

WHAT'S *Happening!*

in Boone County, Kentucky TM

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Summer 2019



HERE ARE SOME OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SCHEDULED IN BOONE COUNTY THIS YEAR:

- Longbranch Road Widening from the Cooper High School Campus to Camp Ernst Road — *Construction to begin late spring 2019*
- Veterans Way Construction from KY 18 to KY 237 (North Bend Road) — *Project scheduled to be completed this summer*
- Frogtown Road Sidewalk Project from US 42 to War Admiral Drive — *Construction scheduled to begin late summer 2019*
- Litton Lane Sidewalk Project from KY 237 (North Bend Road) to west end — *Construction scheduled to begin this summer*
- Burlington Commons — *Construction scheduled to begin this summer on new public space across from the Boone County Administration Building on KY 18*

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News from Success By 6[®]

After 17 years of a public/private partnership between local Boone County partners and United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Boone County Success By 6[®] has changed its course. As of March 1, 2019, Success By 6[®] initiative will continue to be led by United Way of Greater Cincinnati and will continue to serve Boone County; however, it will not operate as a separate effort or retain Boone County staff.

Background

Boone County Success By 6[®] was established in 2002 by a group of community leaders to improve child well-being within the County. After studying early childhood efforts nationwide, the original partners identified United Way's Success By 6[®] initiative as an outstanding model to emulate in Boone County, resulting in a unique public/private partnership that broadened investment in early childhood. The vision was to ensure all children are healthy, safe, nurtured and prepared to succeed in school.

Much progress occurred during the 17 years. Work to improve the quality of childcare in the community by supporting child care providers on their path to increase their quality ratings; investment in StoryWalks in our community parks; and wide-spread implementation of developmental screening in early childhood programs are examples of the impactful work of Boone County Success By 6[®]. We have much to celebrate!

Simultaneously, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati refined its Success By 6[®] initiative and as a result, the importance of early childhood has been elevated throughout the region and at the state level. This now



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includes the establishment of Community Early Childhood Councils, a statewide quality rating system for childcare, and a consistent, statewide measurement for kindergarten readiness.

The partnership in Boone County was very much viewed as a model for how local communities can work together on this issue.

Moving forward

Local partners will continue to invest in advancing the early childhood work in the County through the Boone County Early Childhood Fund. This fund will directly support organizations working with Boone

County children in ways that align with the 2017 Boone County Success By 6[®] Strategic Plan. With continued funding from many local organizations (see side-bar) the Fund Board will oversee an annual distribution of allocations to applicant organizations.

Annual allocations will total between \$75,000-\$100,000 for programs or capital expenses that support Boone County children ages 0-5.

Applications and further information will be available after July 1, 2019 at www.boonecountyky.org/departments/human_services.

For questions regarding Success By 6[®] efforts in Northern Kentucky, please contact Amanda Greenwell at 859/647-5522 or amanda.greenwell@uwgc.org.

For questions regarding the Boone County Early Childhood Fund, please contact Laura Pleiman at 859/334-3124 or lpleiman@boonecountyky.org.

GOALS OF BOONE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

- Increase the quality and availability of early education and care for children
- Provide a foundation for lifelong development rooted in behavioral and physical health
- Support parents and families in their roles as teachers, caregivers and supporters
- Provide training for teachers to increase their professional development
- Improve the effectiveness of services affecting young children and their families
- Expand, remodel or construct early learning facilities and classrooms necessary to support early learning opportunities

The Boone County Early Childhood Fund Board includes representation from:

1. Boone County Fiscal Court
2. Boone County Cooperative Extension Service
3. Boone County Local Board of Health
4. Boone County Planning and Zoning
5. Boone County Public Library
6. Boone County School District
7. City of Florence
8. Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission
9. St. Elizabeth Healthcare
10. United Way of Greater Cincinnati
11. Walton-Verona School District



We look forward to this new, targeted approach to support early childhood initiatives in our county. We welcome your questions, interest in becoming a partner organization and applicant for funding to help continue this critical work in our community.

Start the conversation about JUUL and electronic cigarettes

Over 1 in 3 high school seniors report using an electronic cigarette in the last 30 days. “Vaping” or “JUUL” products contain nicotine and are highly addictive, especially for teens. More than half of teens believe that electronic cigarettes are only moderately harmful.

What is the issue?

E-cigarette use poses significant health risks to young people. In addition to the possibility of addiction and harm to brain development and respiratory health, e-cigarette use increases the likelihood of use of regular cigarettes. Some evidence suggests that e-cigarette use is linked to alcohol and other substance use, including marijuana.

Why talk to your teens?

Start the conversation about e-cigarettes with your pre-teen and teen about e-cigarettes. Be clear that you don't approve of them smoking or using e-cigarettes. Use natural opportunities to talk about the dangers of e-cigarettes such as seeing someone use an e-cigarette in person or in a video or passing an e-cigarette shop when you are walking or driving.

How can you help your teen quit?

If your child is already smoking or using electronic cigarettes, help them to quit. Go to <https://truthinitiative.org> to find out more about an innovative program to help young people quit vaping. Find additional information about

e-cigarettes and young people <https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov>.

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A popular electronic cigarette called “JUUL” is small and looks like a thumb drive. It contains as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes.

NKY Health



Boone Co. Health Center

7505 Burlington Pike
Florence, KY 41042
phone: 859/363-2060

District Office

8001 Veterans Memorial Drive
Florence, KY 41042
phone: 859/341-4264

Talking to your teens about underage drinking

The science is clear about young people and alcohol — early alcohol use puts the developing brain at risk and significantly increases the risk of addiction. Parents are the number one influence when it comes to teens and alcohol, and can take the following actions to prevent underage drinking.

Make agreements with their teen:

- No drinking alcohol before age 21
- No socializing in places where teens are drinking
- No riding in a car with a driver who has had any amount of alcohol

Parents should also not support adult-supervised drinking by youth as this does not reduce alcohol use or misuse. In fact, kids whose parents allow them to drink at home drink more often and heavily outside the home. Parents adopting a zero-tolerance standard can reduce harmful alcohol use among their youth.

Anyone can report a suspected adult-supervised event under the Boone County's social host ordinance by calling the County's anonymous alcohol tip line at 859/261-1001.



Learn 10 facts about underage drinking

1. Alcohol is the number 1 youth drug problem in Kentucky (*KIP Survey, 2016; NIAA, 2012*).
2. The World Health Organization indicates alcohol is the world's largest risk factor for disease burden.
3. Death: On average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of approximately 4,300 youth in the United States per year (*CDC, 2013*).
4. Brain Development: Alcohol damages the developing brain, heart and liver (*NIH, 2013*).
5. Dependence: The younger teens drink the more likely they are to become alcohol dependent and drinking drivers (*NIH, 2013*).
6. Memory Loss: 1 in 6 12th graders have reported blacking out from drinking or drug use (*KIP Survey, 2016*).
7. Alcohol plays a role in homicide, suicide, unintended pregnancies, crime, violence, educational failure, and other problem behaviors; all of which are magnified by early onset of teen drinking (*PIRE, 2011*).
8. On average, every three minutes someone under the legal drinking age in the U.S. has to go to the emergency room because they drank underage (*SAMHSA, 2011*).
9. Most underage drinkers reported drinking in a private residence verses in a restaurant, bar, park, or vehicle (*SAMHSA, 2012*).
10. 40% of those who reported having started drinking before age 15 reported alcohol dependence at some point in their lives, a percentage that was 4x higher than that reported by those who started drinking at age 21 (*Grant and Dawson, 1997*).



Boone County Alliance



For more information on Boone County Alliance, please contact our coalition's coordinator at 859/341-4264, Ext. 2158 or by email to abigail.beausir@nkyhealth.org.

What's happening at the Extension Service

Tales and Tastes at the Boone County Farmers Market

Tuesdays, July 2, 9 & 16
10:30-11:15 am

1961 Burlington Pike, Burlington

Children, ages 3 to 5 will hear a story, taste a food, and engage in a physical activity at the Boone County Farmers Market. Adults must stay in the area during the program. Join the fun and explore all the farmers market has to offer!

Boone County Extension Homemakers Association

Looking to get involved and share your time and talents? Boone County Extension Homemakers Association may just be the group for you. From

making baby blankets to learning to crochet, cook or paint, more than 400 members learn new skills, develop and maintain life-long friendships, and share their skills and talents to make Boone County and Kentucky a better place to live. Give us a call or send an e-mail for additional information.

Hook and Cook

Friday, August 23
6-8:30 pm, AND
Saturday, August 24
8:30 am-4:30 pm

Boone County Cooperative Extension Enrichment Center, 1824 Patrick Drive, Burlington

Join representatives of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department as they teach you how to bait the hook, cast the line, and reel in the fish on

Friday evening. On Saturday, practice your newly learned skills at the lake catching the fish. A fish lunch is provided on Saturday as you discover different ways to cook the catch. A

Kentucky fishing license is required. Registration required by contacting Easton.Copley@ky.gov or calling 502/330-1411.

2019 BOONE COUNTY FARM TOUR
SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2019
10 AM TO 3 PM

This self-guided **FREE** tour of some of the county's finest working & historic farms will offer visitors a chance to learn more about agriculture in Boone County. Agriculture is a vital part of Boone County and there isn't a better way to learn about where your food and fiber is produced than to visit with local farmers and farmers market!

RAIN or SHINE

CELEBRATE AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!

Join us at the Farm Tour Celebration from 3 to 5pm after touring the farms! We will have FREE food, inflatable, live music, and vendors! This is located at the Farmer's Market.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:

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BOONE COUNTY KENTUCKY
BCCDKY Boone County Conservation District Kentucky
KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU



Nutrition is a SNAP

Nutrition Education Program Assistant Holly Watters (left) recently began working with the Extension Service in Boone County. Holly and Cathy Fellows (right) welcome partnerships with agencies and individuals that may benefit from their program at no cost to you. These ladies assist families and individuals who would like new and fun ideas for feeding their families healthy foods while saving time and money. Please call the Boone County Cooperative Extension Service for more information about this FREE program.

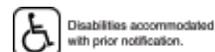
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Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

Conserving Boone County's great outdoors

Boone County is home to fertile soil, hardwood forests, flowing streams, and natural habitat for a variety of wildlife. At Boone County Conservation District (BCCDKY), we work to protect these resources for future generations. With one of the fastest growing economies in the state, BCCDKY works hand-in-hand with our county agencies and community partners to promote the protection and wise use of our natural resources for the benefit of all Boone County citizens.

Here's a look at some of BCCDKY's recent projects:

National Water Quality Initiative

The Gunpowder Creek Watershed, which is contained entirely within Boone County, was recently selected as one of four watersheds in the state for special funding through the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI). This initiative brought dedicated technical and financial support to landowners



Drone imagery of Gunpowder Creek in western Boone County

for erosion control, riparian buffers, and other natural resource needs. Within one year, the NWQI program conducted over 100 field visits, provided conservation planning for over 50 landowners, and enrolled nine landowners into the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) program. To read the final report of the NWQI project, visit bccdky.org/nwqi/.

Environmental monitoring

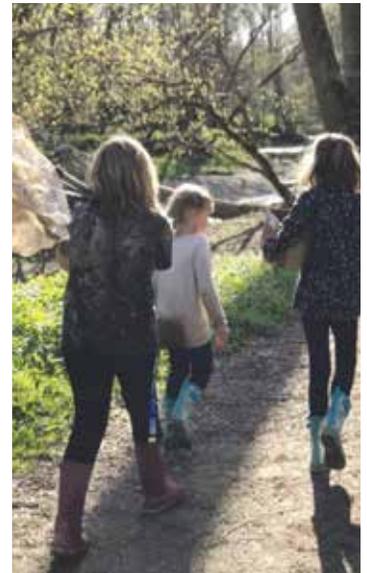
For many years, BCCDKY has partnered with local universities and research organizations to monitor the health of our forests, streams, and habitats. This summer, we will continue to measure streambank erosion, wildlife populations, and other impacts of development to our local watersheds. This research will be conducted with Thomas More University's Environmental Academy interns, as well as our very own Conservation Intern.



Summer interns collect aquatic insects for stream monitoring research

Summer youth adventures

BCCDKY is proud to offer TWO summer youth camps this summer! Conservation Kids Camp (ages 9-12), now in its fourth year, is sold out, but a new teen program (ages 13-15) is still accepting registrations. **L.E.A.F! Academy promotes leadership, exploration, and fun in Boone County's great outdoors.** Thanks to a partnership with the Boone County Parks Department, this program offers unique outdoor adventures such as snorkeling, fly fishing, orienteering, and more. To learn more about our summer youth adventures, visit bccdky.org/summer-youth-programs/.



Children hike the trails of Middle Creek Park in Burlington

Boone County Conservation District

859/586-7903
6028 Camp Ernst Road
Burlington, KY



SD1 and EPA agree to extension of Clean Water Act Consent Decree

The SD1 Board of Directors has approved an Amended Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, extending the deadline for Northern Kentucky's sewer overflow mitigation improvements to January 1, 2040.

In 2005, in order to comply with federal law under the Clean Water Act of 1972, SD1 entered into a legal agreement called a consent decree with the EPA and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

The goal of the original consent decree was to mitigate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) by the year 2025.

Work already completed toward that goal includes, among other things, construction of the Western Regional Water Reclamation Facility, which was designed to reduce overflows in Boone County.

Still, Northern Kentucky experiences over one billion gallons of CSOs and 115 million gallons of SSOs per year, and the amended

The Western Regional Water Reclamation Facility opened in 2012 and is SD1's second largest treatment plant. The facility can treat up to 20 million gallons of wastewater per day.



consent decree will provide SD1 about 15 additional years to make infrastructure improvements aimed at remediating these overflows under the Clean Water Act.

"Affordability has been a driving factor in our negotiations with the regulators," said SD1 Executive Director Adam Chaney. "The extension will allow us to spread infrastructure capital costs over a longer period, reducing the financial impact to our customers while ensuring progress on overflow mitigation."

The cost to clean up Northern Kentucky's sewer overflows has been estimated at \$1.3 billion, but the extension gives the District the flex-

ibility to take advantage of emerging technologies and innovative approaches to lower that cost.

The District is currently updating its long-term infrastructure plan to incorporate these new strategies. "The key is to continue to innovate and find efficiencies in our operating and capital plans," Chaney said.

He said the extension also provides SD1 an opportunity to think about the consent decree in a new way. "This is really a partnership with the EPA and the state of Kentucky," he said. "It gives us clear objectives and the flexibility we need to meet those objectives."

Chaney said that while meeting these goals will not be easy, SD1 can

now build a plan that is focused on accomplishing them in the most economical way possible.

The extension of the consent decree is only part of that, he said. Through the adoption of a continuous improvement business model, the District has been reducing its operating costs and is also exploring a rate restructure to address consumption decline and more closely align fees with SD1's cost of providing service.

While the amended consent decree will not become final until it is approved by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky — a process that is ongoing — Chaney said SD1 is optimistic that process will go smoothly.

"The 2040 extension is a big step forward for our region," he said. "Now we must work to engage all of Northern Kentucky in support of these important cleanup efforts to protect public health, property and the environment, while continuing to support the economic vitality of our community."

What to do with that leftover paint

You finally finished that big paint job and your house is looking great, but now what do you do with the leftover paint?

The simplest answer is to use the paint on another project or donate it to a neighbor or local organization.

If that's not an option, save it. It's great for touchups and other projects that might pop up later. Here are a few simple steps:

1. Make sure you get all of the excess latex paint from brushes, rollers and other tools back into the can. This not only avoids waste, but makes cleanup much easier.
2. If you're connected to SD1's sewer system, you can then clean brushes

and other tools in your sink. If you're connected to a septic system, you should not clean brushes in your sink — this is harmful to septic systems.

3. Cover the can with plastic wrap to create an additional seal before closing the lid.
4. Mark the body of the can (room it was used on, name and number of the paint) and store it in a cool, dry place off the ground.

If you can't reuse or donate the paint, you need to discard of it safely. Follow these simple steps to solidify paint for proper disposal:

1. Remove lids and leave cans in a well-ventilated area, away from children

and pets.

2. To speed the process, stir in an absorbent material (kitty litter, sawdust, shredded newspaper). It can take 2-5 days to dry.
3. Place cans with your regular trash. Leave the lids off so waste collectors can see that contents are completely dry and therefore acceptable.

Never dump leftover or unwanted paint on the ground or into a storm drain. Paint can pollute our groundwater and harm fish and other wildlife.



SD1



1045 Eaton Drive
Fort Wright, KY 41017
phone: 859/578-7450

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm
www.sd1.org

From the desk of Gary W. Moore, Boone County Judge/Executive

Strategic planning: Balanced growth, transparency, and effective communication



Gary W. Moore
Boone County Judge/Executive

BOONE COUNTY VISION STATEMENT

Develop a community that delivers the highest possible

quality of life for its residents through effective

leadership, a commitment to excellence, sustainability,

and in all affairs promotes integrity and transparency in

service to the public.

Earlier this year I led a strategic planning workshop that included our County Commissioners and our County senior staff. The goal of this workshop was to develop a plan that would address important areas of need that we identified for the County. Those areas are as follows: ensure that our infrastructure is aligned with the pace of our County's growth while preserving our natural resources; identify ways to increase the quality of life for our current residents and future residents; effectively communicate on all County activities to the public; and further increase our financial transparency to our citizens and taxpayers.

While preserving our natural resources is a critical goal, we also must promote balanced development. Planning and land use will continue to be balanced to ensure that our rural resources are protected while our transportation and infrastructure needs are aligned with

the pace of our growth. Although funding has already been awarded for a number of road projects, we continually seek for more transportation funding for projects throughout the County.

Meeting the needs of current and future County residents and employers by providing opportunities to improve health, safety, education, recreation, employment opportunities and a sense of place is our goal to increase the quality of life standard for the community. Currently we are designing a public plaza area in historic Burlington. This new space called "Burlington Commons" will be a public gathering area for all types of activities and County events.

In the area of transparency and communication, we have published the first "Annual Report to Citizens". Just as a private company would deliver an annual report to its shareholders, a local government should also be expected to report to

its citizens and taxpayers regarding events and activities of the preceding year. Our elected body and organization is committed to transparency and accountability as we deliver services, administer programs, and endeavor to move our county forward. The Annual Report is now on the front page of our county website at BooneCountyKY.org. Good strate-

gic planning will lead to balanced growth, transparency, and effective communication.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Moore
Boone County Judge/Executive

Boone County Fiscal Court

Boone County Fiscal Court

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Check out “What’s Happening” in 2019!



Movie Nights

Movies will begin at dusk. Pre-show fun begins at 7 pm with our bounce house and slide!

June 7 “Spy Kids” (Lincoln Woods)

June 14 “Ant-Man and the Wasp” (Boone Woods Park)

June 15 “Surf’s Up” (Florence Aquatic Center)

June 21 “Small Foot” (Boone Woods)

June 29 “Avengers: Infinity War” (Walton Park)

July 5 “Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation” (Boone Woods)

July 12 “Incredibles 2” (Boone Woods)

July 19 “Wonder” (Boone Woods)

July 20 “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” (Walton Park)

July 26 “Mary Poppins Returns” (Boone Woods)

August 2 “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” (Boone Woods)

August 9 “The Grinch” (Boone Woods)

Boone County Parks offers programs, classes and events for all ages! Visit our website at www.boonecountyky.org/parks for all of our upcoming events and to register online!

“Like” us on Facebook at Boone County Parks!



Family Fun Nights

Boone County Parks and the Boone County Public Library are excited to announce the 2019 Family Fun Nights!

Thursday, June 20

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Presented by Madcap Puppets

7 pm at the Boone Woods Park Creekside Stage

Travel down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Toto, and their best friends — Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, and Tin Man. Madcap brings this epic adventure to life with breathtaking puppets in this enchanting, family-friendly classic.

Thursday, July 25

The Great Space Caper

Presented by Madcap Puppets

7 pm at the Boone Woods Park Creekside Stage

Famous space explorer, Buzby, crash lands his spaceship on a strange planet and forms an unlikely friendship with a stranded alien named Galax. Together, they uncover the mysteries of our universe as they search for a new planet that the funny little creature can call home.

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIRS AND BLANKETS!

Rain site for concerts, Family Fun Nights, and Shakespeare in the Park will be at the Boone County Public Library Main Branch on Rt. 18 in Burlington unless otherwise stated. Rain-out Hotline: 859/334-2283



Summer Concerts

Join us for indoor and outdoor concerts this summer!

Boone County Parks and the Boone County Public Library are excited to announce the 2019 Summer Concert Series.

Creekside Stage, Boone Woods Park 7-8:30 pm

June 8 Swingtime

June 15 Fillmore Brass Band

June 22 Bacchanal Steel Band

June 29 London Street

July 20 Matt Snow “The Cincinnati Sinatra” & The Casino Players Orchestra

July 27 Blue Chip City Big Band

Aug 3 Florence Community Band

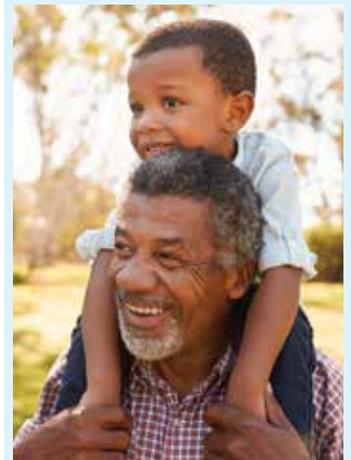
Boone County Library

June 9, 2 pm P’s in a Pod (Florence Branch)

June 14, 7 pm The Twiggenburys (Main Library)

July 14, 2 pm Boutique (Scheben Branch)

Aug. 16, 7 pm Fleetwood Dreams (Hebron Branch)



Enjoy golf in Boone County!

New Clubhouse scheduled to open June 1!



**18 Holes with
Cart**

\$42



Bring *What's Happening!*
for Discount
Expires 12-1-19
Valid for foursome

**Boone Links
859/371-7550**

19 Clubhouse Dr. • Florence Ky. 41042

Book online: www.boonecountygolf.com



**#1 public course in Kentucky —
2019, 2017, 2016**



**18 Holes with
Cart**

\$47



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for Discount
Expires 12-1-19
Valid for foursome

**LASSING POINTE
859/384-2266**

2266 Double Eagle Dr. • Union Ky. 41091

Book online: www.boonecountygolf.com

Petfest

June 30 • 11 am-4 pm

Petfest is an annual outdoor festival put on by Friends of the Shelter (FOTS) to raise awareness about animal lifesaving activities in the Northern Kentucky region, connect attendees with local businesses and nonprofit groups, as well as generate funds for all of FOTS programming for the year. Join them in their mission of saving shelter animals by attending this outdoor, family-friendly event with vendors, area rescues and shelters, a silent auction and much more. One hundred percent of the proceeds from Petfest are used to support FOTS in its lifesaving mission.

Friends of the Shelter is a local 501 (c) (3) that focuses its efforts on assisting the shelters of Boone, Campbell, Kenton, Grant, Gallatin and Pendleton counties. Through securing grants and hosting fundraisers, FOTS subsidizes low-cost spay/neuter services for the residents of those counties, thus reducing the strain on our county shelters by preventing animals from entering the shelter system.



It's Summer Reading Y'all! June 1 - July 31

Kick off Summer Reading at the Main Library, Scheben Branch, Florence Branch and Walton Branch on Saturday, June 1 from 1-3 pm with games, interactive inflatables and community helpers and their trucks!

Boone County has reading programs for all ages, from birth to adult. Register for Summer Reading and read for fun and prizes in June and July! Registration and logging for everyone begins June 1. Register at www.bcpl.org to participate online. For those who prefer paper, family reading logs for kids and reading tickets for adults will be available at all Boone County Public Library locations beginning June 1.

Boone County Summer Reading is a collaboration between Boone County Public Library and Boone County Schools. We have found that by combining our resources and creating a shared vision, we can better serve the literacy needs of our community and more effectively implement the Summer Reading program.

Preschool Program (birth to four years)

- Complete 10 activities to earn a book.
- Complete 20 activities to earn a sensory ball.
- For every 10 activities completed, you will earn a ticket for

a chance to win a grand prize experience such as a ride on a fire truck, dance lessons, a family hayride and more.

Youth Program (Kindergarten to 12th Grade)

- Read 300 minutes (5 hours) to earn a book of your choice.
- Read 600 minutes (10 hours) to earn coupons from local businesses and 10 Library Bucks*.
- For every 300 minutes you read, you will earn a ticket for a chance to win a grand prize experience such as yoga or karate classes, a ride on a firetruck, free pizza for a year, a YMCA family pass and more.

Adult Program

- Everything you read, watch, or listen to earns one Library Buck,* one entry into weekly drawings for \$25 Kroger gift cards, and a chance to win a grand prize experience such as Kings Island tickets, a Riverbend Music Center gift certificate,

Cincinnati Zoo membership, and more!

**Library Bucks can be used at Library book sales and to pay fines.*

June 1 - July 31



Boone County Public Library

Six locations to serve you!
One phone number:
859/342-BOOK (2665)



Aquatic Center opens May 25



The Florence Aquatic Center is much more than just an average swimming pool!

When summer arrives the Florence Family Aquatic Center is the place to be. Located on four acres on the Florence Government Center campus at 8200 Ewing Blvd., it is more than just an average swimming pool. There is a lazy river, 25- meter competition pool, two spray ground areas, spiral and speed slides and zero depth pool with shade shelters, lockers, sunbathing deck, giant funbrellas, concession stand and family restrooms. Hours are 11 am-7 pm daily. Admission is available through the purchase of a season membership or daily admission.

Special programs

Join us as we celebrate the holidays at the aquatic center with

music, games and entertainment.

- Memorial Day: May 27
- Movie Night: June 15
- Independence Day Celebration: July 3
- Christmas in July: July 25
- End of Season Splash: Aug. 11

Shelter and Concessions

Two shelters are available at a cost of \$16 for two hours or \$27 for four hours. Party packages are available. Birthday cakes are permitted. Call 859/647-4620 or check out the menu at www.florence-ky.gov. NO COOLERS ALLOWED and NO REFUNDS PROVIDED.

Florence parks offer limitless fun!

Florence/Boone County Skate Park Ewing Blvd at KY 18.

22,000-square-foot park is designed for in-line skates, roller blades and skateboards. Helmets and pads are recommended.

Florence Nature Park Off Banklick St, turn left into Florence Nature Park

This 15.64-acre park features large granite animals, 2,800 linear feet of paved walking trails and the Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House, now available to rent.

Lincoln Woods Park City Park Dr.

This 15-acre park features two tennis courts, a basketball court, a rubber-surface playground, two clay

infield ball fields, a picnic shelter, grills, restrooms, drinking fountain, wooded area and dirt trails.

Orleans Park Off St. Louis Blvd in Orleans North

11-acre year-round park with a sled hill, playground, bridge, shelter, basketball court, paved walking trail, tennis court, sand volleyball court, restroom, grill, drinking fountain, and open space.

South Fork Park On South Fork Park Dr.

42-acre park featuring an earthen sculpture play area, nautical-themed playground with two age-appropriate play structures, swing set, sand volleyball court, basketball court, 9-hole disc golf course,



pedestrian bridge, 2,720 linear feet of bike path, natural wooded and meadow areas, shelter, grill, drinking fountain and parking lot.

Stringtown Park On KY-18 off Burlington Pike

Eight-acre park featuring two play structures, exercise stations, basketball court, sand volleyball court, cornhole sets (bring your own bags), shelter, grill, seat wall, paved walking trail, benches, restroom, drinking fountains, open green space and parking lot.

Florence Community Plaza Mall Rd.

This park is dedicated to those who serve and protect our city and serves as a gathering spot for our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Niblack Memorial Park

Niblack Memorial Dr.
The Florence Senior Activity Center is located on the 4.5-acre neighborhood park, which also features a walking trail.

City of Florence

Community Programs and Events



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PROGRAM

Monday, May 27

The City of Florence memorializes and decorates American service personnel who fought to defend our country in past and present wars with a parade and program. The parade begins at 10 am at Boone County High School and ends at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located on the campus of the Florence Government Center. No political campaigning allowed in the parade. Parade registration forms are available at the Florence Government Center or on the City's website at www.florence-ky.gov. We encourage floats in the parade so be creative to win an award for the "Most Patriotic Float" and incentives for groups riding with bikes, promoting Bike Month. The memorial service begins at 11 am at the Boone County Veteran's Memorial with a tribute to our military personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. For more information call 859/647-5439.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friday, June 7

Looking for a family event before the weekend begins? Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Lincoln Woods Park located on City Park Drive, Florence, KY, for an evening at the movies. This event is a great way for families to become aware of and enjoy our recreational facilities, experience nature and view a great movie. The activities begin at 7 pm with the movie beginning at 9:15 pm and concessions are sold. For inquiries call Florence Parks, Recreation & Events at 859/647-5439.

CSI CAMP

June 10-14 – Location TBD

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual CSI camp during the week of June 10-14. This popular camp features hands-on training in the art of crime scene analysis and collection. Open to youths age 12-14, letters of interest accompanied by a teacher recommendation must be submitted. More information and applications are available online at www.florence-ky.gov.

SAFE SITTER (BABYSITTER) CLASS

Friday, June 14

Here's an opportunity for teens ages 11 to 15 to develop leadership skills, work with younger children and care for infants as well as earn spending money. The Safe Sitter curriculum, a 6-hour class, teaches infant rescue breathing and choking, child care essentials, behavior management and babysitting as a business. Students will not become certified in first aid or CPR after completing this course but will be better prepared as a Safe Sitter. Fee is \$40 per student and students receive

a course completion card, Safe Sitter bag, flashlight, note pad and band-aid dispenser and snacks. Students must bring a sack lunch and drink. Class is held at the Florence Government Center from 9 am until 3:30 pm on Friday, June 14. Call 859/647-5439 for details. Download the registration form from the City's web page at www.florence-ky.gov and return to 859/647-5438 or Florence Government Center at 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41042.

TENNIS CLINICS

**- Summer Session II,
6 weeks: July 7 - August 24**

**- Fall Session, 6 weeks:
August 25 - October 12**

Learn basic tennis skills or improve your game with the help of certified USTPA instructor Tom Kolenich @ ATKBTENNIS@gmail.com or 724/988-9454. Clinics occur at Lincoln Woods Park and are available for:

- **Future Aces, ages 5-7:**
4-4:30 pm
- **Junior Rookies, ages 8-10:** 4:30-5:30 pm
- **Junior Tour Stars, ages 11-15:** 5:30-6:30 pm

Youth clinics are offered Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

- **Adults ages 16 & up:**
6:30-8 pm
 - Monday: Intermediate
 - Wednesday: Cardio Singles,
 - Thursday: High School
 - Friday: Intro

Registration forms will be sent through the schools and copies available in the lobby of the Florence Government Center or on the City's web page at www.florence-ky.gov. Register for clinics directly through tennis professional.

Community Programs and Events

POOCH FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 14

Bring your four-legged best friend for a day of competition, fun and social interaction to the City's 17th annual Pooch Fest. The event takes place at the Florence Senior Activity Center with registration at 10 am and the competition at 10:30 am. Activities include an obstacle course, tricks, owner look-a-like, Best in Parade and Best in Show with treats and prizes for all. Businesses can rent space for \$15 and share information on pet-related nutrition, health, grooming, fitness, obedi-

ence, boarding, etc. Registration fee is \$5 per dog. Volunteers welcome to assist. Call 859/647-5439 for details.

Canine requirements:

- Current licenses
- Owner must provide pooper scoopers
- Be in good health
- Kept on a leash

ARBOR DAY

Saturday, September 21

Join us as the City of Florence celebrates Arbor Day 2019 at the Orleans Park, 8400 St. Louis Blvd.,

Florence, KY. The activities begin at 10 am and continue until 12 pm with lunch provided for participants. The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and reading of the City's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree planting activities.

In October of last year, The National Arbor Day Foundation recognized the City of Florence as a "Tree City USA" for the 27th consecutive year. The City met the four requirements for this distinction:

1. Established a tree board

2. Developed a tree care ordinance
3. Organized a comprehensive community forestry program
4. Implemented an Arbor Day observance.

This event is open to the public so friends, family and neighborhoods are all welcome to attend. Great Community Service Opportunity! For additional information, contact the City of Florence Public Services Department at 859/647-5416.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 3

Join us as we celebrate the nation's birthday beginning at 4 pm at the U.C. Health Stadium (home to Florence Freedom) with rides, food booths, Kid's Zone, Cruise-In, musical entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display at 10 pm. Overflow parking is available at the Florence Government Center with bus shuttles available to and from the U.C. Health Stadium during the event (4 - 11:30 pm). For information on food booth rentals or sponsorship opportunities call 859/ 647-5439 or download forms from www.florence-ky.gov. Rain date is Thursday, July 4th from 7-11 pm.



Region's first high school athlete injury-prevention program

The Orthopaedic Institute at St. Elizabeth, a partnership between St. Elizabeth Healthcare, St. Elizabeth Physicians and OrthoCincy Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, launched an injury prevention program, the region's first data driven database of injuries sustained by high school student athletes that can be broken down by school, team, sport and gender. The data collected will help athletic trainers develop programs to stop similar injuries before they happen.

As injuries occur, athletic trainers — provided at no cost by St. Elizabeth and stationed at 23 participating high schools throughout Campbell, Kenton, Grant and Boone County — input the applicable data into the prevention program. At the

end of each sports season, they will analyze the data to identify trends and determine causes of injuries. This will inform the program that they prepare for coaches and other school athletic personnel to prevent similar injuries from occurring in future seasons.

“By doing extensive data analyses now, we are improving outcomes and preventing injuries for our student athletes in the near future,” said Dr. Michael Miller, Medical Director, of St. Elizabeth Sports Medicine. “Our athletic trainers are an extension of St. Elizabeth; by being ‘right here’ in the schools, they are helping to keep our young athletes out of the hospital and in the game.”

“Our injury prevention program is an example of organizations

partnering together to build a healthy community by providing the highest quality of care at the most personalized level for our student athletes,” said Dr. Adam V. Metzler, orthopaedic surgeon, from OrthoCincy Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine. “Real, localized data is invaluable to creating programs that work — and that's exactly what we have at our fingertips.”

The student athlete injury data will only be accessible to medical personnel affiliated with the Orthopaedic Institute.

St. Elizabeth and OrthoCincy introduced their injury prevention program to the athletic trainer programs at Ryle High School and Highlands High School a couple of years ago. The results — Ryle

football experienced a significant decrease in surgeries, and Highlands experienced a dramatic decrease in ankle sprains — inspired the expansion of the data collection program to the other 21 high schools. Currently, St. Elizabeth's athletic trainers are analyzing 2018-19 fall sports data.

“You can't play a game without a solid offense and defense, but the health and safety of our athletes requires being on the offense at all times, and that's exactly what this program did for us,” said Jim Demler, Athletic Director at Ryle High School. “We look forward to continuing to work with St. Elizabeth's athletic trainers in future seasons to ensure our athletes receive the highest quality of care possible.”

Bariatric surgery program achieves three-year re-accreditation

St. Elizabeth Physicians Weight Management Center Surgical Program has achieved three-year re-accreditation as a comprehensive center under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®). Surveyors were highly complimentary of the program based at St. Elizabeth Florence, noting impressive strengths:

- A strong, multidisciplinary Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Committee with a collaborative process.
- Dietary and psychological program components highly regarded and empowered.

- Good direction and utilization of consulting physicians.
- Impressive leadership from Medical Director Ryan Moon, MD.

Kentucky ranks eighth worst in the nation for obesity, which is a contributing factor for significant health issues including heart disease, diabetes and cancer. In Kentucky, more than one-third of the population is considered medically obese.

Weight loss surgery has demonstrated specific medical benefits for patients beyond just weight loss. Patients at St. Elizabeth show

significant improvements in health measures based on data collected from patients after surgery over a seven-year period:

- 62.9% of patients with type-2 diabetes were off medication.
- 49.4% of patients with high blood pressure were off medication.
- 38.9% of patients with high cholesterol were off medication.
- 58.3% of patients with sleep apnea no longer required treatment.
- 15.2% of patients with GERD had symptom resolution and were off medication.

For more information about the Surgical Weight Loss program at the St. Elizabeth Physicians Weight Management Center, visit stedocs.com/weightmanagement, or call 859/212-GOAL (4625).



Primary Stroke Center re-certification

St. Elizabeth Florence, Ft. Thomas and Edgewood have all earned advanced primary stroke center re-certification by The Joint Commission. Offered in collaboration with the American Stroke Association, this distinction showcases exceptional efforts to provide high-level stroke care and manage critical elements to improve patient outcomes.

This designation was earned after an on-site review was conducted

at each location. St. Elizabeth has demonstrated that its stroke care programs follow national standards and guidelines that may significantly improve outcomes for patients.

“This is an impressive achievement for St. Elizabeth as it speaks to our focus of quality care and the excellent stroke services we provide,” says Gary Blank, St. Elizabeth Healthcare Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer. “Strokes are the fifth leading cause of death

in both Kentucky and the United States overall, and this is a condition that does not discriminate. It can happen to anyone at any time.”

Advanced primary stroke center re-certification means that St. Elizabeth provides a consistent approach to patient care, which helps reduce the risk of error, strengthens an environment of continuous improvement, and leads to fewer deaths by stroke.

Among several stroke risk factors that people can help control include eat a healthy diet, exercise, don't smoke, and don't drink alcohol in excess. In addition, everyone should be aware of the stroke warning signs and symptoms and share the information with family and friends:

- F—face drooping
- A—arm weakness
- S—speech difficulty
- T—time to call 911



Sports equipment donated to area schools

St. Elizabeth and the Reds Community Fund distributed \$22,500 worth of baseball and softball equipment through Pitch in for Baseball to 11 Northern Kentucky high schools: Bellevue, Boone County, Campbell County, Dayton, Dixie Heights, Grant County, Covington Holmes, Ludlow, Newport, Scott and Simon Kenton. The program is designed to provide new equipment to help baseball and softball programs at these schools.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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238 Barnes Rd.
Williamstown, KY 41097
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Spring has sprung and so has baseball season

Let TANK get you there!

Save money for what's important: hotdogs, frosty malts, pretzels, cold drinks... and let TANK get you to the ballgame!

For only \$1.00, the Southbank Shuttle will drop you off in front of the Freedom Center or, if you choose, just over the Taylor Southgate Bridge

on Pete Rose Way. That's closer than just about any parking we know!

To get there, you can climb aboard the Southbank Shuttle at any of its regular stops along 3rd St./RiverCenter in Covington or in Newport along 3rd St. and Fairfield Avenue, between Newport on the Le-

vee and Riviera at the Port of Entry. TANK offers free parking under the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge in Covington at the Southbank Shuttle stop located at 3rd St., near Bakewell. And you won't be waiting long because Southbank Shuttles come every 15 minutes and TANK adds extra buses

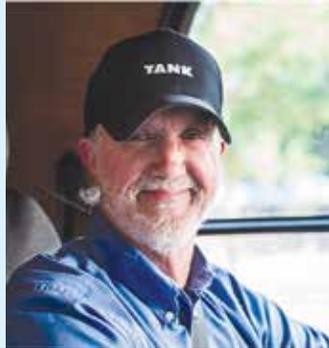
on game day to ensure you won't miss a single pitch!

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#22X	Richwood/ Walton Express	#39X	Petersburg Rd/ South Hebron Express
#28X	Empire Dr./ Industrial Rd Express	#40X	Worldwide Blvd/ North Hebron Express
		#42X	Florence Hub Express

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Boone County Summer Monthly Clean-ups

Monthly Clean-ups are one day, one location, where you can drop off:

- Unwanted appliances
- Furniture
- Trash
- Up to four tires
- Other junk material
- **PLEASE NOTE: Hazardous materials, liquids, paint, boats, dirt and concrete will NOT be accepted.**
- We also include paper shredding on these clean-up days.

Where and when

Monthly Clean-ups are located at the Boone County Public Works Dept., 3275 Maplewood, Burlington. This summer's Monthly Clean-ups are scheduled for 8 am-2 pm on:

- May 18
- June 29
- July 27
- August 24
- September 28

Monthly Clean-ups are for Boone County residents only.

2019 Summer Thinking

Hot fun in the summertime (but NO BURNING please!)

State burn bans start May 1. Keeping in mind the dry weather and the protection of our ozone, state law requires us to be cognizant of the restrictions on burning in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties.

During the months of May, June, July, August and September, the only open burning activities allowed are fires set for the following purposes:

- 1) Cooking of food for human consumption
- 2) Prevention of a fire hazard
- 3) Bona fide instruction & training of public and industrial employees in the methods of fighting fires
- 4) Recognized agricultural, silvicultural, range and wildlife management practices
- 5) Recreational or ceremonial purposes
- 6) Spill management (must have prior permission from the

KY Dept. for Environmental Protection)

Upcoming events

River-Sweep June 16, 8:30 am



Volunteer to help us clean our local riverbanks at five locations: Rabbit

Hash, Belleview, Petersburg, Conrad-Giles Park, and Boone's Landing. Join us for fun, free lunch & t-shirt while showing your Boone County pride!

Please call Marcia Vanover 334-3151 or Mike Wilson 334-3629 to volunteer.

Boone County Fair August 5-10

Enjoy games, give-a-ways and a lot of useful information about recycling and litter issues. Come say hi to us!!

Recycling news

Check out our recycling information, videos and news @ www.bigbluebin.com.



You can make a difference!

Use less styrofoam. Consider what you can do to use less styrofoam on a daily basis. Styrofoam may be inexpensive to you, but it is costing our environment a great deal. Styrofoam is taking up 30% of our landfills. That is waste that will never break down. Join us as we make the choice to "Use Less of the Useless."

Switch to reusable bags. Join the effort that is being made to

eliminate the BILLIONS of plastic bags that are discarded in America each year.

Watch out for Trash for Cash teams out cleaning up the roadside! We've got teams that will be out helping make Boone County a more beautiful place to live. Please be mindful of them when you see them on the roadside!

Boone County Solid Waste Management

Boone County Public Works Division of Solid Waste Management

- **Mike Wilson**, Solid Waste Services Supervisor
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- **Greg Middendorf**, Solid Waste Crew & Truck Driver

Updates for upcoming cleanup events, litter issues, burn bans, recycling information, and much more can be found on:

- Public Access TV- Channel 15
- www.bigbluebin.com

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Boone County Fiscal Court

Boone County Arboretum —

New signage for Greater Cincinnati's only Level IV Accredited Arboretum

Boone County Arboretum is pleased to announce the installation of two large tourism attraction signs at the Hebron exit (exit 8). This was an involved process with letters of support from Boone County, City of Union, and City of Florence. Funding for the \$35,000 project was provided by Friends of Boone County Arboretum through their 2017 Growing Forward Campaign. The Arboretum's growth over the years highlights it as a fantastic community asset, destination for tourism, and a living museum for our community's enjoyment. The Arboretum is Greater Cincinnati's only Level IV Accredited Arboretum, and one of only two in Kentucky.

