We are excited to partner with Kenton County and the Life Learning Center as we work together to train hundreds of Kenton County residents in the construction trades," added Brian Miller, Executive Vice President, Building Industry Association of Northern Kentucky. "With the need in the coming years to onboard over 60,000 individuals in Greater Cincinnati into the components of construction that are taught at the Enzweiler Building Institute, it is important that we all work together to make our workforce stronger for our community as we continue to emerge from the pandemic."

More information on EBI programs is available at <https://BuildingInstitute.com/>. Questions about the program generally and to inquire about enrollment may be directed to Vicki Berling at 859-640-4294 or vicki@builder-snky.com.

Future Entrepreneurship Center Acquired Using Economic Development Funding Secured by Senator Chris McDaniel



As Chair of the Kentucky Senate Appropriations & Revenue Committee, Senator Chris McDaniel led the effort in the last budget session to include \$13,000,000 in funding for economic development initiatives in Kenton County. The County recently announced that it is using a portion of these funds to create a regional entrepreneurship center in Covington in partnership with the Catalytic Fund and the Northern Kentucky Port Authority.

"Almost every block in downtown Covington has promising new businesses opening, and you can see evidence of this entrepreneurial activity rippling throughout Kenton County. The economy in Kenton County is on a strong trajectory, and this new entrepreneurship center will reinforce and support current innovation and job growth," said Senator McDaniel.

Kenton County Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann expressed appreciation for Senator McDaniel's efforts. "According to our economic development agency, BE NKY, Kenton County is about ten years away from exhausting our inventory of land readily usable for advanced manufacturing, so elevating activity in our entrepreneurial eco-system is a much-needed effort to assure the future prosperity of our region. Senator McDaniel's work will benefit generations of Northern Kentuckians."



Senator Chris McDaniel

"This building presents a unique opportunity to drive job growth and support entrepreneurs at a pivotal moment for our region," added Dave Knox, Executive Director of Blue North, Northern Kentucky's state-sponsored Innovation Hub. "More than ever, growing companies need a place where they can find the resources that will help them reach their goals. Whether that is the next stage of investment capital or connecting with subject matter experts, this building will be a way for entrepreneurs to tap into the human capital that makes Northern Kentucky special. It is a key building block as our region embraces the opportunities emerging from the Corridor of Commerce."

Sitting at the corner of Madison and 8th streets, a renovated Sims Furniture Building will add another anchor to Covington's existing Innovation District. Not only will it serve as the welcoming front door for aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators, but it will also be the launching pad for companies to grow and expand into their own larger spaces in Covington, Kenton County, and Northern Kentucky.

With flexible spaces, in-house capital sources, and one-on-one advisor meetings, the new entrepreneurship center will support scalable businesses as they rapidly expand. Other regions have met the need for these flexible spaces through collaboration hubs such as:

- The Arcade Innovation Hub (Dayton) - <https://www.thehubdayton.com/>
- Embarc Collective (Tampa / Saint Pete) - <https://www.embarccollective.com/>
- 36 Degrees North (Tulsa) - <https://www.36n.co/>
- 1871 (Chicago) - <https://1871.com/>
- Union Hall / Cintrifuse (Cincinnati) - <https://www.unionhallcincy.com/>
- 1819 Innovation Hub (University of Cincinnati) - <https://innovation.uc.edu/>

For more information on Northern Kentucky's future entrepreneurship center, sign up for Blue North's email newsletter at <https://bluenorthky.com/> or reach out to hey@bluenorthky.com.

And, again, thanks to Senator Chris McDaniel for securing funding that will accelerate the growth of high-paying jobs in Kenton County!



Blue North Board and Staff, (L to R) - Rico Grant, Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann, Brian Cobb, Matt Hollenkamp, Dave Knox, Carmen Hickerson, Ed Wimmer, Christine Russell, Rich Hempel, Chad Summe, and Jesse Simmons



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**

NKY Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

NOVEMBER 4: 9 AM - 2 PM

Residents of Kenton, Boone, and Campbell Counties can bring unwanted chemicals, electronics, hazardous material waste and more. No Paper Shredding. For more information, contact your County Solid Waste Coordinator, (859)392-1919 or visit <https://www.kentoncounty.org/243/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal-Stand>

Help with the flow of traffic and will reduce your wait time- Please bring a completed HHW Registration Form with you on Nov 4.



Kenton County BIG Blue Recycle Bins

The Kenton County BIG Blue Recycle Bins are convenient and free for the community, to enhance the recycling effort and reduce the amount of material sent to the landfill. The Big Blue Bin is NOT a trash bin. If you are not sure what is recyclable please call our office 859-392-1919.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:



Fall Trash Disposal Days

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30: 8 AM - 4 PM

Public Works Bldg.
420 Independence Station Road

Residents of Kenton County can dispose of unwanted acceptable trash, yard waste and bulky household items, free of charge

NO Hazardous Materials Accepted: No paint, liquid/powder chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, auto/boats, sheds, hot-tubs, large tanks or cylinders, concrete, brick, shingles, or fill dirt.

No Businesses - including junk/construction removal or automotive businesses. Participants must have a valid Kenton County ID or some other proof of Kenton Residency.

WASTE TIRE COLLECTION EVENT AUGUST 17 - 19, 2023

KYTC- Maintenance Building,
3923 Madison Pike, Covington

HERE IS A CHANCE TO GET RID OF ALL YOUR TIRES FOR FREE!



NKY Solid Waste Management, in Partnership with the KY Div. of Waste Management is Sponsoring this Event, which Only Occurs Every (3) Years.

KY Residents are encourage to utilize this event to dispose of old tires; on OR off the rim. (NOT Accepted: Foam Filled, Calcium, Solid, OTR tires, Rubber-tracks, or Tires with a Bead Greater than 1 3/4 inch).

Tire Retailers, Scrap/Salvage Yards and Recycle Business PROHIBITED from Participating in this Event. For your convince, KY Residents may dispose their tires at other local KY County Waste Tire Events.

Questions, Clarifications, or Other County Location/Dates, call the KCSWC or visit <https://www.kentoncounty.org/239/Solid-Waste-Management>.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING DROP OFF

NOV 1ST - FEB 1ST, 2024

Kenton County residents can drop off non-working holiday lights at designated locations. See our website (above) for more information.

JANUARY 2024 CHRISTMAS TREE-CYCLING

Each city or county has specific locations. Refer to their websites for more information.

Kenton County Funds Services to Protect and Support Children

In addition to extending high-speed broadband throughout the County and funding the training of 640 Kenton County residents in the skilled trades, Kenton County is also deploying ARPA funds to protect our community's children.

As a starter, the County is investing in the region's food security safety net. Master Provisions, located in Elsmere, received \$415,000 to acquire four refrigerated trailers and one container chassis to supplement and/or replace a fleet of current trailers that range in age from 19 to 27 years old.

This will allow Master Provisions to continue distributing supplies within its network of food pantries, which range primarily from Erlanger to Covington, that serve low-income individuals and families.

Kenton County also approved funding GO Pantry with \$367,400 to provide weekly supplies to children experiencing food insecurity during extended breaks from school (winter, spring and summer).

In addition to the funding extended to GO Pantry, Kenton County provided Be Concerned, located in Covington, with \$180,000 to assure food and pantry staples. The combination of funding provided to Be Concerned, GO Pantry, and Master Provisions strengthens the existing food security network throughout Kenton County.

Kenton County is also working with organizations dedicated to address-

ing educational deficiencies, violence infamilies, and mental health issues experienced by children.

The Notre Dame Urban Education Center, located in Covington, received \$30,000 to support its Homework Plus program to provide services to children, addressing education deficiencies resulting from the pandemic.

Kenton County also provided \$117,500 to the Northern Kentucky Children's Law Center, Inc., located in Covington, to provide legal services to children who are victims of abuse, victims of or witnesses to crimes, denied educational rights, harmed during high-conflict custody cases, and seeking protection orders against abusive relatives.

To ensure the long-term stability of organizations looking out for children, Kenton County also authorized one-time capital investments. For example, Kenton County provided Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, located in Covington, \$187,500 for facility renovations and \$55,000 to upgrade technology and telehealth equipment.

Finally, Kenton County provided Family Nurturing Center \$500,000 as part of a \$4,500,000 project to develop a new facility. Family Nurturing Center works to end child abuse. In 2022, they served nearly 4,000 Kenton County residents.

There are additional organizations that protect and support children and families under consideration for funding, so look for more news on this front in the months to come.



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

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



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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 "Naloboxes," 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.



Fall 2023

Welcome to Our Newest Staff Members!

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



Denise Donahue, as our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent:

"I am so happy to be working as the new FCS Agent in Kenton County.

However, I am not a stranger to Kenton County Extension. I have spent the last 22 years working as a 4-H assistant and then 4-H Agent in Kenton County. I am very excited about working with a new audience. I look forward to working on our core programs and to also introducing new programs. Look for new classes on our website and please come join Kenton County Homemakers, a great way to learn new skills and meet new people."



Kaylen Greene, as our 4-H Program Assistant:

"I am so glad I am a member of the Kenton County Extension family! I am a 2023 graduate of

Murray State University with a degree in Agribusiness. I have been raised on my family's very diversified third generation farm and have an inborn fondness for all things agriculture. I was a very active member of the Pendleton County 4-H club. I was a member of the livestock judging team, land judging team, and I also showed pigs and cattle. I am very excited to teach school programs to give the young students a better understanding and appreciation of where their food comes from!



Lori Clark
Diane Kelley

4-H PROGRAMS:

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

4-H "IT'S YOUR REALITY"
Offered Oct-Apr to 8th-12th grades. Please call for additional information two months prior to scheduling.

4-H Outdoor Adventures
Come learn new outdoor skills and go on outdoor adventures. Contact the office for details.

4-H Beginner Sewing
Contact the office to be added to the interest list.

4-H Big Cats Club
2nd Saturday of the Month Begins Sept 9 10 am-12 pm / Marshall Road. Registration Required

4-H Needleworks
Meets the second Sat of each month beginning Sept 9, 10 am / Marshall Road Registration Required

4-H Teen Adventures Club
Meets the second Sat of each month beginning Sept 9, 10 am / Marshall Road Registration Required

4-H Rabbit Club
Meets the third Thurs of each month beginning Sept 21, 6:15 pm / Kenton Lands Road

4-H Rough Riders Club
Meets the third Thurs of each month beginning Sept 21, 7 pm / Kenton Lands Road

4-H Livestock Educational Programs
All Livestock Educational Programs will be held at Marshall Rd on Sat, Oct 28, 8:30-11:30 am; Thurs, Nov 9, 6-8 pm; Tues, Nov 21, 6-9 pm; Mon, Dec 11, 6-8 pm; Sat, Jan 6, 8:30-11:30 am; Wed, Jan 10, 6-8 pm



Dan Allen

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES:

All About Our Owls
Tues Sept 12, 5:30 pm
Kenton Lands Road

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES:

Still Life with Charcoal
Tues Aug 15, 1 pm / Marshall Road

Learn How to Join a Homemaker Club
Thurs Aug 24, 6 pm / Marshall Road
Cost \$15 - Catered Dinner Included
Join Us for Our Annual Homemaker Kick-Off. Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community? Maybe you want to learn new skills, make new friends, or give back to others?

The Northern Kentucky Extension Homemakers Presents:
Farm Dinner Theater
Thurs Aug 31, 6 pm
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center



For more information or to register for the program please call the Boone County Extension Office at 859-586-6101

Crafting with Nature
Tues Sept 12, 2 pm / Marshall Road

Painting with Acrylics
Thurs Sept 14, 1 pm / Kenton Lands Road

Let's Make PJ's
Beginning Sewing for Adults - Cost \$15
Thurs Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 4, & 19, 9 am
Kenton Lands Road

Adult Quilting for Beginners - Cost \$5
Tues Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, & 17, 10 am
Kenton Lands Road



Joan Bowling
Denise Donahue

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES:

Budget Décor for the Holiday
Tues Oct 3, 10 am / Marshall Road, 6pm / Kenton Lands Road

Preserving Memories in a Digital World
Thurs Oct 12, 10 am / Kenton Lands Road

Laugh and Learn for Preschoolers
Fri Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8, & Jan 12, 10 am
Marshall Road

Drawing with Pastels
Wed Oct 18, 1 pm / Kenton Lands Road

Clay Beads for Beginners
Tues Oct 24, 10 am / Marshall Road
Class Fee: \$10

Let Us Eat Pie
Tues Nov 7, 6:30 pm / Marshall Road
Tues Nov 14, 1:30 pm / Kenton Lands Road

Pets in Pen & Ink
Wed Nov 15, 1 pm / Kenton Lands Road

Card Making at the Extension Office
Fri Dec 1, 10 am / Marshall Road

The Art of Charcuterie Class
Tues Dec 5, 6:30 pm / Kenton Lands Road

Holiday Cookie Decorating Tips & Tricks
Thurs Dec 7, 1 pm / Marshall Road

Changing Perspectives with Art
Wed Dec 13, 10 am / Kenton Lands Road

Bunco Fun
Sat Jan 13, 11 am / Marshall Road
Weather Make-up date: Jan 20
Fee: \$20 Lunch and snacks included.
Join us for a fun game of dice to raise money for Ovarian Cancer Screening.

Open Drawing Project Days
Monthly, Check website and social media for dates, times, and locations.

KENTON COUNTY EXTENSION REPORT TO THE PEOPLE



Brandon George

HORTICULTURE:

Know Your Natives: Woody Plant ID
Wednesdays Sept 6-Oct 11, 2 pm
Marshall Road

Urban Tree Walk: Latonia/Milldale
Sat Sept 9, 10 am / Location of Tour TBA

Garden Sustainability Tour
Sat Oct 7 / Details to come

Invasive Plant Management
Thurs Nov 30, 2 pm / Marshall Road,
Thurs Nov 30, 6 pm / Kenton Lands Road

Evergreen Wreath Class
Thurs Dec 7, 10 am, 2 pm, or 6 pm
Kenton Lands Road
Registration required by 11/24/23
Class Fee: \$32 due by 12/1/23.

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KENTON LANDS LOCATION:
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LEXINGTON, KY 40546



We are pleased to announce that the Kenton County CES in Covington has been awarded a Level 2 Accreditation by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum, for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program is the only global initiative to officially recognize arboreta at various levels of development, capacity, and professionalism. The Kenton County CES is also now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

SHOW US YOUR COVINGTON!

Scan HERE to tell us more.



"The Cooperative Extension Service is an educational organization that links the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and Kentucky State University with area residents. They provide university resources, programming and expertise in community and economic development, agriculture, horticulture, food science and safety, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development."

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION





Programs & Events

All programs are free. Additional programs at kentonlibrary.org/events



Get Your Library Card

You can apply for a library card in person at any Kenton County Public Library location. Please bring a photo ID with your current address. If your ID does not have a current address, please bring a piece of mail such as your phone or electric bill with your current address. You can also apply online at

<https://www.kentonlibrary.org/library-card>

Those under the age of 18 applying for a library card will need to have a parent or guardian sign the application as well.

Visit Online at [kentonlibrary.org](https://www.kentonlibrary.org)

If you're short on time or if it's after hours, visit the library's website and take advantage of the following:

- Place books on hold
- Check your account
- Download e-books and audiobooks
- Download popular magazines
- Access databases including Mango Languages, Legal Forms, Gale Learning, CreativeBug, Learning Express and HelpNow (students).
- Reserve meeting or study rooms.

Did You Know That Your Library Offers...

These are at no cost for library users:

- Reservable meeting rooms
- Homebound delivery for those physically unable to come to the library
- Job service skills training and networking opportunities
- One-to-one help learning more about new technology or working on your family history
- WiFi Hotspots
- Items such as telescopes, yard games, binoculars, tools and more
- Notary service
- A scan and go library app to check out your items
- Drive-thru windows

Friends of the KCPL Library Shop

The Friends of the Kenton County Public Library have set up shop at the Independence Branch. Visit the shop during library hours to browse through available items. All purchases go to the Friends which support library programs and services.

Friends of KCPL Used Book Sale

Sat., Sept. 16 - Sat., Sept. 23
Independence Branch



Northern Kentucky Accountability Group

Wednesdays, 9:15 - 11:30 AM
Erlanger Branch

NKYAG is a job search support group for professionals in transition or anyone wanting to change careers. We offer a weekly community speaker on some educational aspect of the job search process that a regular class does not cover. Features motivational speakers, networking opportunities, job search leads and connections to community partners.

Kentucky Science Center: Space Expo

Sat., Aug. 19, 2 - 4 PM
Grades K-5
Erlanger Branch
Have out-of-this-world fun at our Space Expo, put on by the Kentucky Science Center. Explore hands-on stations where you can experiment and learn about outer space.

Yoga

Mon., August 14, 21, & 28, 6:45 AM
Covington Plaza beside the John A. Roebling Bridge



Thurs., Aug. 24 & 31, 7 - 8 PM
Devou Park/Rotary Grove

Covington Water Day

Sun., Aug. 20, 2 - 4 PM
Covington Branch
The parking lot will be transformed into a water world, with water balloons, a Covington Fire Department pumper truck, some larger water-themed attractions, and Kona Ice.

Memory Café

Wed., Aug. 23 & Sept. 27, 1 - 2 PM
Independence Branch

Are you or someone you love suffering from memory loss, dementia, Alzheimer's or brain injury? If so, our Memory Café is for you. Patients and caregivers will find a space that is relaxing, fun and informational.

Galaxy Paintings

Thurs., Aug. 24, 7 - 8 PM
Ages 5-12

Erlanger Branch
Create then name a one-of-a-kind galaxy using fun painting techniques. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

LinkedIn Photo Session

Wed., Aug. 30, 5 - 7 PM
Independence Branch
Free photo taken for your LinkedIn profile. After registering, a staff member will contact participants with a 15-minute time slot for photos. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

ASL 1

Wed., Sept. 6, 6 - 7:30 PM
Erlanger Branch
This will be an 8-week American Sign Language session starting on 9/6 and ending on 10/25. Registrants must commit to the entire session. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

Makerspace Tour & Try

Sat., Sept. 9, 12 - 1:30 PM
Covington Branch
Learn how to make 3-D designs, bookmarks, and zipper bags in the library's makerspace.

Touch A Truck

Sun., Sept. 10, 2 - 4 PM
Erlanger Branch
Don't forget your camera and get a photo with the world famous Oscar Meyer Frankmobile! Registration suggested for weather updates, at kentonlibrary.org/events.

Historic Walking Tour of Fort Mitchell

Mon., Sept. 18, 6:30 - 8 PM
Tour begins at the intersection of Fort Mitchell Avenue and Edgewood Road. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

Chair Yoga

Tues., Sept. 19, 11 - 11:45 AM
Covington Branch
Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

My Path to Traditional Publishing Author Talk with Christen Randall

Thurs., Sept. 21, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Covington Branch
Hear local author Christen Randall give insight into their path to traditionally publishing a book. Light meal for registered participants provided. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

Lunch and Learn: The Art of Cincinnati

Fri., Sept. 22, 12 - 1 PM
Erlanger Branch
Join us for a guest lecture from the Cincinnati Art Museum Speakers Bureau. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events.

Craft Fest

Sat., Sept. 30, 11 AM - 3 PM
Erlanger Branch
Shot and celebrate local artist and makers.

Haunted Library

Fri., Oct. 27 & Fri., Oct. 28, 6 - 9:30 PM
Independence Branch
Prepare to be spooked at the annual Haunted Library. Something lurks among the books...



Upcoming Concerts:

American Elton Tribute Show Featuring Bill Connors
Sat., Sept. 16, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Erlanger Branch
Register at kentonlibrary.org/events.



Vernon McIntyre's APPALACHIAN GRASS

Sat., Oct. 14, 2-3 PM
Erlanger Branch
Vernon McIntyre's APPALACHIAN GRASS is a bluegrass band with style. Register, kentonlibrary.org/events. Registration opens Fri., Sept. 1 at 9 am.

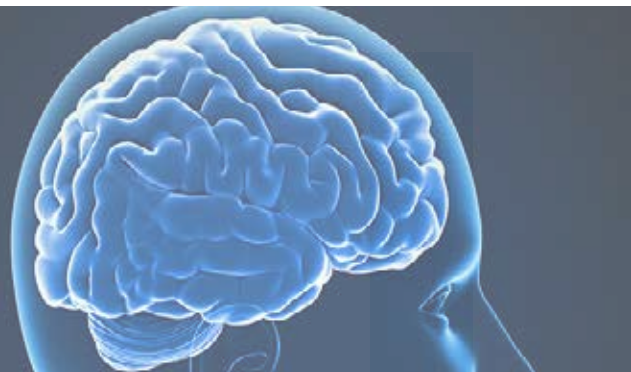


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401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, KY 41018
INDEPENDENCE BRANCH
1992 Walton-Nicholson Road, Independence, KY 41051

All Branches: 859.962.4000



Parents are the biggest influence in a teen's life.



Parents are the biggest influence in a teen's life. Even though you may feel your child pulling away, eager for more independence, deep down they still want you involved. A strong bond with your child, especially during the teen years, helps reduce the chances of them engaging in un-

healthy behavior and helps set the stage for preventing nicotine, alcohol and drug use. It is important to talk to your youth about the dangers of Underage Alcohol Use.

According to studies, alcohol is the most widely used substance among America's teens and young adults, which poses substantial health and safety risks.

A young person's brain isn't fully developed until they reach their mid to late 20's. Drinking alcohol while the brain is still developing can be problematic. This is especially the parts of the brain responsible for decision making and adjustment.

Impaired driving is one of the most common concerns when it comes to

youth alcohol use. Motor crashes are a leading cause of death among youth people. Statics show that one out of five teens drivers involved in fatal crashes were alcohol related.



Alcohol use lead to poisoning and other injuries sadly high levels of car crashes, falls, burns, drowning and suicide are associated with youth alcohol use. Binge drinking can lead to so much alcohol in the bloodstream that the parts of the brain that control basic life functions such as breathing, heart rate and temperature begins to shut down, resulting severe symptoms and in cases death.

Recognizing the signs of alcohol positioning can save a life. If you find that a young person is experiencing alcohol poisoning – even if you do not see all of the symptoms call 911.

No matter your age, drinking lowers inhibitions and impairs judgement and coordination. It can also increase the incidence of violent acts or aggressive behavior. Most tend to do so without fully recognizing alcohol's negative effects or health risks.

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TEENS TRY ALCOHOL FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS:

- EXERT INDEPENDENCE
- FEEL MORE CAREFREE
- ESCAPE FROM STRESS
- PEER PRESSURE
- BOREDOM



KCA and E3C recently sponsored a Poster Contest for Holmes High School, Holmes Middle School and Lloyd High School. Pictured are three of the Student Ambassadors from Holmes Middle School with their entries.



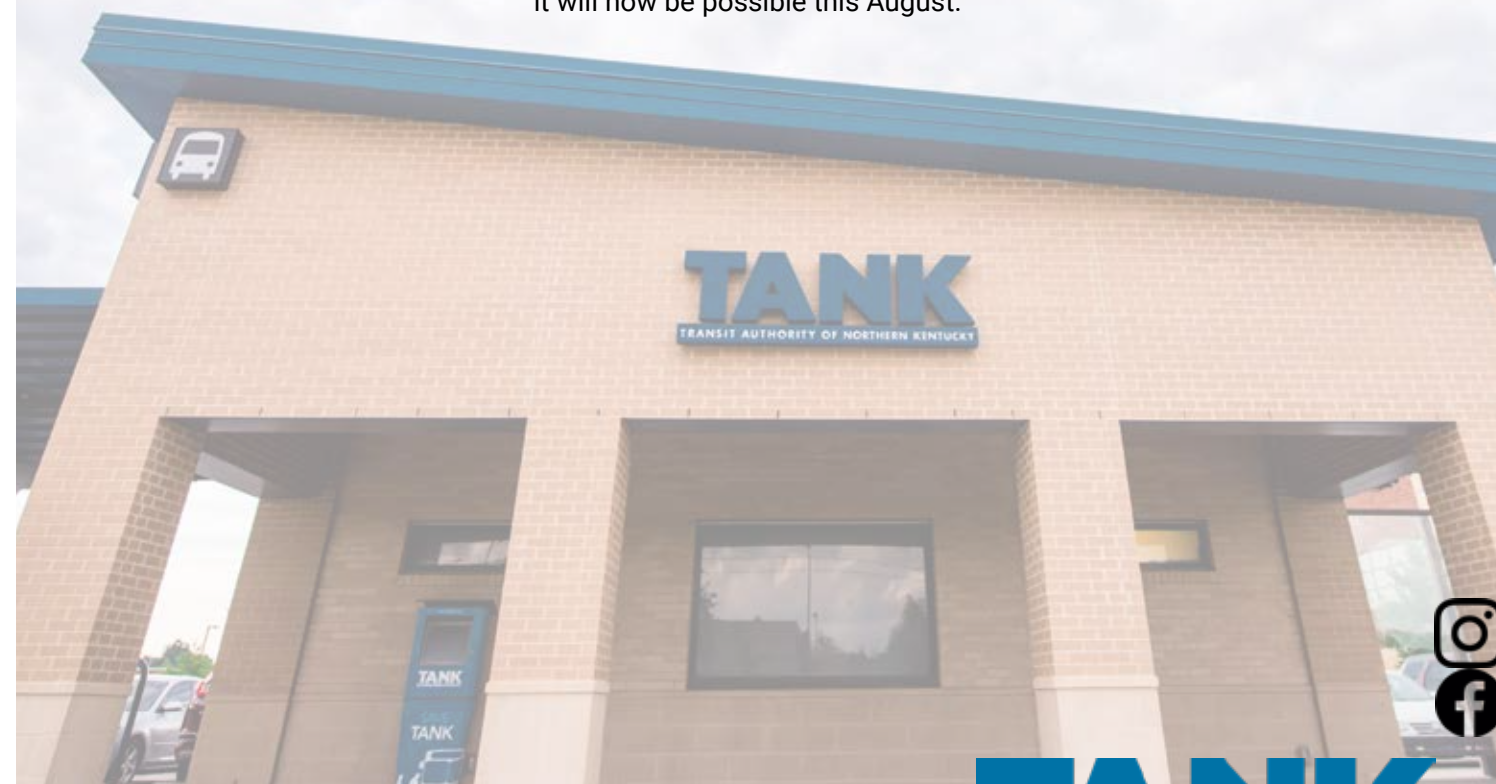
TANK Begins Public Transit to CVG

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.



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

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Greetings from the PVA Office,
Darlene M. Plummer, Your PVA

Our Mission Statement
Is To Provide Courteous,
Accurate And Efficient
Services For The Benefit
Of Kenton County And
Its Citizens.

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CLOSED: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

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Kenton PVA Office Accolades

Darlene Plummer, PVA, has earned the designation of Assessment Administration Specialist through IAAO. Darlene is the only State of Kentucky PVA who has achieved this prestigious designation. In addition, the Kenton PVA office is proud of the following Deputies who have been awarded the Teri Bennett ExCel Deputy of the Year Awards: Melinda Chance, Zack Reinersman, Tara Riddle, and Robert Soper.

Property Review

In accordance with Kentucky statute, the PVA office is required to "physically inspect" properties at least once every four years and to assess all property at 100% of Fair Cash Value (FCV) as of January 1. FCV is defined as the "estimated price it would bring at a fair and voluntary sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller, with neither party under duress, given a reasonable amount of time on the market."

For assessment year 2024, the PVA office is inspecting properties in the cities of Crescent Springs, Crestview Hills, Edgewood, Ft. Wright, Taylor Mill, Villa Hills, and the unincorporated area of Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Fire.

If your assessment increases as a result of this review, you will receive a Notice, typically in mid- to late April.

Why Does Assessed Value Change?

Property owners do not need to make improvements to their property for their assessment to change. Since the assessed value reflects Fair Cash Value, as real estate values rise or fall, the assessed value will follow. All properties do not change by the same percentage. Factors in the market like supply, demand, and amenities determine the value of your property. If market conditions warrant, a property owner may request a review of his/her assessment ANY YEAR, not only when there is an increase in assessment.

Field Photographers

The PVA Office is constantly updating its exterior photos throughout the county. PVA Representatives carry identification, wear PVA attire and are in officially marked PVA vehicles. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office.

Homestead/Disability Exemption Increases By A Significant Amount

Homeowners who own and reside in their homes as of January 1 who will be 65 or older this year, or who receive 100% total permanent disability, may be eligible for the Homestead/Disability Exemption. The Exemption reduces the taxable value of your home. The legislature increased the amount from \$40,500 to \$46,350 for 2023 & 2024. Please visit our website for more information. It is not necessary to wait until your birthday -

APPLY NOW!

KCCD Welcomes New Board Members

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. This year, KCCD welcomed two new supervisors to our board, Larry Owen and Anita Steffen.

Anita has 23 years of active Army, Army Reserve, and Navy Reserve service. She has worked in warehouse logistics, real estate, public service, and on several farms and greenhouse operations in the U.S. Living directly on Fowler Creek, Anita has seen how urbanization has diminished watersheds and natural resources, and how homeowner hazards have increased from an erratic climate. She is interested in bringing resources to landowners to address these concerns.

Larry is a US Marine Veteran, retired teacher, mentor, and deacon who has 20+ years of public service. He is excited to educate others about the importance of being involved in protecting our natural resources. Larry and his family are dedicated public servants; his wife and mother-in-law were recently elected to Erlanger and Elsmere City Councils. All three made history as the first African Americans to be elected to their positions.



Left grouping: Lloyd Memorial High School Envirothon Team, On the Right: Coach Duncan

Education Update

Congratulations to the Lloyd Memorial High School Envirothon team for scoring first in Aquatics at the state Envirothon® competition! 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 scientists, naturalists, foresters, and wildlife experts from around the state. Students also trained extensively with Jessica Nienaber, an Americorps member who has been working with KCCD since January. Jessica has brought her vast knowledge of botany and ecology to KCCD's team and has been working hard to develop education and outreach programs for schools and communities throughout the county.



Jessica Nienaber

Kenton County Farm Tour, October 1st

Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated Kenton County Farm Tour! Join local farmers on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 9 AM to 5 PM for an unforgettable farm experience. Kenton County Farm Tour is a FREE, self-guided tour offering behind-the-scenes glimpses into our working

farms of Kenton County while also supporting agricultural education and outreach.

Be sure to make Morning View Heritage Area one of your stops on the farm tour. Morning View Heritage Area, formerly known as Steinhauser Farm, is a 224-acre nature preserve that is being restored and managed by KCCD to support native species of plants and wildlife. In the 154 years that the Steinhausers were living on the land, they made many contributions to the local community. They ran a dairy farm as well as a store on their property. The historic dairy barn still stands on the site today.

Morning View Heritage Area (MVHA)
15168 Decoursey Pike
Morning View, KY 41063

We Want to Hear from You!

KCCD is gathering input to determine how best to serve our Kenton County Communities. Visit our website at www.kccdky.org or scan the code to take a short survey that will help us serve you better.



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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.

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.

“We want people to know that we are now and have been looking out for their best health interests,” says Mooney, and for the last decade this national agency has recognized that. We think that’s worth celebrating.”

“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 Kenton 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

“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.

Start Your Journey Today, Scan The QR Code.

**FOR ADULTS:
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**FOR TEENS:
MYLIFEMYQUIT.COM**

MY LIFE MY QUIT

#MYLIFEMYQUIT FREE HELP, JUST FOR TEENS



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 Digitarium.

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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www.govoteky.com



BY MAIL - ABSENTEE BALLOT (EXCUSE REQUIRED)

Mail-in absentee ballot requests can be made online at www.govoteky.com or call (859) 392-1620. Absentee portal is open from September 23 to October 24. Drop boxes for absentee ballots are available at the Kenton County Government Center (1840 Simon Kenton Way in Covington) or the Historic Kenton County Courthouse (5272 Madison Pike in Independence).



IN-PERSON ABSENTEE (EXCUSE REQUIRED)

In-person absentee voting will be available at the Kenton County Government Center (1840 Simon Kenton Way in Covington) on October 25, October 26, October 27, October 30, October 31 and November 1 from 7:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.



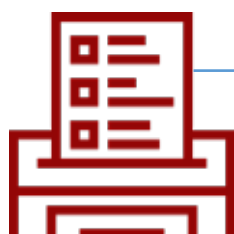
EARLY IN-PERSON (NO EXCUSE REQUIRED)

Early voting centers will be available on November 2, November 3 and November 4 from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Early voting centers allow you to go to any available location. Available locations are online at www.kentoncountyclerk.com under *Where to Vote*.

THERE IS NO VOTING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023



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ELECTION DAY- NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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