

what's happening!

Your Reference Guide for Local Government Resources and Programs

in BOONE COUNTY, KY

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

FROM THE 1970'S TO TODAY...

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

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

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

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

(For more info, use QR code above.)

 [FACEBOOK.COM/TANKBUS/](https://www.facebook.com/TANKBUS/)



SD1 Enters Final Year of Rate Realignment

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

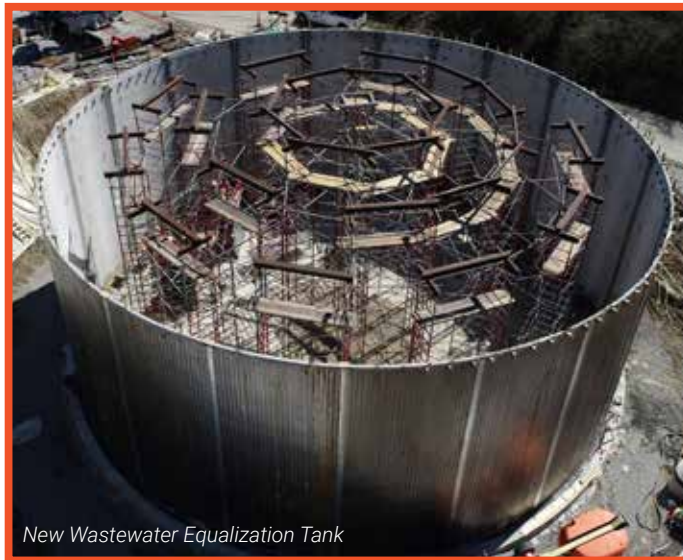
To offset the increase in these fixed rates, the variable rate will decrease from \$5.24 to \$4.72 per HCF. The rate adjustments are anticipated to result in a five percent revenue increase needed to fund the obligations of SD1's long-term capital program. Depending on the total volume of water used,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

WHY IS MY SANITATION BILL HIGHER THAN MY WATER BILL?

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

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HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

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



New Wastewater Equalization Tank

Sewer lines, on the other hand, are not pressurized. They pull wastewater using gravity and pump stations, and therefore must be built to grade with a certain slope. Northern Kentucky's hilly terrain makes conveying wastewater more difficult. SD1 often has to cut through hills, deep underground and into hard rock. Trench excavation is very expensive.

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

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

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

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

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

Today, regulators oversee virtually all aspects of SD1's operation, including our Clean H2O40 sewer overflow mitigation program. When we launched Clean H2O40, Northern Kentucky was experiencing about 1.5 billion gallons of combined sewer overflows and 115 million gallons of sanitary sewer overflows each year. These result when wastewater escapes our collections system.

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

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

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Clean Air in Boone County

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

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

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

All workers deserve equal health protection; 27% of Kentucky's

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

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

Eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only strategy that fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. Working in a smoky environment for 6-8 hours is the equivalent of smoking nearly a pack of cigarettes (16-20 cigarettes). Comprehensive smoke-free policies protect employees, residents and children from the dangers of secondhand smoke inside workplaces and public spaces. Most Florence residents believe that secondhand smoke is harmful and 76% of Florence residents support comprehensive smoke-free policies.

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



smoke (in any form) can do to a person's body. Smoke free laws protect our hearts, lungs and lives." says Live Smoke-Free Florence Chair, Thomas Cahill. For more information or to get involved with LiveWell NKY, contact Jodi Cesene at 859.363.2153.

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



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Runs Better Unleaded

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE...

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

HOW DOES LEAD EXPOSURE OCCUR?

Lead exposure occurs when a child comes in contact with lead by ingesting or breathing in lead or lead dust.

What are Sources of Lead Exposure?

Lead can be found throughout our environment. Children are exposed to lead by breathing in or swallowing things that are contaminated with lead. Lead can be found in:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#GetTheLeadOut

SOME OF THE THINGS YOU CAN DO INCLUDE:

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

Good Oral Hygiene Equals a Healthy Smile

A HEALTHY SMILE IS A GREAT ASSET

It gives us confidence, and influences our social lives, careers and relationships. Because of this, it makes sense we take a look at our oral health from an early age. Did you know when you were born, you didn't have the bacteria in your mouth that causes cavities? Cavity-causing bacteria is passed to us from family members, usually before our third birthday, making it important not to kiss children on the mouth or share food and drink with them. Children should start seeing the dentist by one or two years of age when their primary teeth have come in.

TOOTH ENAMEL IS THE HARDEST SUBSTANCE IN YOUR BODY

However, acid can break down tooth enamel and cause holes or cavities. When we eat or drink anything with sugar, the bacteria consumes the sugar and releases acid. Your mouth remains acidic for about 20 minutes before pH levels return to normal. This means it is not necessarily sugar that causes cavities but the acid that results from eating sugar. Many foods and drinks are acidic including dairy, citrus, soda and fried foods. These should be consumed in moderation.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE GOOD ORAL HYGIENE AT HOME

To remove plaque and bacteria, you should brush your teeth two times

a day for two minutes. Make sure you are using a soft toothbrush and brushing in small circular motions to protect your gums. Flossing is recommended once every day. Floss cleans hard to reach places that your toothbrush cannot get to. If you skip flossing, you are not cleaning up to 40% of your tooth surfaces. In addition to brushing and flossing, schedule a dental visit every six months. Regular dental cleanings and exams from the dentist can prevent cavities or catch them while they are small. It is better to prevent cavities than to treat them!



SMOKING ALSO HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YOUR ORAL HEALTH

If you smoke, then you may have noticed bad breath or tooth discoloration, but there are more severe consequences that you may not be able to see. Tobacco restricts blood flow to your teeth and gums, resulting in delayed healing after extractions. People who smoke have an increased risk of developing periodontal disease, which effects the bone your teeth are attached to. Bacteria causes the bone to recede and the teeth to become loose, often resulting in tooth loss. Oral cancer can also be a result

of smoking. If you have a sore or lesion in your mouth that isn't getting better after two weeks, you should visit your dentist or medical provider.

DENTAL APPOINTMENTS AND TOOTH PAIN ARE THE LEADING REASON FOR SCHOOL ABSENCES

NKY Health visits elementary schools in Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Grant counties to provide dental assessments. If a student has suspected decay, they are referred to a local dentist for treatment. The dental program completes cleanings and fluoride varnish as well. Fluoride is a mineral that helps strengthen the tooth enamel. Fluoride varnish can be applied twice a year to help prevent cavities. Students may have sealants placed in new molars that are without suspected decay. A sealant is a protective coating put into the grooves of teeth, to keep food and bacteria out. Early preventative treatment can keep your child cavity free for longer.

One of the first things people notice about you is your smile. What impression is yours making? If you need adult dental assistance or your child needs dental services, visit our website to see what resources are available to you.



Alkaline Acid Food Chart

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Be Prepared. Save A Life.

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

key part of the public health response to the opioid epidemic. Naloxone is a safe antidote to suspected overdose and, when given in time, can save a life." (Adams, 2022).

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

ing treatment for opioid use disorder

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

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

BE PREPARED. GET NALOXONE. SAVE A LIFE.



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WHO IS AT RISK FOR AN ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE?

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



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

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

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

TO RECEIVE A NALOXONE KIT: NKYHEALTH.ORG/SAVEALIFE



Why Work for NKY Health?

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

WHAT DOES PUBLIC HEALTH DO?

Public health plays a critical role in the community, positively impacting the lives of many. The field is constantly evolving in response to the needs of the people, making it a dynamic career choice. In order for public health to be effective, it requires a unique blend of skills, therefore, people who choose a career in public health are from many different disciplines with a variety of different backgrounds. This enables organizations, like the Northern Kentucky Health Department, to develop long-lasting, innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for everyone. While conventional health care traditionally treats diseases and injuries, the role of public health is to prevent diseases and injuries before they happen. NKY Health performs numerous mandated services and works with community partners, including health care organizations, to determine the community's needs and identify priority health

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



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



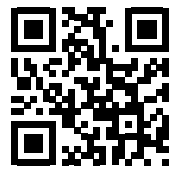
To make an immunization appointment, please contact the county health center directly. Contact information can be found by scanning the QR code to the right.

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

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



NKYHEALTH.ORG/KIDS



At NKU, Learning Doesn't End at Graduation

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

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

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

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

NKU also offers more than 30 micro-credentials, all of which are aligned with relevant industry standards. These for-credit courses allow learners to

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

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

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

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

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

WHY NKU?

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

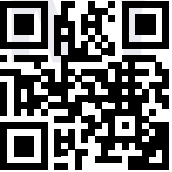
Pursuing professional development opportunities at NKU gives learners the chance to engage with respected, experienced instructors and training facilitators who provide practical, cutting-edge training.

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

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

Learn more about how NKU's professional development and continuing education offerings can move you or your business forward by visiting nku.edu/pdce or call 859.572.5236.

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Boone County Library Has Six Locations to Serve You!

Main, Scheben, Hebron, Florence, Walton.
Coming Soon: Chapin Memorial Library Express Location



to age 5 receive FREE, high-quality, developmentally appropriate books in the mail, no matter the family's income. According to The National Commission on Reading, "The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school." The Imagination

Library puts books into the hands and hearts of children across the world. To participate you must live in Boone County, KY. Keep an eye on BCPL's Discover Newsletter for more details. The Boone County Imagination Library is a partnership between Boone County Public Library (BCPL), Boone County School District (BCSD), Walton Verona Independent School District (WVSD), and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Boone County Partners with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Boone County's The Imagination Library is a partnership formed to increase kindergarten readiness in Boone County. Children from birth



OUR LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT BOASTS A NEW NAME!

Boone County Borderlands Archive and History Center at Boone County Public Library (formerly known as Local History) is a department of Boone County Public Library located inside the Main Library in Burlington, Kentucky. The Archive and History Center makes local historical interests and research easily accessible to the public. With both a physical and digital collection, online resources, genealogy services, teacher resources, programming and more, our experienced librarians and researchers are ready to help with all your local history needs.

Boone County Borderlands Archive and History Center at Boone County Public Library is a partnership with National Park Services, Boone County Fiscal Court, Boone County Clerk, Boone County Circuit Clerk and Boone County Archive Commission.



WE ESTABLISHED A FOUNDATION!

The Boone County Public Library Foundation, officially established in Summer 2022, 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.



OUR BOONE INNOVATION LAB IS ON THE MOVE

We have received a \$100,000 grant to purchase, equip, and staff a Mobile Boone Innovation Lab (BIL). This vehicle will provide access to hands-on-building and experiential learning to help increase STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experience with equipment that can be rotated. The wide-range of equipment may include, but is not limited to, laser cutters, robots, laptops, and 3D printers. A variety of STEM programs will serve preschool, elementary, teen, and retired adults and will range from technology demos, to hands-on STEM activities, to answering questions. Look for Mobile BIL in a community near you soon.



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



Waste Tire Collection



Bring a max of four tires per household to the Waste Tire Collection Event on September 30th, 2022, between 8:00am and 5:00pm, and October 1st, 2022, between 8:00am and 12:00pm at the Boone County Recycling Center (3275 Maplewood Drive, Burlington). You must be a Boone County resident to participate – no businesses, scrap yards, recycling centers, or tire retailers. This event is **FREE** disposal of truck, passenger, farm implement, ATV, tractor, lawn, bicycle, and golf cart tires. Limit of **FOUR** tires per household. Rims are OK.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Have old electronics, paint, and chemicals sitting around the house? We can help! The 13th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on...

Saturday, November 5th, 2022, 9:00am to 2:00pm
 Thomas More Stadium
 7950 Freedom Way, Florence

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

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

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

November 5, 2022 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

City you live in: _____
 County you live in: Boone Campbell Kenton

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

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

Please bring this completed form with you to the recycling event.
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PAPER SHREDDING DAYS

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)



SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2022

DECEMBER 17TH 2022

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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, 2022** to your child's teacher or Solid Waste (5645 Idlewild Road, Burlington). Visit 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, 2022, through January 7th, 2023. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, ribbons, lights, and bags before drop off. All trees will be mulched.

Boone Extension Enrichment Center
 1824 Patrick Drive, Burlington

Stringtown Park 7340 Burlington Pike, Florence

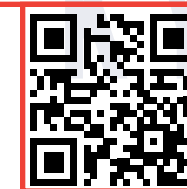
Union Park 10165 Old Union Road, Union

Walton Park 35 Old Stephenson Mill Road, Walton

Lakeside Christian Church
 1980 North Bend Road, Hebron

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

Education and Outreach Programs



BOONE COUNTY OHIO RIVER INITIATIVE

This summer marked the official launch of the Boone County Ohio River Initiative (BCORI). BCCDKY, The Boone Conservancy, and our many other partner organizations and community stakeholders gathered at Boone's Landing for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of our Ohio River resources.

The goals of this initiative are to

1. Highlight the natural and cultural resources along the Ohio River;
2. Support River Town economies;
3. Foster proper management of public lands; and
4. Increase accessibility and access to Ohio River resources.

We are working with the National Park Service to gather public input and identify projects to help us complete our goals. To give input and learn more about the Initiative, visit bcori.org.

We offer regular education programs and resources for families, homeschool groups, scouts, and schools. To view our upcoming free outdoor programs, education grant program for educators, and other outreach programs, visit bccdky.org.

UPDATE: CONSERVATION PROJECT IN MIDDLE CREEK

For the past two years, BCCDKY has been working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) on a focused conservation effort in the Middle Creek Watershed, which is home to some of Boone County's most precious natural resources. Since then, we have enrolled several landowners in the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) to provide federal cost share assistance for best management practices. This Focused Conservation Project is helping to remove invasive species, promote native habitat, and support forest and stream health in western Boone County. To learn more about this program, visit bccdky.org/focused-conservation-project/.

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.



Students hike through Middle Creek Park during one of BCCDKY's outdoor leadership programs.



Stakeholders gathered at Boone's Landing in June to celebrate the Boone County Ohio River Initiative.



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Northern KY Regional Youth Tobacco and Vaping Summit

The **Young Boone**, Boone County Alliance's Youth Program, is working with the Northern KY District Cancer Council and other community partners to join resources and host the Northern KY Regional Youth Tobacco and Vaping Summit.

NKY Regional Youth Tobacco and Vaping Summit

**Tuesday October 25
9:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Student Union Ballroom at
Northern Kentucky University
Highland Heights KY**

This outreach will be offered to students from eight northern Kentucky counties (Campbell, Carrol, Boone, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton). The goal of this conference is to bring students from grades 7-10 together for a day of tobacco and vaping education, prevention, and advocacy by regional and state leaders.

For more information, contact:

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859-240-9557 or

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We Make a Difference in the Lives of Young People... Please Join Us!



Boone County Alliance for Healthy Youth (BCA) is a community prevention coalition. Our mission is to prevent substance use, suicide, and promote mental health and wellness through Education, advocacy, and implementing evidenced based strategies. We partner with parents, students, community members, schools, police, government officials, health care workers, non-profits, other prevention organizations, substance use organizations, etc.

The vision of the Boone County Alliance is to create a united community where all youth will be emotionally, mentally and physically well. We accomplish our vision by building community partnerships to reduce and prevent substance use, as well as prevent suicide. We encourage mental and physical wellness among youth, their families, and those in future generations.

Our youth program, **Young Boone** works throughout the Boone County community hosting prevention events. They have been

an intricate part of the NKY Health Department's "Day of Action" which is an effort to promote smoke free environments in Northern Kentucky. They have also been involved with community environmental screenings, where they visit community stores and evaluate if their signage and placement of vapes and nicotine products are safe for youth. Our youth participants meet monthly and decide what they would like to work on and then the coalition helps them make it happen.

Some of the youth have been able to take part in a week-long prevention summit and travel to Washington DC to meet several policy makers. While there, they met other youth from all over the country and learn about different prevention strategies used in other communities.

If you, or a youth you know, are interested in joining, please check us out at boonecountyalliance.com using the QR code above or email us at jwelch@mhankyswoh.



Environmental Camps

Boone County Environmental Program is looking forward to a busy Fall. We currently have 10 groups scheduled to attend our Fall Environmental Camp and we invite any 4th, 5th or 6th graders from Boone County Schools to take an overnight environmental field trip to North Central 4-H Camp with us.

Students learn environmental and life sciences through experiences and inquiry-based classes ranging from night hikes to Kentucky mammals. Memories formed at Environmental Camp last a lifetime and inspire curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

If you are a teacher or principal interested in your class or grade level coming to camp, please contact lacey.laudick@uky.edu for available dates this Fall and available cost-share options. If you are a parent interested in your child attending, please contact their teacher and let them know about this wonderful opportunity!



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY AND PLANTS



This fall some of our programs in Family and Consumer Sciences will focus on early childhood education, finance, and mental health with classes including a monthly **Laugh and Learn Playdates** for kids ages 3-5 and an adult, **Married on a Budget**, and **The Power of Flowers**.

Boone County Cooperative Extension is happy to announce we are participating in a statewide event sponsored by AARP and Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. Boone County was one of 10 Kentucky counties selected to participate in the **Growing Better Together with Grandparents** event to celebrate grandparents and the role they play in the lives of children. This event takes place on **Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10 am-12:30 pm** at the Boone County Extension Environmental & Nature Center. Grandparents, caregivers over 50, and their grandchildren are invited to join us to spend some quality time together while planting a pollinator garden.

JOIN THE BOONE COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Interested in meeting others and giving back to the community? Join the Boone County Extension Homemakers Association! Members have opportunities to build support networks, learn new skills, develop personal leadership skills, discover the latest research-based information, volunteer for community events, and more. Contact us for more info.



BOONE COUNTY 4-H NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT DAY

**Sunday, September 18, 2022
2-4 pm
Boone County Extension Service
Enrichment Center
1824 Patrick Dr, Burlington**

4-H club recruitment, bouncy house, caricature artist, snow cones!



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Not valid on holidays. Expires 10/1/2022

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Not valid on holidays.
Expires 10/1/2022

Update from Boone County Animal Services

TEEN PAW PALS HELP BOONE COUNTY SHELTER

Boone County Animal Services is so excited to again be hosting our annual Paw Pals teen volunteer program! With the pandemic putting many of our community outreach and service events on hold, we are thrilled to again be hosting some of Northern Kentucky's most conscientious, service-minded teens as volunteers. Our teen volunteers perform a number of important tasks around the shelter. They spend time preparing summertime treats for the shelter dogs like "pupsicles" and making toys to entertain our kittens that are looking for a new home. Paw Pals help us keep up with mountains of laundry—blankets and beds that we use to make our shelter dogs feel as comfortable as possible during their stay. They also assist

with general tasks like putting away donations, greeting visitors to the shelter, and much more! Summer is the busiest time of year here at the animal shelter, and we couldn't get everything finished each day without the help of our awesome Paw Pals. Our Paw Pals program runs from June 1st - August 31st of each year.

We begin taking applications in mid-April, and our participants must be 13-17 years old. If you or someone you know may be interested in being a Paw Pal in 2023, be sure to tell them to keep an eye on our webpage in the early spring.



BOONE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
5643 IDLEWILD ROAD, BURLINGTON, KY 41005
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HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 10 AM - 6 PM
SATURDAY HOURS: 10 AM - 4 PM

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[BOONECOUNTYKY.ORG/DEPARTMENTS/ANIMAL_CONTROL](https://boonecountyky.org/departments/animal_control)



Boone County Employee Spotlight: **Tammy Dolan**



Tammy Dolan has served the people of Boone County through the Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) since 2000. Tammy was promoted in 2019 to the Terminal Agency Coordinator position of Dispatch and oversees all things NCIC to keep dispatch in compliance for Federal and State Audits.

Tammy has always had a passion for dispatching police, fire and EMS and is very detail-oriented in everything she does. She has a great rapport

with all departments within Boone County and truly enjoys helping others.

Tammy is married to retired Florence Corporal K9 Officer, John Dolan, has 2 wonderful step-kids, Lauren & Nick, and a new addition to the family – a super cute lab-mix puppy named Maya. Tammy very much enjoys spending her free time with family and friends, but is also quite the home-body as well.

BCBD Introduces Paperless Permitting System



Approximately one year ago, the Boone County Building Department began working with Oracle to develop software that would allow building department activities to be performed electronically. With this new system, permit applicants can submit plans electronically, plan reviewers can conduct plan reviews on-line, and inspectors can complete their inspection "paperwork" using their I-pads.

Results from plan reviews and inspections are transmitted immediately to the owners, designers and contractors for their responses. Aside from the tremendous volume of paper saved, staff time is reduced significantly. Paper inspection forms are not required to be filled out before inspections nor transcribed by permit clerks after inspections, and correspondence relating to a project can be referenced on-site without returning to the office.

As of June 1, our former software was placed in a read-only format. The only holdover from our previous system is inspection scheduling;

our permit clerks still schedule inspections in order to keep our nine inspectors working in the same areas. In a county the size of Boone County, it's important to minimize drive time for inspector efficiency.

In order to submit plans, applicants register through an on-line portal at www.boonecountyky.org, selecting "Departments", then "Building Department", then to the on-line portal link at the bottom of the screen. Plans, specifications, permit forms, zoning approvals and occupational license information may then be submitted through the portal.

For applicants without internet access, there is a computer in the Building Department lobby, and our staff would be glad to assist you through the process.



If you have internet access but need assistance with the submittal process, Boone County Building Department staff would be glad to help. Please call us at 859.334.2218 for assistance.



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BOONE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT

Check Out Boone's Landing Marina

We're excited to announce the addition of Boone's Landing Marina to the Boone County Parks Department. Boone's Landing Marina is an outdoor recreation facility. It includes a dock, marina, ramp, green space, and bathroom facilities. In the 1960's Big Bone Access Site was developed by the National Park Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide access to the Ohio River for fishing and boating. The property consists of approximately 42 acres and is fronted by Big Bone Creek which provides a navigable waterway to the Ohio River at mile 516.8. Boone's Landing Marina offers both covered and

uncovered boat storage, pontoon summer docking, a lighted shelter and a boat ramp facility. The Boone Landing has parking spaces for 60 truck/trailer combos and additional parking for cars only.

The ramp remains open 24/7 for boaters to launch boats. The cost is \$6. We also offer a season pass for \$60.

Boone's Landing fishing area is open 7AM to 8:30PM. The cost is \$4 per person.

Parking at the Landing is \$3 per car.

**Boone's Landing Marina
14036 Boat Dock Road
Union, KY 41091**

Visit Boone County Parks at www.boone-countyky.org/departments/parks for details, pricing and information on Boone's Landing. Boone County Parks provides special events and programming throughout the year.

Register for Programs, Events & Reserve Shelters online at www.boone-countyky.org/departments/parks or use the QR code above. Boone's Landing Marina is managed by the Boone County Parks Department.

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