

WHAT'S *Happening!*

in Oldham County, Kentucky



Spring/Summer 2021

La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans

Saturdays, May 8 - October 30
9 am - 1 pm

Oldham County Courthouse Square
La Grange, KY



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www.lagrangefarmersmarket.com

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happening in La Grange!



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Serving Oldham County since 1914

Oldham County Extension offers programs, clubs, diagnostic services, and research-based advice in three areas: 4-H Youth Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, and Agriculture & Natural Resources. Extension programs teach a wide variety of skills, all with the goal of producing successful families, farms, gardens, and businesses.

Extension offers many diagnostic services including soil testing, forage testing, plus pest identification and management recommendations. Site visits may also be requested for advice on farm management and production.

We offer many programs throughout the year — here's what's happening this spring and summer. Give us a call at 502/222-9453 or visit our website <http://oldham.ca.uky.edu/> for registration and details on programs, clubs, and services.

WHAT'S NEW – UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Home & Family



Life Skills



Healthy Living



Farm & Garden



4-H ART WORKSHOP SERIES – April 13, 20, and 27 at 5 pm.

The series is open to youth ages 9 - 18. Two-Point Perspective, Pen & Ink, and Calligraphy will be covered with participants getting hands-on experience and virtual instruction. Register by calling 502/222-9453 — registered participants will receive free supply kits for the workshops.

FREE GARDENING PACKS –

Available **beginning April 5** at the Extension Office at 207 Parker Drive in La Grange. Packs will include Vegetable Seeds, Gardening Guides, Farmers Market Shopping Guides, Recipes, and more. We'll also have special packs for families with kids that feature Farm Coloring Books and Hands-on Activity Guides.



SURVEY GIVEAWAY – We are looking for new and better ways to serve Oldham County residents. Take our two-minute survey, and enter for a chance to win one of several prizes. The survey will be live at <https://oldham.ca.uky.edu/> **beginning April 5**. Prize packages include insulated travel mugs, vegetable seeds, and recipe cards. Winners will be announced and notified in May.

Oldham County Cooperative Extension Service



College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment
Cooperative Extension Service



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Celebrating members and volunteers

Outstanding Senior 4-H Award



Carrie Olds

Carrie Olds earned the 2020 Outstanding Senior 4-H Award. This county-level award recognizes

excellence in individual achievements and requires members to complete an interview and presentation. Congratulations, Carrie!

Kentucky 4-H Achievement winners

The 4-H Achievement Program honors 4-H'ers based on their entire

4-H participation history. Oldham County 4-H'ers recently earned the following state-level awards: Gold Award - **Maggie Anderson, Hunter Fackler, Adelle Minor, Andrew Myers, Carrie Olds**; Silver Award - **Caecilia Isenhardt, Freya Isenhardt**; and Bronze Award - **Kendall Kennedy, Alexis Yonts, Connor Yonts**. Congratulations to these youth!"

Community volunteers

In 2020, Oldham County Extension volunteers contributed 8,736 service hours to our community, representing Agriculture & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Sciences, and 4-H Youth Development. Service included

teaching, leading, and assisting in projects for community agencies and Extension programs. Volunteers not only lend their time and expertise, but also serve to mentor others and enrich our community. Thank you, volunteers! Here are some recent highlights:

- Extension clients donated 581 holiday gifts for kids and teens for HighPoint Charitable Services.
- 4-H families donated food to fill 20 holiday baskets for Good News Homes' clients.
- Homemakers donated over 120 books, handmade hats, and handsewn blankets to the Oldham County HANDS Program for new and expecting parents.
- Master Gardener volunteers contributed 1,600 volunteer hours in

the community, including work at Yew Dell Gardens and Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve.



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Oldham Chamber & Economic Development

New office to open in downtown La Grange

Oldham Chamber and Oldham County Tourism prepare to celebrate the opening of new office in downtown La Grange

In fall of 2019, Oldham Chamber & Economic Development (OCED) purchased a building near its former office at CityPlace in La Grange. The building is located at 204 South First Ave. (formerly home to The Oldham Era, Copper Awning, and more recently mini-storage units) and is undergoing renovation to become the new OCED office and will also house Oldham County Tourism.

The new Chamber space will include meeting areas, a conference room, and podcast studio which

will be open for use to Chamber members. "We're still furnishing the office and exterior work will begin as the warmer weather permits. Our calendar is filling up with workshops and community meetings that will be hosted inside the office. We're also planning several fun outdoor events in our parking lot and on a large deck that we plan to build," said Chamber President, David Bizianes.

"Our community is ready for fun, festive in-person events... and we plan to deliver! This office is a place where Oldham County's business community can connect, grow and succeed."

The Chamber is still fundraising but plans to host a Ribbon Cutting Celebration this summer.

The Oldham Chamber & Economic Development Board of

Directors and staff would like to thank the Oldham County business community for generous donations that made this project possible:

- Baptist Hospital La Grange**
- East & Westbrook Construction**
- Farmer's Bank of Milton**
- Fastline Media Group**
- Insurance Associates of Oldham County**
- Jay & Debbie Hall**
- Liberty Mutual – Laura Spalding**
- New Century Plumbing**
- Oldham County Fiscal Court**
- Oldham County Tourism**
- PNC Bank**
- Re/Max Real Estate Center – Gale & Tom Cox**
- Bobby & Hilda Bowles**

- Steve Hall Realtors & EXP Realty**
- Stock Yards Bank**
- The City of Crestwood**
- The City of La Grange**
- The Matt Haselton Charitable Foundation**
- The Peyton Samuel Head Family Trust**
- The Rawlings Foundation**
- The Wilborn Charitable Foundation**
- Transitional Technologies**
- United Citizens' Bank**
- Watt's Home Center**



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OCHD New Director

Greetings Oldham County,

What a year this has been! While some have packed on a few extra pounds due to “quarantine snacking” others have found a new lease on life while working from home. They are utilizing the hours more constructively which were previously consumed by dressing for work and commuting. Many residents are hosting meetings while walking on the treadmill or riding the exercise bike. The COVID world has definitely highlighted that we do not have to do things the way that we have always done them. It has also cast a bright light on Public Health Departments and the US Public Health system. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Health Director, and qualify how OCHD has been working for you.

Thanks to the Oldham County Board of Health, I accepted this position and began my tenure on November 2, 2020. My Public Health education began at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky and afforded me the opportunity for a successful public health career with the Louisville Metro Health Department. Successful completion of my Master of Public Health degree at the University of Louisville positioned me well for this leadership role. Prior to college, I grew up in Griffin, Ga, which is a small town in Spalding County. Oldham County is approximately the same size as my home county.

This article presents an opportunity to make an introduction, but the primary action that I hope to accomplish is to share what OCHD has been doing to serve Oldham County residents. The best way to accomplish this is to highlight data which expresses services delivered to our community. OCHD employs 24 permanent staff, and has hired dozens of temporary staff and volunteers to serve our community. The count data below only highlights a small number of the tasks that have been completed by this small, but mighty team:

- 218,681 PPE Distributed (started March 17, 2020)
- 838 COVID-19 Tests (April 28, 2020 - June 12, 2020)
- 6,807 Positive COVID-19 cases, contacted and investigated (March 19, 2020 – March 3, 2021: ongoing)
- 7,000+ COVID-19 Vaccines (December 23, 2020-ongoing)
- 400+ seniors 70 and older without computers have been contacted and scheduled for COVID-19 vaccine

Please note that OCHD is working tirelessly to stamp out the COVID virus. Every working hour is dedicated to identifying improved processes, building greater efficiencies, and delivering on behalf of this community. That being said, public health is a population effort. COVID has provided many lessons. One lesson is that we are all interconnected. If we are going to return to normal it will take everyone working together.

When COVID is over, and yes it will be over or under control, I hope to meet all of you and discuss how we can build the mightiest local public health system in the country. Oldham County is a great community and deserves a world class public health system to ensure its residents can live long and healthy lives.

Please contact me if you have questions or ideas on how we can better serve you!

Respectfully,

Matt Rhodes

Matt Rhodes, MPH, RS
Director of Public Health

COVID-19 Resources

Information about COVID-19 is everchanging. The Kentucky Department of Public Health website is a resource about Kentucky's incidence rate, staying healthy at school, staying healthy at work, contact tracing, vaccine availability and travel tips. If you have questions, visit the official Team Kentucky source for information concerning COVID-19 at www.kycovid19.ky.gov. Or you can call the COVID-19 Hotline at 800/722-5725 to speak to a healthcare professional who can provide advice and answer questions.

WIC

If you or another member of your family has lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for nutritional and breastfeeding support from WIC. This program provides healthy foods that pregnant and postpartum women, babies, and young children need. Oldham County Health Department is now enrolling new WIC clients over the phone. You do not need to come into the clinic.

Si tú o un miembro de tu familia ha perdido sus ingresos

debido a la pandemia del COVID-19, es posible que puedas recibir apoyo de WIC con la nutrición y lactancia! WIC ofrece los alimentos saludables que necesitan las embarazadas, las mamás que acaban de dar a luz, los bebés y los niños pequeños. La mayoría de los estados ahora inscriben a clientes nuevos en WIC por teléfono, o sea que no tienes que preocuparte de ir a la clínica. ¡WIC está aquí para ti!

Freedom from smoking



You are strong enough to quit. Free Smoking Cessation Classes. Free Nicotine Replacement Products available. Call Liz at 222-3516 X143.

Oldham County Health Department



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502/222-3516 phone; 502/222-0816 fax



Hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 7:30 am-4:30 pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30 am-6 pm
Friday: 7:30 am-4 pm

Oldham County Soil & Water Conservation District

Art & Writing Contest winners!



Each year, the Oldham Co. Conservation District, in partnership with the Farm Bureau Federation, administers

the Jim Claypool Conservation Art and Conservation Writing Contests.

We are proud to announce that our OC students brought the regional title back home for the first time in several years.

These regional winners have already won their school-wide

contest and county-wide contest. Gift bags with award plaques and T-shirts, along with their cash prizes are being assembled as of this publication!

Watch for their pictures and more info in the future, but we didn't want to delay saying

Congratulations to....

Elle Jones from East Oldham Middle School for her KY Area 4 Conservation Writing Contest winning essay titled "The Battle for the Mighty Oaks,"

and

Paisley Salisbury from Centerfield Elementary School on her KY Area 4 Jim Claypool Art Contest winning artwork called "Kentucky's Mighty Oak – A Source of Food, Shelter, and Shade."



Oldham Co. Soil & Water Conservation District



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Bring on spring!

Plan now, so you'll be ready. Call or email for applications or information. The following programs and services are offered year-around.



Soil Testing Voucher Program – County residents may request up to 5 vouchers per year to cover the cost of soil testing at the Cooperative Extension Service (a total value of \$50). *Funding is provided through the Oldham Co. MS4 stormwater program.*



Backyard Composting Program – Receive a free portable Geobin Composting System when you watch our video titled “Composting 101” at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUmhzbo4V_o and take a short quiz at the end (while supplies last). *Funded using a grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management.*



Pollinator Habitat / Wildflower Garden – The Conservation District will reimburse residents 50% of material costs (with an approved application) upon installation of a pollinator habitat / wildflower garden.



State Cost Share Program – Covers 75% of project cost for things like cross fencing, seeding, stream-crossings, auto-waterers, etc. Info and applications available at <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Conservation/Pages/State-Cost-Share.aspx>



Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) – Federal program that provides funding for farm projects of a larger scale. Info and applications available by email or online at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/>

Unsure of which programs you qualify for, or need help making decisions on the best use for your property (large or small)? Call us at 502/222-5123 to schedule a no-cost visit from our NRCS field technicians!

Is your AWQP current?

Do you own 10 acres or more of land? If so, you'll want to make sure you are in compliance with state agriculture rules (which may be another chore you just don't find time for). Your county Conservation District is available to help by removing some of the stress involved in keeping your paperwork current. It is a necessity if you plan to reap the benefits of financial aid programs. These programs are designed to assist land owners in maintaining, improving and/or growing their land's production according to their individual goals. Dreams are put into action with a plan. But, before you can make a plan for the future, you must evaluate where to begin. The Ag Water Quality Plan (AWQP) is a

perfect place to document a starting point and your goals for the future. **Here's how we can make it simple. Call 502/222-5123 or email oldhamswcd@gmail.com to schedule an appointment for a 15-minute conversation with staff.** During this conversation, we'll do a markup of your AWQP, and email it to you for signature. You'll keep a copy for yourself, then return 2 pages to the Conservation District. State laws aside, most of your funding programs require it to qualify, such as State Cost Share, CAIP, EQIP, and others. These programs are some of the best kept secrets that we want to spread the news about!

Those who like to work through the details themselves may feel free to complete the online Producer's Agriculture Water Quality Plan Workbook and return page 39 and 40 (self-certification) to the Conservation District.

What is the Agriculture Water Quality Act? The Kentucky General Assembly passed the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act in 1994 (KRS. 224.71-100 through 224.71-140). The goal of the act is to protect surface and groundwater resources from pollution as a result of agriculture and silviculture (forestry) activities. See the state plan and read all about the Act at <https://www.uky.edu/bae/awqp>

Whom does the Agriculture Water Quality Act affect? The Agriculture Water Quality Act requires all landowners with 10 or more acres that are being used for agriculture or silviculture operations to develop and implement a water quality plan based upon guidance from the state's Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan.

It is the sole responsibility of each landowner to develop, implement and revise when needed, a water quality plan for their individual operations.

Patient-First Emergency Department renovation nears completion at Baptist Health La Grange

At Baptist Health La Grange, we know a day in the Emergency Room might be the most difficult day of your life and we're dedicated to making that experience the best it can be. Our life-saving care is there for you no matter what emergency you face, and we've been expanding and renovating the space to make you as comfortable as possible while you're there.

Opening in July, the \$5.8 million project includes a 4,418 sq. foot expansion, giving us more treatment rooms and a larger area for you and your family. Patient input was top-of-mind in the design process, so we've incorporated as much natural light as possible throughout the space. Each of the 12 all-private treatment rooms are bright, spacious and calming. There's new furniture, additional restrooms, two new treatment bays to fast-track low-acuity patients and a lobby complete with technology charging stations.

In situations when every second counts, you have the advantage of one of the fastest door-to-doctor times possible at Baptist Health La Grange. On average, our Emergency Department patients are seen by a doctor in just eight minutes. Our emergency medicine physicians are seasoned veterans with decades of experience handling the most demanding situations — a medical team at their best when you need them the most.

These doctors have access to a full array of diagnostic imaging and testing, in-house and available just down the hall, not in a separate facility. When you come here, there is no congestion or hassle to get in and out. Our employees are your

neighbors, friends or someone you may run into at the grocery store. In our building, taking care of patients is family taking care of family.

While it's a trip you never hope to make, the Emergency Department at Baptist Health La Grange is always open to serve our family in the community and we're ready to welcome you into our new home.



Exterior



Lobby



Patient room

At Baptist Health

La Grange, we know a

day in the Emergency

Room might be the

most difficult day of

your life and we're

dedicated to making

that experience the

best it can be.

Baptist Health La Grange



BAPTIST HEALTH

LA GRANGE

Patient Information: 502/222-5388 Physician Referral: 502/222-3627

Oldham County Fiscal Court

From the desk of Judge/Executive David Voegele

If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!



David Voegele
Oldham County Judge/Executive

One of our Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin, was known for catchy phrases, one of which was “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.”

In Oldham County, we plan for success in many ways, including emergency preparedness. Like all counties in Kentucky, Oldham County is required by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management to have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Our plan is part of a state plan, which itself is part of a federal preparedness plan under the auspices of FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FEMA provides a framework and guidelines for the states to follow in order to have a system in place that will ensure in the event of a disaster or other emergency situation the various local, state and federal agencies impacted will be able to deliver the most effective joint response possible.

No one knows when or what the next emergency will be, but our county has risk factors to consider. Airline flights over head, 25 trains, many with chemical cars, moving though each day on CSX tracks, between 12,000 and 13,000 trucks daily on I-71, gas and electric lines, a prison system, and unanticipated

health emergencies, such as the pandemic.

Emergency response in Oldham County is evaluated on a quarterly basis by a group known as the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Under the leadership of Emergency Management Director Jerry Nauert, this group is made up of representatives from critical services, some of which are government and others non-governmental. These agencies include law enforcement, local and regional utilities, our schools, elected officials, fire departments, Baptist Healthcare, health department, the Oldham Era, Red Cross, the Judge/Executive's Office and others. A critical component of the county's emergency response plan is to have all agencies working from a single Emergency Operations Plan so everyone understands clearly their role when assigned a task in the mitigation of an event.

The Oldham County Emergency Operations Plan is in compliance with and “will conduct all response and recovery operations following the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines and the National Response Framework (NRF). This includes both governmental and non-governmental organizations that have a role in saving lives, caring for the injured, recovering the dead, mitigating property loss and restoring services and facilities.”

I invite you to look through the Oldham County Emergency Operations Plan. It can be found on the Emergency Management Page on the fiscal court website — oldhamcountyky.gov

David Voegele

Emergency Response Staff



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Goodbye 2020 — Bring ON Spring/Summer 2021!!!



As we get this tough year behind us, we are going to think positive, and your family is going to be the Center of our efforts. My goal as your Mayor, is to implement the right mix of new ideas, exciting and interesting concepts to make lasting memories

for your family and children to always call LaGrange their home. Myself and our City Council are determined each day to offer and suggest the necessary City Services that each family can appreciate which will always include keeping our City safe, clean and inviting place to call your wonderful home.

My commitment since becoming your Mayor, has been to operate the City with financial efficiency, giving attention to detail and following a conservative approach to ensure the least possible reason for any future higher taxation. I would prefer to do what we can, do it well, and build the public's trust in how we perform. In this edition of "What's Happening" especially in Lagrange, our dedicated

engaged Department Directors, City Employee's and Community Volunteers will share the many exciting things that we are about to break ground on this Spring. Each of these new opportunities will be fun and interesting features to be looking forward to.

We are continuing to design and build a Parks System each day with a new exciting addition of a Downtown Park, a new effort to create an emphasis on Art and relaxation within our Downtown Alley's as a unique gathering & educational opportunity. We have so much to be excited about and I am encouraging each of you to become a part of it and enjoy each idea as we move forward in a positive way.

In closing, I would like to remind each of us, to not forget those who may have lost a family member or friend during this last year as this pandemic swept each of our Community's. We are all hoping and looking for much brighter days ahead, in which that is exactly what we have planned for all our families and visitors. This is going to be a great year, so get ready, and enjoy every minute of it!!!

One last thing and please don't forget, we are the "Kindness Capitol" of Kentucky. Please come and enjoy each and everything

John Black

John Black, Mayor

CITY OF LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL

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Meet Tim Curtis

Your new Parks & Recreation Director!



Tim Curtis

I am pleased to announce my new role as part-time Director of La Grange Parks and Recreation for the summer of 2021. My primary focus will be to expand programs and events being offered to all ages in the city's recreational spaces. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and have 28+ years of experience in parks, including 20 years with Oldham County Government. I love Oldham County and see the boundless potential in the LaGrange Park System. Reach out to me at tcurtis@lagrangeky.net!

Your La Grange Parks / Golf Course / Community Center

John T Walsh Park

N. 4th Street, 12 Acres
Home to N. Oldham Little League
*Playground, pavilion available to reserve**

Raymond & Irene Wilborn Park

Lakeshore Drive, 30 Acres of Water
*Playground, pavilion available to reserve**

The Glen

Maple Street, 11 Acres
Walking trail, scenic wooded setting

Eddie Mundo Jr. Park

Eddie Mundo Way
Playground, gazebo picnic area

The Springs Park

Breaking ground in early summer 2021!
Splash Pad

Eagle Creek Golf Course

Highway 53, 18 Holes
Open for public play
EagleCreekGolfKY.com
502/222-7927

James T. Beaumont Community Center

W. Jefferson Street
Basketball / pickleball court, meeting space, classrooms, walking track
We are making plans to reopen the community center with socially distant activities!

**To reserve a pavilion, call 502/222-1433. \$50 deposit available for return with area cleanup!*

New for 2021!

(Check lagrangeky.net or our Facebook group for additional information.)

Kite Festival FREE

Saturday, April 17, 12-2 pm
Walsh Park

National Peace Officers

Memorial Day 5K

Saturday, May 15, 9 am
Eddie Mundo Jr. Park

Kids Fishing Weekend FREE

Saturday & Sunday, June 5 & 6, 1-3 pm
Wilborn Park

Train Songs Songwriting Contest

Entries Accepted through July 1
Submit on-line or drop off at our office

Beginning Golf Clinic

Dates to be Determined
Eagle Creek Golf Course

Hike for Health (Seniors and Families) FREE

Date to be Determined
The Glen

Don't miss the free Kids Fishing Weekend, June 5 & 6!



Virtual Events

- Trivia Nights on Facebook Live
- Living Room Concerts
- Drawing Class with Mike Prather
- 5K Training Group



La Grange MAIN Events

If you're looking for something fun to do — spend more time in the Historic La Grange Main Street District. La Grange appears to be quaint little town where the train runs “smack-dab” down the middle of the street. There is so much more to it than that! From a handful of great eateries, to “uptown” art galleries, museums, and shops full of antiques, unique artisan crafts and collectables, you can explore to your heart's content. Plus there are so many events to choose from!

2021 Events on Main

- Knit Nights at Friends & Fiber: 3rd Thursday night of the month
- Theme Thursdays – late night shopping & dining: 5-9 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month
- Farmers Market: Saturday 9 am-1pm, May-October
- Quads Rod & Custom Show: 4th Saturday night, April-September

Annual Events

- CHOCOLATE CRAWL: April 17
- Lagrange Artsfest: June 5
- Oldham County Day: July 17
- Trackside Market: September 11
- Blue Hydrangea Tea: September 19
- Halloween MAINia: October 30
- Ghost Tours: October 1-30
- Shop Small Saturday: November 27
- Light Up La Grange: December 4



www.lagrangemainstreet.org

/LaGrange Kentucky Main Street



Join the fun!
Join our
volunteer force &
committees!
Call
502/269-0126.

La Grange Springs Park is on course to become a reality by summer 2022

The La Grange Springs Park planning committee has been busy working with the lead project designers Jones Landscape Architects and Environs Inc. to complete the construction documents on phase 1 of this fun addition to the downtown La Grange environment. Phase 1 is located at 2nd and Main Street and will be the activity center of the park; containing a farmers' market pavilion, playground, splashpad and open greenspace. Future plans for phase 2 will include an amphitheater, skatepark and walking trails.

ivate citizens and business partners. Sandie Fulks, executive director of the Main Street Program stated, “The positive economic impact of such a facility will be far reaching: from increased business for our retailers & restaurants, and increase our ability to attract new businesses, festivals and new residents to our town.”

You can follow the park's progress and donate on Facebook at La Grange Springs Park Project and www.lagrangespringspark.com. Ground breaking coming soon!



Phase 1 of the new La Grange Springs Park will include a playground (above), farmers' market pavilion (left) and splashpad (far left).



You've got our number!



CITY OF LA GRANGE PUBLIC WORKS

La Grange Director of Public Works: Corey Rusnak
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Corey Rusnak

The City of La Grange Public Works Department's core objective is to provide quality service to our city residents, which includes maintaining our 5 parks, roadways, street drainage, paint striping, snow removal, chipping service, mowing, signage and streetlights, sidewalk repairs, tree trimming and removal and City-owned building maintenance.



CITY OF LA GRANGE POLICE

La Grange Chief of Police: Greg Collett
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Greg Collett

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Crime Tip Line: 502/873-8945
Office of Police Department: 502/225-0444
Fax: 502/225-9783
Website: lagrangepolice.com



OLDHAM PUBLIC BUS

Public Bus Service

502/222-6400
lagrangeky.net/city-bus-service.html
Transportation Supervisor: Katie Bechtold
Dispatcher: Becca Crowder

Stuck in a bind and need a ride? Call Oldham's Public Bus and we can get you there! Serving City of La Grange residents only.

What is a Code Enforcement Officer?



Code Enforcement Officer Stephanie Wenther (right) and Assistant Aaron Sullivan

In the City of La Grange a Code Enforcement Officer is a sworn officer employed by the City who possesses specialized training in and whose primary duties are the prevention, detection, investigation,

and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public nuisance, public health, safety and welfare, business activities, property standards and municipal affairs. Through enforcement of these ordinances our goal is to promote safe, healthy and attractive neighborhoods and business districts in our municipality and to ensure safe working conditions for our community.

What exactly does this mean for the citizens of La Grange? In La Grange our Code Enforcement Department consists of two people – Code Enforcement Officer Stephanie Wenther and Assistant Aaron Sullivan. Our department is the place to call when there is dilapidated property, tall grass or illegally parked cars on your street. We handle all ordinances that are civil in nature.

We also handle all business licensing and compensation tax payments, sign regulations and food truck vendors and door-to-door soliciting, just to name a few.

Our Code Enforcement Department strives on building relationships with various city, county and other resource agencies in order to problem solve and find the best solutions to problems. We work hard on improving the quality of our community by fair enforcement of the codes. Please feel free to reach out to us anytime with questions or concerns. We are located in La Grange City Hall at 307 W Jefferson. Our phone number is 502/222-1433.

Outside of the city limits but within Oldham County the Code Enforcement Officer is Chris Clark, 502/222-1473.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Business License applications and payments are due by April 15, 2021.

City Clean Up Day: April 17, 2021
Dumpsters will be available to residents of La Grange (city tax bill required as proof of residency) for large items. See the City website for location and more information.

Oldham County Water — Enhancing your customer experience

When you're brushing your teeth, cooking dinner, or washing your clothes, you expect to have clean water coming out of the pipes and into your home. At the Oldham County Water District, we completely understand how much our customers count on us to provide clean, safe, and reliable water service. And we never take our role in the community for granted.

We take pride in providing you clean water and great customer service, which is why we're always working to improve your customer experience. We've been working on improvements to our website that will help you stay better informed about your water service.

Top 10 uses of our website:

1. Wonder if your Oldham Co. home is served by our water district?

Our OCWD Service Area map allows you to type in an address and quickly see if your home is served by OC Water, Lagrange Utilities or Louisville Water within seconds.

2. I paid my bill but my water is not working.

View our Water Outage/Alert Map

3. I received a boil water advisory notice on my front door, what exactly does that mean?

Learn what to do during a boil water advisory at Boil Water Advisory Questions & Answers.

4. Curious of your water usage month by month?

Our View my Account option allows you to register your account to view your water usage history.

5. Are you putting up a fence

or some other project that involves excavation on your property (regardless of depth)?

You can submit a Locate Request for us to mark our water lines that cross your property (this only includes where our water lines reside and not the service lines from your meter to your home or dwelling). There is no fee for this service and if you are unsure about requesting a locate, we recommend you do have us locate to be on the safe side. Oldham Co. Water District maintains its own call center for locates and is not a member of KY811 call center.

6. Do you need proof of residency to register for school?

Our View my Account allows you to print a bill that can be used during school registration.

7. I am moving to the area and need to sign up for service.

On our Customer Service page you can sign up for service by completing our Application for Service.

8. Tired of your payment not being received by the due date?

On our Customer Service page you can sign up for automatic bank draft by completing our Application for Automatic Payment.

9. Did we receive your payment?

Our View my Account option allows registered users to see your account history including when the dates your payments were received.

10. My bill never arrived or I plan to be out of town but

want to make sure I pay my bill on time.


Our View my Account allows you to view your bill and pay online anytime. This customer portal also gives the option to receive an email notification when your bill is ready.

Our website offers you quick access to tools and information you can access around the clock. Visit us online at <http://www.oldhamcountywater.com/>

Our goal is to provide you as much information as possible in a way that is convenient for you. If you're really interested in learning more about your water service, we've even provided links to public water rules and regulations!

Be in touch. Be informed.

We hope you'll visit the Oldham County Water website, and when you do, one of the most important things you can do is click this button...



You count on us to provide you with important information about your water service. But our ability to

inform you of a water service outage or boil water advisory is limited if we don't have accurate contact information for you. By updating your customer contact information, you help us give you important information faster.

Even though we post outage information or a boil water advisory immediately on our website, the fastest way of reaching you may be by phone or text. We want to make sure you are aware when there may be disruptions to your water service or if a boil water advisory has been issued.

So, please update your contact information by providing a telephone number where we can most easily reach you. We do not sell or share our customers' contact information with any outside organizations. We only use your contact information to be in touch with customer service communications.

We're here for you!

Our customers are our number one priority, and we utilize our website to make you better informed. Take a look around the website, and if you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us.

Oldham County Water District

Contact us:

By phone: 502/222-1690

By email: ocwd@oldhamcountywater.com

In person: 2160 Spencer Court, LaGrange, KY 40031. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

Online: <http://www.oldhamcountywater.com/>



Conservation at home

Slow it down. Keep it on site.

Let's take a quick journey. . . When it rains, we use gutters to carry water away from our home and businesses, we use storm drains and culverts to carry water away from our streets, and we use streams to carry water away from our communities. The purpose of all of this diversion is to prevent and reduce flooding. Flood mitigation is an example of an ecosystem service. This term describes the benefits we receive from nature, and in this case streams.

When the quality of our streams declines, so do the benefits. We've been paying attention to this dynamic of stream quality and services for a long time, and there are clear indications that the benefits streams provide to our communities has declined. Most commonly we identify this when we notice loss of land, vertical streambanks, stream discoloration, and algae blooms.

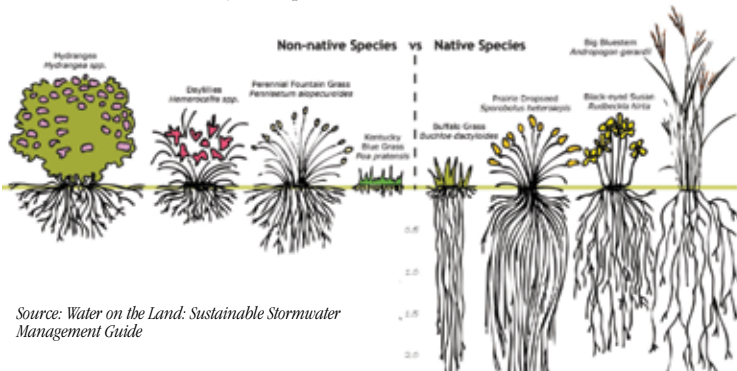
So what's happening? As we expand and develop, the addition of hard surfaces reduces the amount of land that rain can soak into. Additionally, streams in developed areas are often channelized or removed all together. Let's also not forget that when water flows across the land, it will pick up whatever it can along its path. Pollutants such as chemicals, fertilizers, road salt, oils, and animal waste really add up.

There are many steps we can take at home that will help to reduce the quantity and improve the quality of water going to streams. The goal is for precipitation to infiltrate into the ground as close as it can to where it fell. We make this happen by getting more roots in the ground, and native plants develop the best root systems. To reduce the amount of runoff leaving your property you can increase the height of your lawn, reduce the area of your lawn, plant site-specific native plants, install rain barrels, and/or plant a rain garden.

Simple actions to help reduce runoff right at home (Always call 811 before you dig!):

- Increase the height of your lawn
- Replace areas of lawn with site-specific native plants
- Add water loving trees, grasses, and flowers to drainage swales and steep areas
- Install a rain barrel and a rain garden
- If you live along a stream, creating a stream buffer is also an excellent solution.

We have two workshops this spring that will be packed with information, examples, and resources to get you started!



Source: *Water on the Land: Sustainable Stormwater Management Guide*

Without roots in the ground there is nothing to prevent soil from eroding. And when it comes to roots, nothing outcompetes native plants.

Upcoming Programs (Virtual):

At-Home Conservation Workshop with Rain Barrel Cost-Share

Saturday, April 17, 1-2:30 pm
\$5 for Currys Fork Watershed residents. Opportunity to purchase a rain barrel at a reduced cost. For more information and to register go to YewDellGardens.org

Rain Garden Workshop

Saturday, June 5, 1-2:30 pm
\$5 for Currys Fork Watershed residents. For more information and to register go to YewDellGardens.org

Onsite Wastewater (Septic) Education Workshop and Cost-Share

Monday, April 26 OR Wednesday, April 28, 6:30-8 pm

Our septic program is back! Join us for a 90-minute workshop to learn everything you need to know about maintaining your septic system. Cost-share will be limited to priority areas in the Currys Fork Watershed, but all are welcome to attend. Attendance at the workshop is required to be eligible for cost-share. Register at www.bit.ly/SepticWorkshop2021



Connect with us!

Friends of Currys Fork meets via Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This Local Watershed Group is a community-driven effort to clean up and protect the Currys Fork Watershed. All are welcome! Register at www.bit.ly/currysfork

Visit us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/CurrysForkWatershed

Now on YouTube!
Check out our new YouTube Channel for recordings of meetings and workshops, and educational content: www.bit.ly/CurrysForkYouTube

Currys Fork Watershed



For more information, please contact
Becca Trueman, 502/222-1476 or rtrueman@oldhamcountky.gov



John W. Black Aquatic Center (502) 225-0656

For our full pool brochure...visit www.oldhamcountyky.gov

Pool Opens Saturday, May 29 at 12 noon*

Pool hours

Monday-Wednesday Noon-7 pm
Friday & Saturday Noon-7 pm
Sunday 1-6 pm.

New! Thursday Noon-9 pm

**AQUATIC CENTER HOURS
WILL CHANGE AFTER OC
SCHOOLS ARE BACK IN
SESSION**

Admission cost

Ages 2 & under - Free
Ages 3-12 - \$5
Ages 13-59 - \$7
Ages 60 & up - \$4

Season Pool Passes

- Family Pass (4 family members) - \$325
- Family Pass (3 family members) - \$260
- Family Pass (2 adults) - \$195
- Individual Pass (ages 13 & up) - \$130
- Senior Pass (ages 60 & up) - \$110

**Oldham County residents
save \$10 on season pool
passes.**

Pool party rentals

The Aquatic Center may be rented for parties on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. For fees and available dates, call 225-0656.

Group rates

Civic, youth and non-profit groups of 15 or more receive a discounted rate of \$4 per person during regular pool hours. Reservations are required to receive group rates, so please call ahead.

Water fitness classes

A great workout in a relaxing, stress-free environment! Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:15 am. \$4 per class. ("Silver Sneakers" participants, just swipe your card at the Community Center.)

Swim lessons

We offer swim lessons on a variety of days and times for anyone ages 3 & up. Six classes cost \$60. Call us for registration information.

Swim team

The Oldham County "Piranhas" swim team is a member of the Louisville Swim Association. The season runs from late May through mid-July. E-mail: ocpswimming@yahoo.com to get involved.

Dog Party: Tuesday, September 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

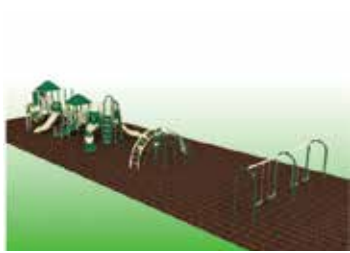
Bring your dog to the Oldham County Aquatic Center for a dip in the pool held on the last day of the Aquatic Center season from 6:30-8:30 pm. Only \$5 per pup, people are free! Immunization records from your veterinarian must be shown at entrance to gain access to the pool area.

*** All CDC guidelines will be followed.**



Visit Oldham County parks!

Briar Hill Park



Coming soon to Briar Hill Park — an exciting new playground, suitable for all ages!

Located at 7400 E. Orchard Grass Blvd. in Crestwood, Briar Hill Park covers 52 acres and includes a picnic shelter with restroom facilities, walking trails, tennis

and basketball courts, and sand volleyball courts.

In mid-May, installation will begin on new playground structures at Briar Hill Park, and a new pour-in-place rubber mulch surface, purchased with money from the Crumb Rubber/Tire-Derived Products Grant. Weather permitting, the new playground will be ready for families by July 1, 2021.

You may reserve the picnic shelter at Briar Hill Park, or other Oldham County Parks and Recreation shelters for \$40/day. Call 502/225-0655 to make a reservation.

Come to life in Oldham County, come to the parks!

Wendell Moore Park



Oldham County Parks and Recreation is proud to announce our newest picnic shelter, located at a beautiful site overlooking the lake at Wendell Moore Park, in Buckner.

Wendell Moore Park encompasses 107 acres, and features 3.25 miles of paved walking trails. The lake is primed for fishing from

the bank. The park also includes basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts, as well as softball fields and a concession area. We are most proud of our 18-hole disc golf course there, and the Elizabeth Cleland Cauley Dog Park. The John W. Black Center and the Aquatic Center are located at Wendell Moore Park, as well as the Oldham County Youth Football fields.

This newest picnic shelter joins two others at Wendell Moore Park. You may reserve these picnic shelters, or other Oldham County Parks and Recreation shelters for \$40/day. Call 502/225-0655 to make a reservation.

Programs and Events • 502/225-0655

For a full schedule of activities and to print out registration forms, visit www.oldhamcountyky.gov. To register online for a program visit <https://ocparks.recdesk.com/>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Archery Lessons

Lessons taught by certified archery instructor, Gary Parsons, will be offered for adults and children 8 and up. Classes will meet once a week for five weeks at a total cost of \$55. There is no equipment to purchase for class.

Ready, Set, Run! (Youth Running Program)

Ready, Set, Run! trains kids ages 8-13 to participate in a 5K. Begins the week of April 21 and meets twice a week for 12 weeks. \$65 fee includes entry into the Firecracker 5K (July 11th).

U.S.S.S.A. Softball Leagues

Men's & coed leagues. \$450 per team (includes USSSA sanction fee) includes a 10-game schedule plus a single-elimination tournament. League play begins the week of May 18.

Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons

For ages 6-14. Meet at the courts at Wendell Moore Park. Morning classes: Meet twice a week for three weeks for \$48; Evening classes: Meet once a week for 6 weeks for \$48. Sessions start in June. Limited space available.

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Old-Ham” Half Marathon

Saturday, June 19 Oldham County Parks and Recreation will host the first “Old-Ham” Half Marathon. Come out and take a 13.1 mile jaunt through beautiful Oldham County. Pre-registration required.

July 4th Freedom Celebration

Saturday, July 4th. Afternoon pool games, evening entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display over the lake at 10 pm!

Sprint Triathlon: August 28

USAT sanctioned! \$2,500 in cash prizes generously provided by Ironman! 400-meter pool swim, a 10-mile bike ride on a non-closed road course and a 3K run that includes firm surfaces and cross-country segments. Pre-registration required.



SPECIAL EVENTS, continued

Movies in the Park: June 11, June 25 & July 30

Free movie night in the park. Come out to Wendell Moore Park and enjoy a movie under the stars. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket or just lay in the grass and watch a movie on our 16' screen. Popcorn and sodas will be sold before and during the movie.

Rollin' on the River Food Truck Festival: October 2

Food trucks, live music, craft beer, and kids' activities on the bank of the Ohio River! Join us at scenic Schamback Park in Westport for our second annual Food Truck Festival on October 2 from 11 am-5 pm.

Oldham County Parks Run/Walks: July 10, October 17 & November 20

Upcoming run/walks featuring your Oldham County Parks. Challenge yourself in these vastly different terrains:

Firecracker 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, July 10 - Schamback Park - 8 am.

O CPR Skeleton 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, October 17 - Wendell Moore Park - 2 pm.

360° Chiropractic Turkey Trotter 5 Miler Run/4K Walk
Saturday, November 20 - Wendell Moore Park - 8 am.

Facility rentals: 502/225-0655

The John W. Black Community Center is available for rental for almost any type of event. This clean, elegant, and affordable facility will create a lasting memory of your next event!

We also offer picnic shelter rentals, \$40 per day, at Wendell Moore Park in Buckner, Peggy Baker Park in Crestwood, Schamback Park in Westport and Briar Hill Park in

Crestwood. This very economical option provides a great space for a wide variety of events.

Call Cathy at 502/225-0655 to book your event space today!

Additional information and registration forms available at www.oldhamcountky.gov or call us at 502/225-0655!

Oldham KY Tourism & Conventions

Oldham County Tourism reopens with chocolates, fairies and the Big Bloom

There is no place like home in spring and summer! Oldham attractions and events begin to reopen after a long winter and difficult year. Now is more important than ever to support those in our own backyards. You can feel safe in knowing that we will be practicing all mandated safety precautions as we begin to reopen to the public. Be sure to follow Tour Oldham County KY and Oldham Farm Tours on Facebook for all updates and #CraftBourbonHorsesKentucky on Instagram.

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens reopened in March with the kick-off of their annual Big Bloom (March-May). Yes, as if not big enough last year, an additional 17,000 tulip and

hyacinth bulbs were planted in the fall! And mark your calendar for their annual Plant Sale April 24 and NEW Fairy Days, Tues., May 25 – Sun., June 20. Enjoy fairy-related experiences for the whole family throughout the gardens.

Downtown La Grange Main Street has rescheduled their hugely popular Chocolate Crawl for Sat., April 17. The Oldham County History Center is offering two RARE Public Archaeology Digs in April & May, and their wildly popular Barnyard Fun! for the whole family restarts in May! May also brings with it the reopening of all 13 Oldham Farm Tours!

There are fun events in the works at The Maples and at 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens, so don't

miss out on Things to Do in Oldham by visiting our new website, TourOldhamKY.com. Stop by for a visit at our new office located at 204 S. First Avenue, La Grange or call Kim Buckler Hydes to schedule a visit at your place!



Hyacinths at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens

Oldham KY Tourism & Conventions



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Allowing underage alcohol use at your child's party is not just **BAD PARENTING . . .** **It's ILLEGAL!**

Oldham County has a **Social Host Ordinance***, prohibiting property owners or occupants from allowing youth under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on their property. The consequences: A fine of \$500-\$1000 and/or up to 60 days in the county jail.

**130.01 Persons under the age of 21 in possession or consuming alcoholic beverages.*

See Operation Parent's website for important drug and alcohol prevention webinars.



Oldham County Community Health Survey "We're all ears!"

Your opinion is important! If you are a resident of Oldham County and at least 18 years old, please take a few short minutes to complete this 20 question survey. Enter your phone number at the end of the survey for a chance to win one of many \$50 gift certificates. <http://reach.Oldham-County-Community-Health-Survey.alchemer.com/s3/>

Scan the QR Code to go directly to the Community Health Survey.



Virtual Programs

The library offers a wide range of virtual programs for all ages. Make sure to visit www.oldhampl.org/Events for a full list of the current programming schedule and to sign up!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING:



Storytimes, Toddlertimes, and Babytimes: These interactive and secure programs help keep children engaged and learning early literacy skills! Offered multiple times throughout the week, each program has activities and materials that can be done at home. Supplies are provided free! Once registered, you'll get instructions on how to pick up your materials at your local library.

Virtual Art Club: This online club is for children in grades K-5th. Explore your artistic side with drawing, painting, sculpting and more! All materials are provided free to registered participants by the library.

Science Saturday: If you are curious, love doing experiments, and like learning how things work, this program is for you! Science Saturday is a virtual program for families to do together. Grown-ups and kids work together using materials provided by the library to do science activities and then join an online group to share what they've learned.

Where the Wild Things Read: This new bookclub for kids in grades 1-5th features a different book each month, with activities and a virtual discussion group. Sign up online to see what the current book selection is and reserve your copy!

Monthly Kids' Clubs: Other virtual programs rotate monthly! You could join a cooking class, a Pokemon drawing class, a gardening class, or a STEAM program. Check out the calendar to see what's happening now!

TEEN PROGRAMMING:

More virtual teen programs coming soon! Make sure to check out www.oldhampl.org/Teen-Services to see developments, request books, and fill out surveys about programs you want to see.

ADULT PROGRAMMING:

Book Bingo: Play bingo from home with a virtual card and live book talks! Each month features a different genre of books. Learn about new things to read and win prizes. There are two opportunities to join the fun each month, a morning option and an evening option! Sign up for what fits your schedule online.

Flashlight Readers: This evening bookclub for adults features a range book selections of all genres. Sign up for your copy of the book and then join the virtual discussion online. Meets one Tuesday a month at 6:30 pm.

Breakfast Bookclub: A morning option for book lovers! Read a different book selection each month and then log on for discussion. Meets virtually one Thursday a month at 10:30 am.

Mystery Society: Are you a super sleuth? Love the mystery genre? This is the bookclub for you. Read a different mystery each month, join for discussion online, and then solve a puzzle based on the current book to figure out what next month's title is. Meets one Friday a month at 10 am.

Adult Writers' Group: Gather online with other writers to share your work, discuss resources and classes for writing, and encourage each other while you work on your art! This group meets virtually every other Saturday from 10-11 am. Email bethanym@oldhampl.org if you are interested in joining.

Dungeons & Bookworms: The library runs several virtual Role Playing Groups (TRPGs) for adults that meet a variety of times throughout the month. Current groups run Pathfinder and Dungeons & Dragons (5e). If you are interested in joining a group, email bethanym@oldhampl.org

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Oldham County Public Library

Library hours

The Library will be resuming full public hours of operation on April 5th!

Curbside services at Goshen and South Oldham are still available to anyone, and drive-thru is always

available at LaGrange. New hours are:

Monday-Thursday, 10-7 pm
Friday-Saturday, 10-5 pm

You can always check our current hours at www.oldhampl.org or by calling 502/222-9713.

Check out page 19 for a listing of our popular virtual programs for children and adults!

Coming soon: The 2021 Summer Reading Program

Watch your mail boxes for more information on the upcoming Summer Reading Program!

This year's theme is Tails and Tales. There will be programs and virtual events for all ages, babies through

New website

Earlier this fall, the Oldham County Public Library unveiled a new logo and new website. If you haven't yet visited the redesigned www.oldhampl.org make sure to try it out! Featured in the redesign is a new calendar and registration system to make it easier to find programs. You can also browse

the Library's digital databases and collections through the eResources tab. Follow Library news, find featured books, and even sign up for a card online through the new site! If you need assistance navigating any of the online services, feel free to contact us by phone or email at ask@oldhampl.org



adults. Special events and more news coming soon.

NEW! Laptop kits with mobile hotspots now available to check out for adults at the LaGrange Library. Visit the Library or call 502/222-9713 for more information.

Oldham County Public Library



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6720 W. Hwy 146, Crestwood, KY 40014
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12505 Harmony Landing Rd., Goshen, KY 40026

Want to stay in-touch with the Library and learn about all the new events, classes, and services offered each month? Sign up for one of our email newsletters and be the first to know! Choose which newsletter(s) you are interested in and sign up at www.oldhampl.org/Digital-Newsletters