

WHAT'S Happening!

in Kenton County, Kentucky TM

Spring/Summer 2009

Water District Wins National Award for Excellence *NKWD Named One of Top Public Drinking Water Systems in Nation*

The national Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) has recognized Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) with its prestigious 2008 Platinum Award. It is AMWA's top utility management award. NKWD is among 11 systems around the nation that have been singled out for utility excellence. This award recognizes water utilities for outstanding achievement in implementing the nationally recognized *Attributes of Effectively Managed Utilities*.

NKWD was selected based on its many programs that have turned the District into an effective, cost-reducing and quality-improving utility. Examples of improvements that have been implemented are a new water main relining and rehabilitation program that has greatly reduced complaints of discolored water, a continuously improving safety record due to increased safety training and in-house training, and a reduction of water treatment and energy costs that resulted from the staff's ideas.



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Ron Lovan
NKWD President and CEO

From Left to Right: Brian Ramaley, AMWA President; Joan Verax, NKWD Staff Member; Ron Lovan, NKWD President and CEO

"We are proud to accept this great honor and to receive the recognition for the hard work and innovation of our entire staff," said Ron Lovan, NKWD President and C.E.O. "NKWD is committed to providing a safe, clean and sufficient water supply through a reliable system at a reasonable cost to meet the needs of our current and future customers."

"AMWA's 2008 award winning water agencies are industry pace-setters, systems where management vision and employee commitment create sustainable utilities providing ample supplies of clean, safe water for their communities," said AMWA President Brian Ramaley, Director of Newport News Water Works. "These systems have implemented a full range of successful initiatives that address all of the industry-recognized attributes of effectively managed utilities."

A blue-ribbon panel of water and wastewater utility executives commissioned by the US EPA, AMWA and other water industry associations developed the *Attributes of Effectively Managed Utilities*. The attributes they identified include: product quality, customer satisfaction, employees and leadership development, operational optimization, financial viability, infrastructure stability, operational resiliency, community sustainability, water resource adequacy, and stakeholder understanding and support.

Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) serves approximately 80,000 customer accounts, or approximately 300,000 people in Campbell and Kenton Counties, portions of Boone, Grant and Pendleton Counties, and the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport. You can learn more about NKWD at www.nkywater.org.

AMWA is the organization for the nation's largest publicly owned drinking water utilities. Its members provide safe and clean drinking water to more than 130 million Americans. More information is online at www.amwa.net.

NKWD to Implement Automated Meter Reading

An Efficient Way of Collecting and Managing Meter Reading Data

The Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) announced today it plans to install an automated water meter reading system (AMR) for its customers. The new technology is an upgrade from the existing meter reading system because it will allow NKWD to gather usage information much more quickly and efficiently.

Over the next year, crews from NKWD and from our contractor, National Metering Service (NMS),

will be working in neighborhoods across Kenton and Campbell Counties to convert existing water meter equipment. Residents may notice these crews at homes and businesses performing installation of the new radio frequency devices that will allow NKWD employees to gather data by simply driving down the street. NKWD will send individual notices to customers when crews will be in their area.

For the safety and security of all NKWD customers, any installer or technician authorized by NKWD and NMS to perform this meter work will carry an official NKWD photo ID card.

“We are thrilled to be able to provide this modern, new upgrade to our customers,” said Mark Lofland, Vice President of Account Services and Billing for NKWD. “The new meter technology allows for a more cost

effective way to gather meter reads and will help us provide even better service to each of our customers.”

There is no charge to customers for the updated meter equipment and installation is generally completed within minutes. Anyone in the NKWD service area with any questions or who requires additional information should call NKWD at 859/578-9898.

Kenton County Upcoming Projects

- **West Pike Street – Covington** – Water Main Replacement from Lewis to Montague. Construction winter of 2009.
- **Brookwood Drive – Edgewood** – Water Main Replacement from Dudley to Brookwood Circle. Construction spring of 2009.
- **Caldwell, Elken and Maple – Elsmere** – Water Main Replacement – entire street. Construction winter of 2009.
- **Vidot, St. Agnes Circle – Ft. Wright** – Water Main Replacement - entire street. Construction summer of 2009.
- **Van Deren, Yancy, Holiday, Elizabeth – Lakeside Park** – Water Main Replacement – entire street. Construction spring of 2009.
- **Rosemont and Hilltop – Park Hills - Entire Street** – Construction spring 2009.
- **Nordman – Crescent Springs** – Water Main Replacement – entire street. Construction summer of 2009.
- **Overlook – Crescent Springs** – Water Main Replacement from Western Reserve to #729. Construction summer of 2009.
- **Piner Water Fill Station** – Water fill station to be operational in late December of 2009.
- **7th Street – Covington** – Water Main replacement from Greenup Street to Sanford Street. Construction winter of 2009.
- **8th Street – Covington** – Water Main Replacement from Madison to Garrard Street. Construction winter of 2009.
- **9th Street – Covington** – Water Main Replacement from Madison to Prospect Street. Construction winter of 2009.
- **10th Street – Covington** – Water Main Replacement from Greenup to Prospect Street. Construction winter of 2009.

Northern Kentucky Water District

Billing Questions:
859/578-9898

Public Service Commission Hotline:
1-800-772-4636

After Hours/Emergency Shut-off:
513/244-9016

Speaker Requests:
859/578-9898 (ext. 2047)

Bottled Water Requests:
**859/578-9898 (ext. 2109) or
email bottledwater@nkywater.org**

U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline:
1-800-426-4791



The Board of Commissioners' meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at 1 pm, 2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger, KY 41018

www.nkywater.org



New TANK Bus Stop Signs

In 2006, TANK was awarded a CMAQ grant that would allow for system-wide Passenger Information Improvements. The project's first phase includes the installation of new bus stop signs at each of the 1,600 bus stops in Northern Kentucky and downtown Cincinnati. The new signs have detailed information

about the TANK service available at any given stop in the system.

Signs were also made for some of our specialized routes (such as the Airporter and Southbank Shuttle) to help set these routes apart and make these stops easier for passengers to identify. This phase of the Passenger Information Improvements will

be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2009.

Providing the public — both current and future riders — with accurate and up-to-date system information will increase the ease of use and accessibility of the TANK system and, therefore, increase ridership.

TANK Customers Can Plan Bus Trips Online

Getting from here to there on the bus is now just a Google away thanks to the next generation of online trip planning being unveiled by TANK, NKU, and Google. This partnership produced powerful new tools to help TANK riders get where they need to go more quickly and easily than ever before. TANK customers can now plan their trips anytime with the free, easy-to-use online trip planner from both the TANK website — www.tankbus.org — and directly from www.google.com/transit.



Google Transit uses this information to offer several travel options for your trip, each providing the bus stop, bus route, transfer information, fare, travel time, walking distance and a map.

By partnering with NKU and Google, TANK was able to provide this high-tech information option at no cost. The service itself is free to transit systems that provide Google with information in their requested format. NKU's College of Informatics provided technology students, through the Infrastructure Management Institute, to transform all of the TANK schedule data into the Google format as well as to build customized interfaces to access the trip plans. This project is the 2nd phase of a four year research initiative funded by the FTA as a result of a Congressionally Directed Appropriation secured by U.S. Senator Jim Bunning for NKU's College of Informatics (informatics.nku.edu).

TANK's call center will continue to provide personalized bus information at 859/331-TANK.

The new trip planner has been a year-long collaborative effort between NKU and Google Transit to provide free, web-based trip planning services to TANK customers. TANK is the first transit system in Kentucky and in the region to share schedule data with Google and tap into this powerful toolset. TANK's Google Transit web interface is simple to use and offers the convenience of personalized trip-planning anytime passengers need it from anywhere.

To use TANK's new trip planner, simply provide:

- Address, intersection or landmark where the trip will begin
- Address, intersection or landmark where the trip will end
- Date and time you want to leave or arrive

Bus Ridership Up in FY 2009

Ridership for fiscal year 2009 is up nearly 8%* over FY 2008. Routes in Kenton County account for much of this increase. Of note:

- **Route 30X/TANK Hub/Park & Ride** – increase of 15%**
- **Route 19X - Beechgrove** – increase of 16%**
- **Route 8 – Eastern Avenue** – increase of 31%**

With gas prices fluctuating from \$1.60 to \$4.00 a gallon and

the economy in much uncertainty, many people are turning to TANK as an option for their commuting needs. Residents, like featured rider Natalie Baird from Boone County, know that riding TANK saves them big – in gas money, parking expenses and stress!

**numbers show YTD increase over last fiscal year as of November 2008*

***numbers show increase in ridership for this route for 11/08 versus 11/07*

TANK in Kenton County

Routes

- 1 Florence (travels Dixie Hwy)
- 3 Ludlow/Bromley
- 5 Holman
- 7 Rosedale/Latonia
- 8 Eastern Avenue
- 9 Taylor Mill/Independence
- 17X Villa Hills Express
- 18X Edgewood Express
- 19X Beechgrove Express
- 30X Independence Express

33 St. Elizabeth South/TANK P&R/Crestview Hills Town Cntr. Southbank Shuttle

Park and Ride (P&R) Locations

- Buttermilk P&R (17X)
- Hands Pike P&R (30X)
- TANK P&R (5, 30X, 33)
- Independence P&R (30X)

Information Line: 859/331-TANK
www.tankbus.org



Park Hills and Crescent Springs

Two Cities Plan Ahead for Economic Recovery

Seeing the economic downturn as an opportunity to get positioned for the eventual recovery, the city councils of Park Hills and Crescent Springs signed contracts recently for small area studies within their jurisdictions. NKAPC's long-range planning staff will focus on the Dixie Highway corridor in Park Hills and on the area bounded by I-71/75, Buttermilk Pike, and the railroad tracks in Crescent Springs.

Since both study areas include a sizeable commercial land use base, both studies will include economic analyses pursued by GEM Public Sector Services of Dayton, Ohio. Recent NKAPC small area studies have utilized market-based analyses as a foundation for recommendations on future uses.

Park Hills

"Staff has initiated its work already in Park Hills," said Keith Logsdon, AICP, NKAPC's deputy director for long-range planning. "We're pursuing preliminary investigations which include interviewing key persons, putting together an existing conditions report, and building a relationship with the task force that will guide our efforts."

Logsdon and his team will be working with the 14-member group appointed by the city. Together they will study the half-mile-long Dixie Highway corridor that stretches from the city's north to south boundaries.

"The study will focus on redevelopment opportunities along the corridor for land use and transportation," said Jenna Haverkos, an associate planner in the long-range planning



"Economic down times are really good times to look forward and get prepared."

*- Keith Logsdon, AICP
NKAPC*

department. "We'll work with the task force to make recommendations on how to revitalize the area over the next 20 to 30 year planning period."

The study effort will include three public meetings, the first of which took place in late January.

"We used that opportunity to present our existing conditions report and to get some feedback from those who attended," she said. "We're taking those findings to the task force and crafting recommendations so that by the second meeting, in April, we can propose several scenarios and alternatives."

The third and final meeting will be a complete presentation of the recommendations before they are sent to the Park Hills City Council for approval.

Haverkos says many residents are familiar with "The Dixie Fix," a recent study of the entire Dixie Hwy. corridor from Florence to Covington. That study was pursued collaboratively by the NKAPC and OKI staffs.

"We want to make sure residents don't confuse the two studies," she said. "This is a more specific and focused look at Park Hills and how the city can create a sense of place along its portion of the corridor."

Logsdon and Haverkos suggest late August as the goal for completing staff work and initiating the approval process with the City Council and Kenton County Planning Commission. The intent is for the small area study to be incorporated into the Kenton County comprehensive plan as a basis for future land use decisions.

Crescent Springs

NKAPC's long-range planning staff is also in the beginning stages of initiating a small area study for the City of Crescent Springs.

"We'll look at the redevelopment potential for the commercial area at the main entrance to the city," said Logsdon. "We're working with city officials on the exact boundaries. Their underlying goal is to facilitate the creation of a place that's conducive to all types of commercial growth and possibly even some residential uses."

A task force is currently being finalized by the mayor.

Logsdon said one of the main challenges of this study will be providing convenient access to the study area.

"One of the main issues is that the road that serves the corridor — Buttermilk Pike — is so congested already and they're even putting in a new east-bound lane."

Ed Dietrich, associate planner in the long-range planning department, is leading the effort and working with the task force to develop recommendations for land use redevelopment.

"We're doing a market study and research," said Dietrich. "We'll have three public meetings as we do with most small area studies. The task force will meet at least once a month with the first meeting scheduled for later this month."

As with the Park Hills small area study, Dietrich said the ultimate goal is to have the Kenton County Planning Commission adopt the recommendations into the comprehensive plan. Dietrich said the projected end date for the approval by the county planning commission is late December 2009 or early January 2010.

Logsdon acknowledges that some aspects of both studies will be challenging during economic recession but asserts that Park Hills and Crescent Springs will be better positioned to seize opportunities that present themselves when the recovery begins.

Helping Teens Say “No”

Peer pressure is REAL. Even kids who want to make good choices about sex, drugs, alcohol and smoking can find it tough to say “No” to friends. Parents can help their kids to have a strong voice and plan ahead for unexpected situations.

So when your teen is confronted by a situation that makes them uncomfortable or violates their values, or that is potentially dangerous, they should be prepared to say “no” firmly, but graciously, by following these four steps:

N Say “No.” Teach your teen to set boundaries and be decisive. If your teen decides not to smoke, take drugs or have sex before being confronted by the pressure to do so, it will be easier to say “no” when the situation arises.

I “I” Statement. “I plan to wait until I’m married before I have sex.” Or “Sex isn’t part of my game plan right now.”

C Change. If pressure continues, teach your teen to change the topic: “Did you see the game last night?” Or

Give your teens the tools they need to stand up to peer pressure.

change who they are talking to, “Madison is over there; I need to ask her something.” Or change the location, “I’m going back into the kitchen now.”

E Exit. If these strategies do not help, your teen needs an “Exit” plan. Teens should leave a bad situation immediately. If your teen does not have

a way home, you or some other trusted adult will need to pick him or her up. It’s a good idea for you and your teen to have a prearranged “code phrase” that means “Come and pick me up. And hurry!”

Material condensed from the 4parents.gov website.



New Hope Center

New Hope Center’s Abstinence Education Department

228 Thomas More Pkwy.
Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

859/341-2640

Call for more information or visit our website.

There’s a better way for your teens to make decisions about sex.



Having a plan helps teens stay in control.

Call the New Hope Center’s Abstinence Education Department for more information, 859-341-2640
www.w84me.org

Funded by a Community-based Abstinence Education grant from the Administration for Children and Families

Health Department Annual Report Now Online

The Health Department's fiscal year 2008 annual report has gone high-tech and low budget. To save on printing costs, the report — which covers activities from July 2007 through June 2008 — will only be available online.

Highlights from the year include:

- The hiring of Steven R. Katkowsky, M.D., as District Director of Health
- A partnership between the Health Department and Vision 2015 to conduct a health and social needs assessment

- A contest to promote flu vaccination in child care centers
- A research study on how environmental changes at a worksite can impact health
- An effort to educate the community about prevention of bed bugs
- An increase in revenue of more than \$1 million, or 7.3 percent, bringing the Health Department's annual revenue to slightly more than \$15 million

To read the report, please visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org/annualreport>.



The Health Department provides many community programs each year, including this dog safety presentation at Crescent Springs Child Care Center.

WIC Can Help Your Family

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) supplemental nutrition program is a federal program that provides vouchers to help families purchase nutritious foods during pregnancy and up until the child reaches 5 years of age. The program also includes regular nutrition counseling.

The WIC program is available to pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers of children up to 1 year of age and children under age 5.



Family income must be at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level (currently \$39,220 for a family of four) and the family must be residents of Kentucky.

For more information on WIC, please call the Boone County Health Center at 859/363-2060.

Shape the Future of Health in Northern Kentucky

The Health Department and Vision 2015 are partnering with the Child Policy Research Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to make sure high rates of smoking, obesity and other health challenges don't undermine efforts to improve Northern Kentucky's quality of life and economic vitality.

The assessment will take a comprehensive regional approach to meeting and funding Northern Kentucky's health needs — including the effective delivery of health care services and ensuring healthy, livable communities. It's funded in part by grants from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

This winter, a Community Themes and Strengths Assessment will be conducted as part of this initiative. It will provide an understanding of the issues residents feel are important, and will include community input as to quality of life and the identification of community assets.

The assessment will be greatly improved by input from all residents of the Northern Kentucky community. Watch the local news media and the Health Department's Web site, <http://www.nkyhealth.org>, for opportunities to share your thoughts and have an impact on the region's health care goals.

Northern Kentucky Health Department

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

EXTENSION Today

IN KENTON COUNTY

Spring 2009

Your Kenton County Extension Service provides research-based educational programs in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture, Horticulture, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development. This issue features a small sampling of just two of our major program areas, Family and Consumer Sciences and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Agriculture: 2008 Highlights

The Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service provided a variety of programs aimed at our diverse agriculture community. Some of these programs include:

- Spindletop Farm hosted the University of Kentucky Agronomy Field Day in Lexington. This demonstration program was designed to showcase current research about establishment and maintenance of pastures and hay fields.
- A conversational Spanish class aimed at meat goat operators resulted in a map to assist Hispanic families in finding local meat goat farms for the purchase of meat goats.
- Six 3-hour sessions of Annie's Project; a risk assessment program designed to assist farming women with management of the family farm.
- An equine grazing program was held in Kenton County; more than

30 producers attended the 15-hour course in January.

- The Cooperative Extension service partnered with other agencies and organizations on the Large Animal Rescue Training. This program trained a technical rescue team of emergency personnel, agriculture agents, and volunteers to aid in handling an emergency situation involving large animals like horses or cattle.
- A Hunter Safety Education class was attended by 55 Kenton County hunters.
- More than 5,000 agriculture contacts were made and 3,000 Agriculture newsletters sent to County residents.
- Over 120 soil tests were processed.
- A bull soundness program was offered at the Kenton County fairgrounds, held in conjunction with the Northern Kentucky Cattle Association. Over 30 farm operators participated.



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Horticulture High Points



The cut flower garden was a useful demonstration for home gardeners, market producers and 4-H club members.

Cut Flower Garden

Once again a group of devoted Master Gardeners kept their green thumbs busy in the demonstration gardens at the Kenton County Cooperative Extension office. The cut flower garden was a useful demonstration for home gardeners, market producers, and especially 4-H entrepreneurship club members. A group of eight youth involved in the newly created 4-H Club, "Be the E," profited by selling bouquets and arrangements at local craft fairs and at the Dixie Farmers' Market. Cut Flower Gardens were also used for demonstration in a "Floral Design from the Cutting Garden" class hosted by the extension service and Destiny Mackey, from Fassler's Florists, who taught floral design techniques that day. In August, 37 potential market

producers joined us for a Cut Flower Field Day. Participants learned from demonstration gardens and other local growers about the methods of production for market.

Other 2008 Highlights

- As a result of soil test analysis, 272 commercial horticulture producers and homeowners received fertilization recommendations to maximize crop and landscape performances with the least inputs.
- 152 in-class hours of home horticulture instruction were provided to over 3000 residents.
- Nearly 1600 county residents and commercial landscapers received plant recommendations that ensured best management practices and helped to ensure environmentally appropriate solutions.
- The Dixie, Northern Kentucky Regional, and Simon Kenton Farmers' Markets were supported by the Kenton County Extension Service. In addition, the extension office serviced clients at an informational kiosk throughout the summer at the Dixie Farmers' Market. Look for us again next year!
- 37 market producers participated in a Good Agriculture Practices Workshop. Kenton County residents have a major resource to help them with their farm venture.

Family and Consumer Sciences: 2008 Highlights

Artificial Sweeteners

With the increasing number of diabetics and focus on reducing obesity, the use of artificial sweeteners — and its safety — has increased. More than 135 individuals attended learning sessions addressing this topic. The lecture/demonstration reviewed the five FDA-approved sweeteners and illustrated problems that can result from their use as a sugar substitute.

Home Security

As the incidence of home invasions and burglaries continue to climb, a class was taught to local residents. The class focused on security for the home, deadbolt locks, outside lighting, securing windows, what to do when you are on vacation, and security systems. Benefits of the class were increased awareness of surroundings and strangers.

Parenting Classes

Research and common sense tell us that a child's overall success is largely dependent on feeling secure in a loving family. Helping parents develop a parenting style which uses reason and support rather than

control and punishment has been shown to promote positive adolescent development. Kenton County FCS agents taught two parenting series and additional programs to residents in the community. "Mom and Pop Round-Up" and "Keys to Great Parenting" were taught during a vacation Bible school at a local church and 10 weeks of regular Wednesday night activities in the Spring of 2008. Parents who participated in the two series reported learning new tips about everything from healthful eating to re-establishing communication after a parent's absence, such as a military deployment.

Other Highlights

Your three Family and Consumer Sciences Agents have provided a variety of programs this year in personal finances, family development, housing, life skills and food, nutrition and health.

- 181 adults participated in senior exercise programs through either the "Active for Life" or "Body Recall" programs.

- 29 adults have been trained as Master Food Volunteers. This program involves 40 hours of food preparation, safety, and preservation training to interested adults, along with 40 hours of volunteer payback from these individuals.

- 42 adults participated in "hands-on" food preservation workshops in the face of rising food costs

- FCS agents have been working with Marydale/Cristo Del Rey to teach English as a second language and health promoters classes in basic health and nutrition information. 75 adults participated in 2008.

- Kenton County Homemakers donated \$2,500 in high school scholarships.

4-H Youth Development and 4-H Summer Camp

4-H Youth Camp

Kenton County youth had a great learning experience at 4-H Summer Camp. The camp experience helped youth work toward the 4-H Youth Development mission to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. Youth developed inquiring minds, an eagerness to learn, and an ability to apply science and technology. They learned practical skills, developed competencies and acquired knowledge in such areas as leadership, personal standards and self-expression. Campers also strengthened their abilities to make decisions, solve problems, manage their own lives and develop interpersonal relationship with adults and other youth.

Resident camp is open to all Kenton County youth ages 9-14. Youth from Kenton County will attend North Central 4-H Camp July 6 to 9. North Central 4-H Camp is in Carlisle near Lake Carnico and is

situated on 350 acres of rolling hills and forested land. For information on camp, call Denise Donahue 859-356-3155.

Other 2008 Highlights

- 4-H Youth Development served 3,184 participants.
- Served 392 Community Club members who participated in a variety of activities including market animals, production animals, companion animals, gardening, science, arts, photography, home economics, foods, speeches and demonstrations, honors program, resume event, and more.
- Led 76 school clubs that met 532 times with 1,613 youth participants. These clubs focused on leadership development, world art and culture, photography, natural resources, weather and consumer education.
- Instructed 61 members in sewing projects.
- Involved 148 4-H'ers in leader-led animal project groups.



Learning skills, developing competencies and having fun at 4-H camp

CLASSES

- Engaged 46 youth in livestock activities, where their animals sold for over \$52,000.
- Involved 201 4-H adults as club leaders, project leaders, activity volunteers and event judges.
- Educated 56 youth in 4-H Safe Sitter classes.
- Engaged 1672 Kenton County youth in public speaking and demonstrations; 109 advanced to the county communications event, 20 advanced to the multi-county communications event, and 8 participants advanced to the State level.
- Showcased 39 4-H'ers who participated in the Fashion Revue and 52 in the Variety Show.
- Challenged 43 youth to develop a business in Mini-Society and 558 participated in other consumer education programs.
- 343 youth explored diversity through cultural education programs.
- Engaged 101 youth in horse programs including horse camp, horse bowl, drill teams, county, multi-county and state horse shows, contests, horse judging and riding/driving.
- Involved 107 youth participants in four "Leadership" School Enrichment Units.
- Had 540 4-H youth projects entered in the Kenton County Fair and 81 4-H Kenton County projects advanced to the Kentucky State Fair.
- Conducted 4 Reality Stores for 977 students from Dixie, Tichenor, Ludlow and Simon Kenton schools.
- Instructed 265 youth in healthy food choices, safety and physical activity.
- Involved 112 4-H members in 11 summer day camp programs.

KENTON COUNTY EXTENSION CLASS SCHEDULE

SPRING 2009

Strategies to Aid Your Job Search

2nd Monday of every month, beginning February 9 through June 8, 10-11:30 am, Durr Annex

Growing a Market Farmer

February 3rd, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Durr Center

Using the Old Bean

Tuesday, February 10, 6 pm, Durr Annex

Basic Computer Skills (4 week class)

February 19, 26, March 5, and 12; 10-11:30 am OR March 3, 10, 17, 24; 6-7:30 pm, Durr Annex

Taking Ownership for Your Diabetes

Tuesdays, February 24; March 3, and March 10; 6-8 pm, Durr Annex

Preparing the Landscape for Spring and Pruning Demo!

February 24, 1-3 pm, Durr Center

China Closet — A Basic Guide to Antique and Vintage Glassware

Thursday, February 26, 9:30 am, Durr Center; Repeated 6 pm, Durr Annex

Adult Beginning Sewing: Pajamas

Wednesdays, March 4 - April 8, 5:30-8:30 pm, Durr Center, \$5 class fee

Parenting with a Plan

Tuesdays, March 10, March 17, and March 24, 6-8 pm, Durr Annex

A Safer Recipe for Cooking in the Kitchen

Thursday, March 19, 6-7:30 pm, Durr Annex

Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens

March 20, 1-3:30 pm, Durr Center

Back to Basics: Fruit and Vegetable Round Up

Thursday, March 26, 9:30 am, Durr Center, Repeated 6 pm, Durr Annex

Landscape Design for Curb Appeal

March 26, 6-8 pm, Durr Annex

Living On a Reduced Income

Thursday, April 2, 6-7:30 pm, Durr Annex

Transferring Photos from the Camera

April 7, 10-11:30 am OR 6-7:30 pm, Durr Annex



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Learn about that antique glass bowl in your cupboard in "China Closet — A Basic Guide to Antique and Vintage Glassware," February 26.

Complete descriptions of all classes are on our Website.

Registration required for all classes.
Call 356-3155 or visit our website to register.

CLASS SCHEDULE, continued

Sewing Expo

April 14-15, Butler State Park

Home Harvest: Growing Fruits and Vegetables at Home

Tuesdays, April 14 through May 12, 6-8 pm, Durr Annex

Body Recall: Basic

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 20 through June 26, 9-10 am, Durr Center

Body Recall (exercise): Intermediate

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 20 through June 26, 10:30-11:30 am, Durr Center

Adult Beginning Sewing: Pajamas

Wednesdays, April 22 - May 27, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Durr Annex

New Home Options for the 21st Century Kitchen and Bathroom

April 30, 9:30 to 11:30 am, Durr Center Taylor Mill; repeated 6 to 8 pm, Durr Annex

Lunch and Learn Spring Series on Theme Gardens

First four Fridays in May, 12-12:45 pm, Durr Annex

Back to Basics: Making Quick Breads

Monday, May 4, 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Boone County Extension Office OR Wednesday, May 6, 6-9 pm, Durr Center

Constructing Ergonomic Gardens, June 9, 6-8 pm,

Durr Center

Trellis Weaving for the Garden

July 30, 1-3:30 pm, Durr Annex

Growing a Cutting Garden and Designing Fresh Bouquets

July 9, 10 am-2 pm, Durr Center

Horticulture Day Camp for Kids!

July 28-30, 10-2 pm, Durr Center

Growing Herbs for Simple Teas

August 4, 1-3:30 pm, Durr Center

Home Lawn Care Basics

August 13, 6 to 8 pm, Durr Center

LOCATIONS

Durr Center - Corner of Marshall and Taylor Mill Roads, Independence

Durr Annex - Dixie Highway-Kmart Plaza, Edgewood

Boone County Extension - 6028 Camp Ernst Rd., Burlington

Butler State Park - 1608 Hwy 227, Carrollton, Kentucky

Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



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Pre-registration is required. Please call 859/356-3155.

Kenton County Cooperative Extension Agents



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

We're easy to find on the Web: www.kentoncountyextension.com

Free Programs to Celebrate Abraham Lincoln



Celebrate one of history's greatest figures, Abraham Lincoln, at the Kenton County Public Library.

The Library will be offering free programs in February and March to celebrate President Lincoln. For a complete list visit www.kentonlibrary.org.

Love is Eternal: Mrs. Lincoln

Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm
Donna McCreary, author of "Lincoln's Table" and "Fashionable First Lady," presents her one-woman show depicting Mary Lincoln as the First Lady. For teens and adults. Durr Branch Library.

Honest Abe

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 4 pm
Learn about the "Great Emancipator," and make two crafts to take home — a miniature log cabin and a stovepipe hat. For ages 9-12. Mary Ann Mongan Library — Covington.

Preview Night – "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times"

Friday, March 6, 5 - 8:45 pm
Experience our special exhibit "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times," a national traveling exhibition organized

by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Open to all ages. Erlanger Branch Library. Exhibit on display through March.

Lincoln's Inaugural Ball

Sunday, March 15, 2 pm
Experience what it might have been like at a Lincoln inaugural ball as dances from his era are brought to life by dancers with the Flying Cloud Academy of Vintage Dance. Hear the music, see fabulous era costumes, and get transported back in time through this unique performance. For all ages. Erlanger Branch Library.

Save Money at the Library

Why spend \$19.95 on a book when you can get it at the Library for free? Check out the Library's

online calculator at www.kentonlibrary.org/value to see how much you can save.

Donate Online

The Kenton County Public Library Foundation now accepts donations online. Please visit www.kentonlibrary.org/giving to donate through a secured server. You

can also go to this site to learn more about making a planned gift, purchase a brick or give to the annual fund. For more information about donating, please call 962-4083.

ACT, SAT Test Prep Assistance

Preparing for a big test? Practice tests for SAT, GED, Civil Service Exams, Law Enforcement, Real Estate, US Citizenship and more online. Go to www.kentonlibrary.org/databases. Scroll down the page to click on Learning Express Online Testing. Learning Express also provides study guides and test-preparation eBooks to help prepare you for tests. All you need are your library card and a password of your choice to create your account. Free.



Mark Your Calendars!

April 12-18 Star-studded READ posters unveiled during National Library Week

Mon., June 1 Summer Reading Club begins (supported by The Bank of Kentucky and Friends of KCPL)

Sat., June 13 Racing to Read 5k Run and Walk presented by U.S. Bank



New Hours

The Erlanger Branch will now be open on Saturdays until 6 pm. All other locations will close at 5 pm on Saturday.

Kenton County Public Library

Mary Ann Mongan Library, Covington

502 Scott Blvd., Covington, KY 41011 • 859/962-4060

William E. Durr Branch Library

1992 Walton-Nicholson Rd., Independence, KY 41051

859/962-4030

Erlanger Branch

401 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger, KY 41018 • 859/962-4000



New Billing Procedure Effective This July for Residential Customers

Beginning in spring 2009, SD1 will base all residential wastewater bills on water consumed during the winter months (October 1 through April 30).

Basing customers' bills on their winter water usage allows SD1 to more accurately bill for the water that enters the sanitary sewer system. It takes out of consideration water used for activities such as washing a car or watering a lawn, while still be-

ing able to capture water usage that typically takes place year-round such as washing clothes, taking showers and washing dishes.

This winter usage billing method will provide customers with a consistent, level billing that will allow them to budget more precisely for their quarterly sanitation bill. It also ensures that customers will be fairly billed for the amount of water used in their homes.

Protecting the Environment Award

This year, SD1 and Wal-Mart have partnered to present the 2009 Protecting the Environment Award program. Students and teachers will be recognized for environmental efforts and selected winners from Northern Kentucky schools will share over \$2,500 in cash and prizes!

As in previous years, teachers may nominate an outstanding student who has gone above and beyond to protect the environment and/or water resources.

New this year, teachers may come up with a class project that they would like to receive funding for and submit a Project Proposal Application.

For more information about this award, please visit the website at www.sd1.org/education/award.asp.



SD1



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

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Stop the Clog, Say NO to FOG

FOG refers to fats, oils and grease from food preparation and kitchen clean up. When FOG enters the sewer system (as a result of being poured down a drain) it will begin to stick to and build up on the insides of the sewer lines. Over time, the FOG buildup can block the entire line. A partial or total blockage of a pipe can cause floor drains, sinks and dishwashers to back up or not work properly.



Buildup in pipes can also cause significant problems in the sanitary sewer system and at wastewater treatment plants.

For more information on what you can do to help prevent the buildup of FOG, visit www.sd1.org.

Be a Part of the Solution!

This spring, SD1 will be launching a pilot rain barrel program. Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from your roof for use in dry weather to give thirsty gardens, flowers and trees a drink.

Rain barrels help keep excess storm water out of the sewer system. They also help prevent rain from picking up pollution and carrying it to the nearest body of water.

During the months of February and March, SD1 customers will be able to order the "Raintainer." The "Raintainer" is a 55-gallon rain barrel that has an aesthetically pleasing appearance and includes a connection for a hose, making it possible to draw water from the barrel. The lid of the "Raintainer" can be used as



Save money, water and energy and help protect local waterways by ordering a "Raintainer" this spring.

a self-watering planter. It can also be easily removed, making cleaning the inside of the barrel simple.

For more information please call the Storm Water Hotline at 859/578-6745 or visit www.sd1.org.

Homestead and Disability Exemptions

Apply by June 1, 2009

Are You Eligible?

Homestead Exemption.

Persons eligible for the Exemption must be at least 65 years of age, or be totally disabled. Proof of eligibility is required (driver's license, birth certificate, etc.)

Don't wait until your birthday.

If you will turn 65 this year (2009) come in now for this benefit.

Disability Exemption. A person must be classified as 100% totally disabled under any government and/or most private retirement system(s). In addition, the following provisions must be met:



The applicant must have maintained the disability classification for the entire previous or current year. The applicant must have received disability payments while under this classification. Verification/documen-

Property owners who are 65 years of age and older or are 100% disabled qualify for property tax savings through Homestead and Disability Exemptions.

tation should be submitted to the Property Valuation Administrator's office before December 31 of each year to show continuing eligibility. Applications filed after December 31 will apply to the next year ONLY.

All applicants must own and occupy their dwelling.

Proof of eligibility is required. Some examples are: Medicare card, Social Security Disability award letter, corporate insurance award letter, etc.

The state of Kentucky only allows one exemption per property. It must be your primary residence.

Where to File

Kenton County PVA
303 Court St., Room 210
Covington, KY 41011
859/392-1750

Did You Know?

Record Keeping and the PVA

One of the main functions of the PVA is to maintain records of all property in our county. In Kenton County, there are close to 70,000 real estate parcels.

Property Review

The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the county at least once every four years.



In keeping with state requirements, the PVA office is required to physically view properties in certain areas each year. For tax year 2009, the PVA office will review properties in the cities and/or fire districts of **Independence, Fairview, Ryland Heights, Kentonvale, Walton, Piner-Fiskburg fire, Independence fire, Ryland fire, Boone-Walton fire and Kenton fire.** If there is a change in the property's valuation/assessment, the property owner will be sent a notice of the new value during the first two weeks of April. You will not receive a notice if there is no change in your valuation.

You can also view your property information online at www.kentonpva.com. Click on property data — then click guest access — search by name, location or Property Identification Number.

Who Does What

The PVA does not set, levy or collect property taxes. The State, County, City governments, school and fire districts are responsible for setting all real property tax rates. The Sheriff collects property taxes beginning October 1.

Kenton County PVA

303 Court Street, Room 210 (second floor)
Covington, KY 41011

phone: 859/392-1750

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm*

**There will be a PVA representative available in the County Clerk's Office from 4:30 - 6 pm during the last Wednesday of each month.*

2009 Calendar of Programs and Events



Feb. 10 The Fun of Winter Bird Feeding:

The best seed and feeders for great results. KC Public Library/Erlanger. 7 pm.

Feb. 13/16 Great Backyard Bird Count (just 15 minutes on one of four Count days). See www.birdsource.org for details.

Mar. 12 Northern Kentucky Bluebird Trail NEW Monitors meeting. Observe from nest to egg to fledging to empty nest in a matter of weeks. We need volunteer monitors. KC Public Library/Durr. 7 pm.

Mar. 19 Adult Recreation Softball Leagues Managers MANDATORY meeting – Monday Men's Church and Friday Women, Kenton County Public Works building in LRP/7 pm. \$

Mar. 21 Lincoln Ridge Disc Golf Course Cleanup (formerly Banklick Woods). Walk the course, pick up litter, and create "rabbit" or stick piles for small mammals, reptiles, and birds – the low end of the food chain. If we can encourage the low end, maybe we'll also have visits from hawks, owls, and foxes! LRP/10 am-2 pm.

Apr. 21 Pitch, Hit & Run Baseball Skills Contest for boys and girls, ages 7-14. Pitch: Throw to a fixed target. Hit: For distance and accuracy (think dead center field); Run – Timed running from second base to home plate. Presented in cooperation with Independence Parks & Recreation. PP/4-7 pm.

Apr. 25 Great American Cleanup at Doe Run Lake & Nature Trail. Wear boots or old shoes and work clothes. This could get messy! Featuring the "Most Unusual Find" Contest! Hey, kids! RiverWorks Discovery will be there. Sign the Kids for Clean Rivers Pledge, fulfill

the requirements, and earn a colorful Otter Patch or Duck Patch! Ever wanna try Geocaching? Hang with OKI Cachets, "Cache In, Trash Out" and learn as you go! Meet at boat launch parking lot. Volunteers Picnic to follow. DRL/9 am-1 pm.

May 2 World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend A fun intro to the sport with learn-to-play demonstrations, exhibitions, and contests. We'll begin new 1.5 hour sessions at noon and 2. LRP/12 pm and 2 pm. Rain date: May 3. \$

May 6 Wild Wednesdays! with Raptor Rehab of KY featuring Owls ~ They Only Come Out at Night. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL SIGNED

May 11/15 Northern Kentucky Senior Games for those 50 or better. LOTS of fun and camaraderie! For information and entry form, visit www.ftthomas.org or call 859/283-1885. \$10 early registration, includes t-shirt, 2 lunches! \$

May 13 Wild Wednesdays! with Cincinnati Zoo featuring Wildlife Comes To You w/ Kate Hammer. MMP/9:30 am. ARC/MOJO SIGNED STP/M

May 14 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Crystal Clear Science featuring "Sounds" Like Fun. PP/10 am. UB

May 16 High School Disc Golf Championships with Team and Individual Championships. Open to all currently enrolled high school students. Best 5 scores from your school are your Team score. Course CLOSED for tournament play from 12-6 pm. Please arrange to complete casual rounds before noon. LRP/12-6 pm. \$

May 20 Wild Wednesdays! with Scott Braunstein and House of Reptiles, LLC.

featuring Reptiles Alive! MMP/9:30 am. NA SIGNED

May 27 Wild Wednesdays! with Sunrock Farm featuring Farmer Frank and Barnyard Animals including Milking Goat. Bring your cameras! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL SIGNED STP/M

May 28 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Crystal Clear Science featuring Amazing Air. PP/10 am. ARC

June 3 Wild Wednesdays! with Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky featuring Birds of Prey and Aquila, the Bald Eagle. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL

June 4 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Incredible Insects. Get up close and personal with creatures that make up the Earth's largest population: Bugs! PP/10 am. UB/MOJO

June 4 Hershey's Track & Field Regional Meet for boys and girls 9-14. Presented by Boone County Parks at Conner HS in Hebron. Registration 5:30-6 pm; Meet begins at 6:15 pm. Call (859) 334-2117 for details.

June 6/7 Disc 'N Dat Bluegrass Open Disc Golf Tournament, a PDGA A-Tier event at Lincoln Ridge (formerly Banklick Woods). Course CLOSED for tournament play from 8 am-6 pm on both days. Please arrange to play casual rounds after 6 pm. See www.discndat.com for details. LRP/8 am-6 pm. \$



"Biggest Fish of Each Species" prize winners from Kid's Fishing Derby!

June 6 - Kids Fishing Derby presented in cooperation with KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources featuring "Biggest Fish of Each Species" Contest and Northern Kentucky Youth Association Fundraiser Picnic. MMP/1-4 pm.

June 6 Kick-Off To Summer Party presented in cooperation with Kenton County Public Library featuring Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals, Mini-Golf, Dominach's Taekwondo Academy Demo, and NKYA Fundraiser Picnic. MMP/5-8 pm.

June 10 Wild Wednesdays! with Fowler Creek Field Programs' Michael Strohm as John James Audubon and Howard McDaniel as Fishtrap, his Shawnee Indian friend. MMP/9:30 am. UB STP/M

June 17 Wild Wednesdays! with Farmer Joan's Equine Show featuring miniature horse, pony, and donkey. MMP/9:30 am. ARC/DTA

June 18 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with COSI On Wheels featuring Agriculture Adventures w/ Chef Provolone and Caesar, the talking chicken. WHERE does food come from? PP/10 am.

June 20 Skittles Championship of the World. Wind string around a wooden top, give it a pull and let 'er spin! Topples pins, then add up your points. Winner will take home the trophy! Anyone can play! PP/12 pm Registration, 1 pm Start.

June 24 Wild Wednesdays! with Kentucky Down Under featuring Kangaroos and Animals Unique to the Land Down Under. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL/MOJO STP/M

June 25 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with RiverWorks Discovery, featuring A Journey of Exploration & Imagination on America's Waterways. PP/10 am.

July 8 Wild Wednesdays! with Vikki Rawe and Out of Control Wildlife featuring Feet, Feathers, Fur and Friends! And that means Turtle Races! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL

July 15 Wild Wednesdays! with Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals. Come ready to party! MMP/9:30 am. B-CM/MOJO STP/M

July 16 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with COSI On Wheels featuring Current Conditions ~ Weather: How it affects life on earth every day. PP/10 am.

July 17-19, 24-26 25th Anniversary of the Bluegrass State Summer Games. Wow! See www.bgsg.org for details. \$

Kenton County Conservancy members at Great American Clean-Up at Doe Run Lake and Nature Trail!



LRP (Lincoln Ridge - formerly Banklick Woods)
DRL (Doe Run Lake)

MMP (Middleton-Mills)
PP (Pioneer)

RRP (Richardson Road)

Most programs are free; if there is a fee, it is indicated (\$) and you must call 859/525-PLAY to register.

July 19-26 Kenton County FAIR

WEEK! KC Cooperative Extension Service at 859/356-3155 will have all the details.

July 22 Wild Wednesdays!

with Michael Strohm as John James Audubon and Howard McDaniel as George Lehman ~ Fowler Creek Field Programs. MMP/9:30 am. UB/DTA

July 29 Wild Wednesdays!

with Farmer Frank and Sunrock Farm Barnyard Animals. Bring your cameras! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL STP/M

July 30 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science

with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Digging for Dinosaurs. Learn how fossils are formed and uncover fossils on a paleontology "dinosaur dig!" PP/10 am. UB/MOJO

July 31 Critters in the Crick with Vikki Rawe and Out of Control Wildlife. Plan to get a little wet! Yeah, you might! It's a "wadin' in th' crick an' catchin' cool stuff" adventure! PP/10 am.

Aug. 1 You Fish Like A Girl! Come on, girls! Let's go fishin' with Vikki! Led by Out of Control Wildlife's Vikki Rawe, experi-

ence the fun and excitement of catching fish! NO BOYS ALLOWED! Open to girls of all ages. MMP/10 am-12 pm.



Aug. 1 Star Gaze

1 with Cincinnati Observatory Center and Midwestern Astronomers. Indoor one-hour program followed by telescopic night sky viewing of 4-day old first-quarter

phase Moon and Jupiter rising. Meet in Kenton County Public Works building in LRP/8:30 pm.

Aug. 5 Wild Wednesdays! with Scott Braunstein and The Reptile House, LLC featuring Reptiles... And LOTS of 'em! MMP/9:30 am. KCPL/DTA

Aug. 6 (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Experimenting with Physical Science. Explore bubbles, sound, electricity, magnets, light, color, mirrors and optical illusions. PP/10 am. UB

Look for the continuation of our Calendar of Events in the next What's Happening Kenton County!®

Codes for Pre-Program and After-Program Guests

Pre-Program Guests

ARC: American Red Cross will provide information on tornado safety (May 13) and will also present a First Aid for Pets demonstration for children (June 17).

KCPL: Children's Outreach Librarian Laura Davies will be on hand to read stories, sing songs, and promote the Kenton County Public Library's terrific summer reading program, called *Spark Your Imagination at the Library!*

BCM: Regina Siegrist from the Behringer-Crawford Museum will bring "something surprising!"

NA: Rich Detzel from the Nature Academy will share peculiar facts about Kentucky flora and fauna.

UB: Enjoy pre-program stories from Nancy Ann Wartman of Usborne Books.

SIGNED: During the month of May, Missy Cook from Signing Together will interpret Wild Wednesdays! using sign language.

After-Program Guests

DTA: Enjoy a special demonstration of martial arts presented by Dominach's Taekwondo Academy.

MOJO: Noah's Ark Stuffed Animal Workshop will be on hand to offer special workshops in which your child can make his or her own stuffed animal for a small fee.

Call 525-PLAY or email steve.trauger@kentoncounty.org to sign up for weekly e-mail updates on "What's Happening in Kenton County's Parks!"

News and Notes

NEW Online Calendar

So you don't miss any of the action, we've added a calendar to our website. Just type this address into your web browser: www.localendar.com/public/whynotnow and you'll be there! For additional details, visit our website at www.kentoncounty.org, click on County Departments, then on Parks & Recreation, and then on Recreational Programs.



Tom Sparrow, the Space Painter during Wild Wednesdays!!

10th Anniversary Year for Wild Wednesdays!

Wild Wednesdays!, Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society's Outstanding Program of 2005, just keeps getting better and better! From May 6 to August 26, join us for our 10th season of Wild Wednesdays! presented by Toyota. Programs are held rain or shine at Middleton-Mills Park Shelterhouse 2, begin at 10 am, and last about an hour.

Plan to arrive by 9:30 am! There is something "extra" happening BEFORE every scheduled Wild Wednesdays!

Every other week beginning on May 13, the Independence Snappy Tomato stores will once again provide free pizza for all WW visitors, and McDonald's will provide the drinks. (See dates marked STP/M).

Wild Wednesdays! is free to attend and enjoy. Instead, we collect

donations of non-perishable food or personal care items for those less fortunate.

(Almost) Every Other Thursday Science!

Whoever said "Science is boring" had to be kidding! These programs are interactive and educational. And FUN! (Almost) Every Other Thursday Science is free to attend and enjoy. Please remember to bring a donation of non-perishable food or personal care items for those less fortunate. Your donation will go a long, long way right here in our community.

Shelterhouse Reservations Begin February 2

Shelterhouse reservations may be made any weekday between the hours of 7:30 am and 4 pm for all shelterhouses in the parks maintained by Kenton County Fiscal Court. Call 859/525-PLAY (7529) for shelterhouse availability.

No. Kentucky Senior Games May 11-15

If you are 50 or better, we invite you to compete in a wide variety of events at various Northern Kentucky venues. Participants compete with others in the same approximate age groups.

The Games begin on May 11 and end on May 15. Seniors are encouraged to pre-register; the entry fee is just \$10 and includes a t-shirt and two lunches. Call NKSG today at 859/781-1700 for details, or visit the Northern Kentucky Senior Games website at www.ftthomas.org and click on Recreation.

We've Got Your Game!

Golf Outings at KCGC

Consider The Golf Courses of Kenton County as the venue for your next golf outing! Whether yours is a corporate event, charity fundraiser, or a neighborhood get-together, we will help you plan a fantastic day.

The Golf Courses of Kenton County is one of the largest and finest public golf facilities in the



United States. Our PGA Professional staff will meet all your needs to make your event a success. With three quality 18-hole golf courses to choose from, let our staff customize an event that works best for you. Call Dan today at 859/371-3200

or dan.moening@kentoncounty.org for 2009 availability and pricing.

The friendly folks at Copper Cettle Catering provide the best in food and beverage and will help you plan a fun day of pre- or post-golf activities for up to 140 people. Our dining facility is a great place to hold a corporate meeting before a fun day on the links. (Call Sandy at 859/372-0526.)

Golf Leagues at KCGC

Are you looking for a course for your company or organization's golf league? We offer league rotations playing the Willows and Pioneer courses or our championship course, Fox Run, designed by renowned architect Arthur Hills. Call Jason at 859/371-3200 or email jason.laible@kentoncounty.org for 2009 availability and pricing.

By adding the back nine of the Willows golf course into our rotation, we can now provide opportunities for new league play and a tremendous

variety for existing leagues on The Willows and Pioneer rotations.

Golf leagues playing Fox Run will receive a discounted rate!

Season Pass

Purchase your season pass at The Golf Courses of Kenton County and gain access to three fantastic 18-hole golf courses with rolling hills and picturesque holes. Pass-holders enjoy playing privileges seven days a week along with merchandise discounts, driving range discount and a USGA handicap service discount. The passes are valid through March 31, 2010.

Purchase or renew your season pass before March 15 and receive a complimentary guest round on Fox Run.

Golf Instruction

Keep your eye on the ball and watch for information on the new **Golf Academy at Fox Run!**

The Golf Courses at Kenton County

3908 Richardson Road • Independence, KY 41051 • 859/371-3200

www.kentoncounty.org

Change in KY's Child Restraint Law



Prior to July 01, 2008, Kentucky law required that all children under 40 inches be restrained in a child safety seat while riding in motor vehicle. As of July 01, 2008, that law changed requiring booster seats for children between 40 and 50 inches tall and under the age of seven. Studies indicate that booster seats for children in the 40- to 50-inch height range reduce the chance for injury associated with seatbelts that do not fit properly. It should be noted that until July 01, 2009, Kentucky Law Enforcement Officers will only issue warning citations for violation of this new law. If anyone has questions regarding the changes in this important law please contact the Kenton County Police Department at 859/392-1940.

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