

WHAT'S *Happening!* in Kenton County, Kentucky TM

Summer/Fall 2009

St. Elizabeth Covington Opens in August

With one of the region's first "green" roofs, as well as a massive external display Vidiwall facing the interstate, it's safe to say that the new St. Elizabeth Covington ambulatory care center stands to gain a lot of attention when its doors open in late August.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare Facilities Vice President Doug Chambers said the \$29.2 million 118,000-square-foot facility is on target to open at the end of August after a multiple-day move-in operation is completed.

When St. Elizabeth Covington opens, it will house a state-of-the-art ambulatory care facility unlike anything currently existing in the Tri-State. All of St. Elizabeth's services will be integrated on the first floor of the structure to provide a one-stop shopping experience for healthcare. Customer service will be highlighted throughout the facility, from the concierge/reception desk and comfortable seating, to an on-site café, healing garden and landscaped outside seating areas.

In addition to the emergency department, St. Elizabeth Covington will also house:

- St. Elizabeth Wound Care Center with two hyperbaric chambers
- Women's Services offering digital mammography and dexascans



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the new St. Elizabeth Covington, please call 859/301-2140.

- Imaging Services including nuclear medicine, CAT scan, general radiology and ultrasound
- Summit Medical family practice office space
- Lab
- MRI
- Dialysis Unit
- Physical Therapy

Prime Location, Views

For physicians, patients and employees, the new Covington facility promises huge convenience benefits with its easy access directly off the Twelfth Street exit. But, the site also offers another invaluable benefit to those leasing office space in the top two floors — lots of high-visibility exposure.

"150,000 people drive by this building every day (and) it has very easy access. That's the reason we put it there," Chambers said.

Upper-floor tenants also will have a beautiful view of one of the region's first "green" roofs, covering about 18,000 feet of the structure's first floor. The roof is covered with a low-maintenance, highly tolerant leafy succulent, called sedum, that was initially planted this spring. It is expected to yield significant cost savings through energy benefits and durability.

The massive and complex process of moving into the new building begins in earnest on August 27 and continues through August 31. Part of

that operation will require moving all emergency department facilities from St. Elizabeth North on 20th Street to the new facility.

The Covington emergency department will close permanently on August 27 and all emergency traffic will be diverted to St. Elizabeth Edgewood, Florence and Fort Thomas until the new facility opens its emergency department on August 29. Chambers said during the two-day closure, a number of contingency plans are in place to ensure that no one goes without emergency services.

"For instance, there will also be an ambulance at St. Elizabeth North around-the-clock on those days to assist anyone who needs it," Chambers said.

Chambers said residents of the surrounding neighborhoods have been very positive about welcoming St. Elizabeth Covington to their area. He said most residents see that the project is really driving redevelopment and renewal of all the surrounding western Covington communities. He said with the continued improvement and widening of Twelfth Street, that kind of progress only promises to continue, making the new St. Elizabeth Covington a winning development for everyone it touches.

Parks & Recreation Fall and Winter Programs

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

See location codes at bottom of page. See Codes for Pre-program and After-program guests in box.

Aug. 12 Wild Wednesdays!

with Linda Salsbury featuring Eagle Bend Alpacas. MMP/9:30 am. RWD/KY-F/MOJO, STP/M

Aug. 13 (Almost) Every Other

Thursday Science with Cincinnati Museum Center featuring Coral: A Colorful Community. Learn what coral is, where it lives, what it eats and how it protects itself. Using puppets, everyone can participate! PP/10 am. STP/M

Aug. 19 Wild Wednesdays!

with Rich Detzel and the Nature Academy featuring Windows Into the Wild. MMP/9:30 am. UB/NKHD
Lunch provided by Faith Community United Methodist Church.

Aug. 20 (Almost) Every Other

Thursday Science with COSI On Wheels featuring Investigating Energy with Professor Kilowatt. Learn about creating energy with both renewable and non-renewable resources. PP/10 am. STP/M

Aug. 26 Wild Wednesdays!

with Regina Siegrist and Behringer-Crawford Museum featuring Abe Lincoln's Boyhood Years in Kentucky ~ Frontier Games and Pastimes. MMP/9:30 am. KCPL STP/M

Sept. 17 Senior Harvest

Celebration for those 50 or better! Kenton County Fairgrounds, Time: TBA. \$

Sept. 19 Bob Krohman

Memorial Car Show. PP
Registration from 9 am-12 pm; Awards at 5 pm. Rain Date: Oct. 3 at PP. \$

Sept. 21 Punt, Pass & Kick

Football Skills Contest for boys and girls 8-15. Punt, Pass, and Kick for distance and accuracy (think straight line). Presented in cooperation with Independence Parks & Recreation. Memorial Park in Independence, 4-7 pm.

Sept. 26 Banklick Creek

Cleanup. Calling all volunteers! Yeah, you're gonna get messy! Help clean trash, tires, and debris from the creek and creek banks in the vicinity of Pioneer Park. Picnic to follow. Meet at the north end Soccer fields. PP/9 am-1 pm.

Sept. 26 Star Gaze 2

with Cincinnati Observatory Center and Midwestern Astronomers. Indoor one-hour program, followed by telescopic night sky viewing of first-quarter phase Moon, Jupiter, and Neptune. Meet at Kenton County Public Works building in LRP/7 pm.

Oct. 23 Halloween's One Night of Fright,

the Haunted Halloween Trail presented by Judes's Custom Exhaust, Auto Repair & Towing. A quarter-mile of torch-lit and creepy trail through the deep, dark woods! Free admission. Non-perishable food and personal care items for Senior Services of Northern Kentucky accepted. MMP/7 pm-??

Oct. 24 Great Pumpkin Races.

Fastest pumpkins down the ramp to the finish line win cool prizes! 3 weight classes. Free entry but non-perishable food and personal care items for SSNK accepted. MMP/Racing pumpkins must be registered by 12:45 pm. Cincinnati Zoo creepy-creature visit at noon!

Nov. 6-Dec. 4 Letters To Santa

~ Letters From Santa. Children who write letters to Santa will receive return letters from Santa just before Christmas! No postage necessary when mailed in special mailboxes at any Kenton County Public Library. It's free but when mailing your letters, donations of non-perishable food and personal care items for Senior Services of Northern Kentucky will be accepted gratefully.

Don't Miss the 6th Annual BOB KROHMAN Car and Motorcycle Show!

September 19, 9 am - 3 pm

Pioneer Park, Covington, KY

Registration 9 am - Noon; Judging at 1 pm



Sponsored by
Kenton County Police Citizens' Academy Alumni
Rain Date October 3
Admission \$2, kids 12 and under free.

Codes for Pre-Program and After-Program Guests

Pre-Program Guests

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!*

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

KY-F: Kentucky Division of Forestry's State Forester, Ariel Sewell, and Christopher Scott, Kenton County Forest Ranger, will team up for a short presentation on Forestry and Wildfire.

NKHD: Northern Kentucky Health Department will provide a short health help program.

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.

Free Lunch

STP/M: Snappy Tomato Pizza and McDonald's will continue to provide free lunch and drink on those dates marked.

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!"

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

MMP (Middleton-Mills)
PP (Pioneer)

RRP (Richardson Road)

Halloween Fun!

Kenton County Parks and Recreation is excited to announce the return of the Haunted Halloween Trail on Friday, October 23 and the Great Pumpkin Races on Saturday, October 24. Both events will be held at Middleton-Mills Park on Mills Road between Taylor Mill and Independence.

On Friday, from 7 - 11 pm, it's the Haunted Halloween Trail, presented by Jude's Custom Exhaust Auto Repair and Towing. It's a quarter-mile of t-t-t-t-torch-lit and c-c-c-c-creepy trail through the woods! Our haunters are more than ready to entertain our "guests!" Ghosts, goblins, witches, and a frightful variety of other Halloween characters, creatures, and displays will inhabit the Trail. Prepare to be scared! But we must issue this "grave" warning — Whatever you do, stay on the Trail!

Snappy Tomato Pizza will be on hand selling pizza slices! There is a shelterhouse at the end of the Haunted Trail where survivors may wish to sample complimentary Bat's Blood or Orange Drool (donated by McDonald's) served by Ghostesses.



Enjoy Halloween fun on the Haunted Halloween Trail and the Great Pumpkin Races, October 23-24.

Then take a hayride shuttle back to your vehicles. Everyone in line by 10:30 pm will be able to walk the trail but the gate at the entrance to the park will be closed at 10:30 pm so we can complete the night of fright before the stroke of midnight. You know ... or else! It's gonna be a SCREAM!

We want adult volunteers to help make this year's Haunted Trail scarier than ever! Kid haunters with an adult are OK but **MUST** stay on task — this is a theatre production — and the spookier, the better! Got one night to volunteer? Even if you don't want to haunt the Trail, there's still plenty to do. We need volunteers to direct traffic, serve as Ghostesses, decorate

the shelterhouse at the end of the trail, act as security, etc. Give Steve a call at 859/525-PLAY (7529)!

On Saturday, from 1 pm, it's the Great Pumpkin Races. Hey, if fright is not your thing, this is for you! Maniacal screaming by fans as their pumpkins race down the wooden ramp across the grass to the finish line? You bet! A panel of judges with stopwatches will oversee this event and fastest pumpkins will win prizes. Great family fun!

Bring the roundest, "fastest" pumpkin in the patch to race against other pumpkins in the same weight classes. Wannabe Great Pumpkins are those weighing up to five pounds.

The Couldbe's weigh from five to 10 pounds. And, heavyweights of over 10 pounds are the Great Pumpkins. It's BYO pumpkin and please — no altered pumpkins, other than painting. Races begin at 1 pm. Register between 12 and 12:45 pm to compete. Once you are registered, enjoy a visit with the Cincinnati Zoo at 12 pm when Zookeeper Kate Hammer will bring some of the Zoo's most-creepy creatures for a Halloween show-and-tell!

Both of these Halloween events are free but please remember to bring a donation of non-perishable food or personal care items for Senior Services of Northern Kentucky. Your donations really make a difference in day-to-day living for lots of people — right here in Northern Kentucky.

Directions to Middleton-Mills Park are easy. From I-275, take Exit 79 (Covington/Taylor Mill) and go south on Hwy. 16 seven miles to Mills Road. Turn left on Mills Road, go one mile to the park entrance, and follow the Jack-O-Lanterns.

Letters to Santa/Letters from Santa



Kenton County Parks & Recreation, in cooperation with Kenton County Public Library, is excited to announce its Letters To Santa/Letters From Santa program.

Santa's helpers at Kenton County Parks & Recreation are busy making final preparations on the special Santa Express mailboxes for you to mail your child's "Letter To Santa." Mailboxes will be installed on Friday, November 6. Santa's helpers will arrive at the Covington branch at 11 am, the Erlanger branch by noon, and the Independence branch by 1 pm.

As you can imagine, Santa's workshop is really getting busy! Even so, each boy and girl who sends a letter to Santa will receive a return letter from Santa just in time for

Christmas! No postage to the North Pole is necessary but please check to see that Santa can easily read full names and home addresses so that each child will receive his or her letter at home. Santa, of course, knows where each child lives but the post office needs complete home addresses!

When mailing your child's letter to Santa, please remember to bring non-perishable food or personal care items (including diapers) for those less fortunate. Specially decorated barrels will be located right next to the mailboxes at each location.

All three branches of the Kenton County Public Library will have mailboxes for accepting letters in addition to both Kenton County Courthouses.

Get into the holiday spirit! Take a few minutes right now and help your child write a Letter To Santa and visit your Kenton County Public Library to mail the letter and take advantage of the terrific holiday season programs there! Remember, Letters To Santa must be received by December 4 to give Santa time to write a return letter. Don't miss the fun of this free seasonal program!

Friend-to-Friend Folic Acid Campaign

The Health Department and St. Elizabeth Healthcare have a new program to provide women of childbearing age with folic acid, a B-vitamin that helps prevent birth defects of the brain and spinal cord.

Women who do not consume enough folic acid before and during pregnancy are at increased risk for these birth defects. The goal of this program is to ensure that women in their childbearing years get enough folic acid.

It's recommended that all women in their childbearing years take a multivitamin with 400 mcg folic acid and consume a diet high in folic acid, as 50 percent of pregnancies are unplanned.

Here's how the program works: A woman in childbirth education classes at St. Elizabeth receives a postcard about folic acid, which she can give to a friend. The friend then calls the Health Department to schedule a visit at a health center, during which she'll receive a bottle of folic acid vitamins free of charge. The referring friend will receive a \$5 gift card to Wal-Mart for participating.

Along with the free bottle of vitamins, women can receive family



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planning services and medical nutrition counseling while at the Health Department. For more information on healthy pregnancy, call the Kenton County Health Center at 431-3345.

Give Your Body a Tune-Up with Walk and Roll

The Health Department, the Kenton County Cooperative Extension and other community partners want to hear the glorious sounds of walk and roll ... bike gears grinding, shoes lacing up, get the idea? ... as residents are physically active this fall.

The Walk and Roll Challenge starts with the Extension's 2nd Sunday celebration, planned for Sunday, October 11. Participation is easy. Keep track of how many minutes you're physically active during the program using a scorecard, which

can be downloaded from <http://www.nkyhealth.org> or picked up at the 2nd Sunday event. The goal is to be active for at least 20 days of the four-week program.

At the end of the program, return the scorecard to the Health Department or the Extension, and you'll be entered for a chance to win prizes, including a \$150 gift card to Kentucky state parks. For more info on Walk and Roll, please visit <http://www.nkyhealth.org> or call 363-2083.

Message from Dr. Katkowsky: Plan Ahead for Flu Season



"I strongly encourage all Northern Kentucky residents to prepare for the flu season..."

- Dr. Steven R. Katkowsky

begins. Although I can't anticipate how the season will affect our area, I strongly encourage all Northern Kentucky residents to prepare for the flu season by doing the following:

1. If vaccination is an option for you, take advantage of it. We anticipate that seasonal flu vaccine will be readily available to all those who wish to be vaccinated. Swine flu vaccination may be limited to those at high-risk for developing complications from flu.

2. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

3. Stay up-to-date with the latest information. As the situation emerges, the Health Department will do our best to provide the latest info to the public. Information will be shared with the local news media, on our Web site (<http://www.nkyhealth.org>) and on our flu information hotline (392-0678).

The spring's outbreak of swine flu has kept us busy at the Health Department. Thus far, the swine flu has been relatively mild in our area, with a handful of Northern Kentucky residents infected, but all successfully treated.

Unfortunately, we are unable to predict what we may face this fall, as we have swine flu cases lingering as the seasonal influenza season

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Free Books, Movies, Games and More!

Many people do not realize that the Library is a free service. You can come in, get a free library card and select the latest and greatest books, movies, games, magazines and more. All you need is a library card. To get a free card, all you need is a valid ID with your current address or a recent piece of mail. Children can also receive a free library card with parent permission. Residents living

outside Kenton County can also get a free library card.

If you want to see what movies, CDs and books have been added to the Library's collection, you can go to www.kentonlibrary.org/newbooks/index.cfm. From this site you can access an RSS feed so that you are notified as new items are newly acquired or ordered.

One Book, One Community



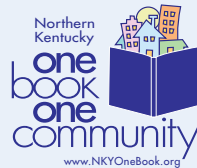
This fall, Northern Kentucky libraries and businesses invite you to participate in NKY One Book, One

Community. NKY

One Book, One Community is a reading program that brings people together through a shared

book. The featured book is "The Jazz Bird" by Craig Holden.

Learn more about NKY One Book, One Community including how to get the book, book discussions, programs and special events at nkyonebook.org.



Job Search Assistance

Are you looking for employment? Considering a new career? The job search and exploration process requires research and a lot of information gathering. The Library has resources that can be useful as you look for employment opportunities and build new skills.

Visit the Library's Online Job Search Guide at www.kentonlibrary.org/business/jobs to get started. This link also provides a step-by-step list of how to apply for a job online.

Don't have a computer? Use one for free at the Library. If your

computer skills are a bit rusty, consider taking one of the free computer classes offered at each location. Class dates, times and descriptions can be found in the Library's monthly calendar of events.

The Library also has resources so you can take sample tests for jobs such as firefighter, cosmetologist, corrections officer, or the military ASVAB entry test with the Learning Express database. Still need help? Please visit and ask for assistance at the Reference Desk.

Free Stuff to Do!

Children's Book Swap

Monday, September 7-Friday, September 11 during open hours

All locations

Swap, donate or take gently used children's books to update your home library. Visit any of the three Library locations' Children's Departments to participate in this week-long event.

Graphic Novel Read-In

Tuesday, September 8

Covington Library from 3 - 5 p.m.; Erlanger Library at 4 pm; Durr Library from 6-8 pm



Puppy Tales

All locations

Monthly, dates and times vary.

Boost your child's reading skills and self-confidence by having them reading to a non-judgmental audience – a dog! Check calendar for dates and times. Registration required.

Women's Money Club: Getting Organized

Saturday, September 12, 2-4 pm

Mary Ann Mongan Library – Covington

Learn how to set up a financial record-keeping system and other important steps to stay organized.

Roaring Twenties Jazz Concert

Saturday, September 12 at 2 pm

Erlanger Branch

Writers' Group- Independence Inklings

Sunday, September 13, from 2 pm- 4 pm

Durr Branch

Open to all writers, of all skill levels and genres. Receive constructive feedback, suggestions and more from group members and guest speakers.



USE YOUR LIBRARY CARD during September to get discounts and freebies at stores, restaurants and businesses throughout Northern Kentucky. Pick up a list of participating businesses at the Library.

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



Billing Changes

In an effort to better serve our customers, SD1 is switching our residential customers from quarterly to monthly billing. We believe this change will make budgeting more manageable and may help alleviate some of the financial burden placed on our customers.

Residential wastewater bills are now being based 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 actually enters the sanitary sewer system.

Northern Kentucky's sewer system is aging and deteriorating. Over the next five years, SD1 anticipates investing more than \$400 million to rehabilitate the existing wastewater and storm water collection systems, reduce sewage overflows and meet the requirements set forth in SD1's legal settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Due to these increasing infrastructure needs and the lack of



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available federal funding, 15% rate adjustments have been approved for the next two years. It is anticipated that additional rate adjustments will also be necessary in the future; however, SD1 will continue to look for ways to minimize costs and will be persistent in seeking state and federal funding to help minimize the impact on our customers.

Green City Award Winners Announced

In conjunction with the rain barrel program started by SD1 in 2009, a competition was launched between the cities in SD1's storm water service area. The city that purchased the most rain barrels would be awarded the 2009 "Green City Award."

In April, the cities of Union and Independence were announced as the

winners. The residents in these cities tied in purchasing more rain barrels than any of the other cities in SD1's storm water service area.

SD1 customers will still be able to purchase "Raintainers" while supplies last. For more information visit www.sd1.org/rainbarrels or call SD1's Storm Water Hotline at 859/578-6745.

Meet the Board

SD1 is governed by an eight member citizen Board of Directors. These public servants are dedicated to protecting our water resources, safeguarding public health and enhancing the quality of life we enjoy in Northern Kentucky. Their diverse set of talents, skills, experiences and interests provide SD1 with steadfast leadership and guidance.

Board members are appointed by the Judges/Executive of each county within SD1's service area. Representation on the Board is based on county population. Therefore, Kenton County holds four seats and Boone and Campbell Counties hold two seats each. The Board is responsible for adopting rules and regulations, providing fiscal oversight through the approval of financial statements, budgets and contracts, and ensuring that our customers' needs and interests are represented.

Current Board members include: Robert N. Elliston, President and John A. Hill, Jr., Secretary, representing Boone County; Frances Reitman, Vice President and David K. Noran representing Campbell County; and Robert Rothert, Treasurer, Jan Steinman, Charles "Chip" Tappan, and Justin "Jay" Weber representing Kenton County.



Robert Rothert was appointed to the Board in February 2007 and began serving as Treasurer in July 2009. He is vice president and part owner of Abercrombie and Associates, Inc., a civil engineering/land surveying firm.



Jan Steinman has served on the Board since July 2004 and completed a two-year term as President in June 2009. She is a certified public accountant, a 30-year resident of Kenton County and a past president of Provident Travel Service.



Charles "Chip" Tappan has served on the Board since March 2005 and has served as Vice President and Secretary. He is the president of Tappan Properties, Inc., a property development and management company.



Justin "Jay" Weber has served on the Board since February 2007. He is currently the executive vice president and partial owner of Batesville Products, Inc., a local manufacturer.

The Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month at SD1's main office and all meetings are open to the public. To see the Board's full meeting schedule, visit the calendar of events page on SD1's website at <http://www.sd1.org/events/events.asp>.

SD1



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

EXTENSION Today

IN KENTON COUNTY

Fall 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.

4-H Youth Development

What Is 4-H?

4-H is the world's largest youth organization. 4-H youth "learn by doing." Members develop self-esteem, learn leadership skills and other important life skills while participating in 4-H's many educational and fun activities.

How Can You Be Involved in 4-H

There are several ways you can be in 4-H but the most FUN way is probably through a 4-H club. All it takes to start a club is a couple of adults willing to work with a group of interested kids. Clubs meet in public places like schools, libraries, community centers and the Extension office. You can also be involved in 4-H as part of the curriculum at school or through camp, special interest groups, and after-school programs. If you like to work by yourself, you can even do a self-study project at home with family members.

4-H Projects

There are literally hundreds of 4-H projects available. 4-H projects are generated from seven core curriculum areas including natural resources and environment, science and technology, leadership, communications, animal science, family



and consumer science, health and wellness.

Many projects can be exhibited at the Kenton County Fair and may be selected to represent Kenton County at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.

Who Can Join?

4-H is available to all Kenton County youth ages 9-18 as of the first of January of the current year, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

4-H Youth Development provides the opportunity for youth to develop mastery, experience independence, develop a sense of belonging and learn generosity.

to 4-H members. Volunteers can serve a few hours a month throughout the year or for special one-time events like the fair, reality store or communication events.

Of particular need are community club leaders. These leaders are teamed with another adult to coordinate club meetings from September to May. This may include recruiting club members and organizing club activities. There would be three to four hours planning and preparation time per meeting as well as the meeting itself which lasts one to two hours.

All volunteers must complete the child protection screening process which includes completion of an application and background check. Volunteering is a two-way street. It is mutually beneficial for adults and youth. Volunteers derive personal satisfaction from their experiences, while at the same time helping youth to learn new skills. Volunteers are offered opportunities throughout the year to develop their own skills at special volunteer functions. For more information about becoming involved as an adult 4-H volunteer contact a 4-H agent.

Check out upcoming 4-H opportunities listed on the following Fall 2009 Class Schedule!

There is no cost to join 4-H in Kenton County; however, some special projects, activities and or competitions such as livestock judging, state communications event, residential camp or summer programs will have a monetary fee. (Kenton County 4-H Council has scholarships available for families with demonstrated financial need. Please contact any of the 4-H agents for information.)

You Can Be a 4-H Volunteer!

If you've got skills and experiences, share them. That's what more than 175 people do as 4-H adult volunteers in Kenton County. These 4-H volunteers conduct a variety of 4-H projects and activities of interest

CLASSES

KENTON
COUNTY
EXTENSION
CLASS
SCHEDULE

FALL 2009

Active for Life

Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 through October 1, 9:30 -10:30 am

Kenton County Library, 401 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger

An exercise program for older adults designed to build flexibility, strength and range of motion. Participants will exercise in and around a chair. A "walk-a-mile" segment will be done each week (walking in place). Please bring a light set of weights and dress comfortably. No charge for the class.

Home Lawn Care Basics

August 13, 6-8 pm

Durr Center, Taylor Mill

An outstanding lawn need not be difficult to obtain, but the methods are different for Northern Kentucky homeowners. Learn research-based recommendations for a low input, high quality lawn.

Back to Basics: Jam and Jelly Making for Beginners

Tuesday, August 25, 9-12 am

Durr Center, Taylor Mill

During this "hands-on" program, participants will make jelly and a jam product. \$10 fee (check payable to Tri County Home Economics program). Class size is limited.

Hands-On Food Preservation Workshop

Wednesday, September 2, 9 am-3 pm

Durr Center, Taylor Mill

During this "hands-on" program, participants will practice safe home canning techniques, as well as review the latest information on freezing and drying foods. \$10 fee for all materials and lunch (check payable to Tri County Home Economics program). Class size is limited.

Lunch and Learn Fall Gardening Series

Four Fridays in September, 12-12:45 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Come once or come often to learn about interesting theme gardens. Weekly sessions will cover Gardener's Fitness, Growing Spring Bulbs, Fall Gardening Tasks, and Houseplant Basics. Bring a bagged lunch and a friend!

Resume Writing

Tuesday, September 15, 6-7:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Do you need to update your resume, place it on the Internet, and adapt it for a specific job for which you are applying? All this as well as other topics will be covered.

Interview Skills

Tuesday, September 22, 6-7:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

This class will cover some interview dos and don'ts and tips for successful interviews.

Salts from the Earth

Thursday, September 24, 9:30 am

Durr Center, Taylor Mill, repeated at 6 pm at Durr Annex, Edgewood

Is sea salt better for you than kosher or table salt? We'll explore information about salt, take a look at a variety of them, and discover the role sodium plays in our diet and health.

Enhancing Your Job Search

Tuesday September 29, 6-7:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Panel of Human Resource professionals will answer questions and give insight into job search from a business perspective.

Serger Basics

Tuesday, September 29 and Tuesday, October 6; 2 part series, 1:30 pm and repeated 6 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Is your serger sewing machine collecting dust? During this two-part series, we will review the basics of how a serger operates and utilize it in an improved way. We will also make several mini-projects to perfect our skills. Class size is limited. Note – participants must bring their own serger, know how to thread and operate it. Class fee \$10 (checks payable to Tri County Home Economics program).

Identity Theft

Tuesday October 6, 6-7:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

How many times have you heard of identity theft in the news recently? This class will explore ways to protect your identity. Learn ways to protect yourself.

Body Recall

October 12-December 18, M-W-F, 9-10 am

Durr Center, Taylor Mill

This nationally recognized exercise program is designed to reclaim a level of fitness for older adults, including flexibility, strength, balance, and coordination for the body. Class meets 3 times a week for 10 weeks, and participants must wear comfortable clothing for movement. Class size is limited to 40 participants. Fee is \$35 for the 10-week session, \$10 discount for Primewise and Homemakers, \$15 for returning students.

A Matter of Balance

Mondays, October 12 through November 30, 2-4 pm

Kenton County Library, 401 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger

This is an 8-week series targeted towards seniors with the aim of helping them manage concerns about falls. During the 8 weeks, participants will learn ways to protect themselves in a fall and how to reduce falls. Additionally, methods will be taught to increase physical strength so that participants can become steadier on their feet. No charge for the class. Class size is limited.

Pumpkin Fun with Kids

October 9, 1-3:30 pm

Durr Center, Taylor Mill

Children 9 years of age and older are invited to learn about growing pumpkins while getting their hands dirty in our demo garden. We will also have fun tasting pumpkin recipes along with creating pumpkin garden crafts!

Improve Your Credit Card Knowledge

October 13, 6-7:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Learn ways to manage your credit. Topics covered will include types of credit, how to read a credit report, and ways to reduce your credit card debt.

Adult Beginning Sewing: Pajamas

Wednesdays, October 21 through November 25, 5:30-8:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

The project for this class is a pair of pajamas. Learn all the basics with the Kenton Co. Extension Service assisted by Master Clothing Volunteers. Fee for class: \$5 (includes pattern). Call 859/356-3155 to register. Class size is limited.

Putting Your Crock Pot to Work

Thursday, October 22, 9:30 am

Durr Center, Taylor Mill; repeated at 6 pm at Durr Annex, Edgewood

Rising food and energy prices have all of us searching for ways to stretch our food dollar. A slow cooker can be a great solution, as it provides nutritious, inexpensive and easy to prepare family meals. Learn some new ideas on preparing these meals in a safe and delicious manner.



Learn safe home canning techniques at the "Hands-On Food Preservation Workshop," September 2.

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Plants with Outstanding Fall Color

October 22, 6-8 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood

If you desire a vibrant plant display for fall, join us to learn about what plants exhibit the most intense fall color, attractive bark, and persistent fruit and flowers. Also sneak a peek at some creative fall container designs!

Needle Tatting Basics

Friday, October 23, 9 am-3 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood

Learn the basics of the art of tatting by using a long needle to work with. During the first part of this class, we will learn the basics. After lunch we will make a project with our new skills. Class size is limited. Cost is \$25 for all materials (check payable to Tri County Home Economics program). Lunch is on your own, not included with class fee.

Are You Ready for an Emergency?

Monday, October 26, 6-9 pm
Durr Center, Taylor Mill

This class will help you be better prepared for any natural disaster. Learn the basics of survival skills, preparing an emergency kit and what to do in an emergency.

Choosing, Using and Caring for Pots and Pans

Tuesday, October 27, 9:30 am
Durr Annex, Edgewood

Confused about the different types of pans on the market today? Discover advantages and disadvantages of different materials, as well as unique characteristics.

Greener Living Series

First three Fridays in November, 10 am-noon

Kenton County Public Library, 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger
Come once or come often to learn how to green up your home and garden. Individual sessions will discuss home energy conservation, making and using green cleaning products, growing "greener" gardens through organic and sustainable methods, home composting and efficiently recycling home waste.

Internet Shopping Skills

November 3, 10-11:30 am or 6-7:30 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood

As gas prices go higher do you want to do some of your shopping on the Internet? This class will focus on how to utilize the Internet for shopping and security measures while online. You will need computer knowledge. Due to computer usage class is limited to 8 for each session.

Cooking with Pressure

Tuesday, November 3, 6 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood

A pressure cooker allows you to cook foods 30-70% faster than conventional methods, while conserving nutrients and energy. In this hands-on class, we'll learn to use a pressure cooker to prepare a variety of foods. We'll also talk about general selection, use and care of a pressure cooker. \$5 foods and materials fee (checks payable to Tri County Home Economics program). Class size limited.

Holiday Open House

Tuesday, November 10, 4-7 pm
Durr Center, Taylor Mill

Before you know it, it will be time to "Deck those Halls" again! During this open house, stop by and you will see a variety of decorating and easy gift-giving ideas, plus try some delicious food ideas. Your fee will include tasting and a book of instructions and recipes for items shown and tasted. Class size limited. Class fee - \$6 for general public, \$3 for Kenton County Homemaker members (checks payable to Tri County Home Economics program).

Backyard Birdfeeding

Tuesday, November 10
Durr Annex, Edgewood

This class is designed for anyone with an interest in feeding birds in their backyard.

Wildlife Management for Woodland Owners

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30-8 pm
Durr Center, Taylor Mill
Call for additional information.

Crayon Creations

Wednesday, November 18, 9:30 am
Durr Center, Taylor Mill

This is a "hands-on" lesson that uses a technique of crayons on fabric. Participants will learn step-by-step procedures to complete a crayon appliqué. All materials will be provided. This is a fun project for all ages that can be used for many different projects. Class size limited.

Holiday Greens for Decorating

December 3, 1-3:30 pm
Durr Center, Taylor Mill

Make and take a Holiday Kissing Ball and learn about other natural holiday decorations. Get an idea of what evergreens are most suitable to grow in your own landscape too! Class limited to 25 registrants, \$7 class fee.

Don't Miss These Exciting Opportunities with 4-H!



4-H Safe Sitters Babysitting Classes

Held throughout the year at various locations

Youth aged 11 years or older will learn the basics of babysitting including child development, safety and first aid, care of infants and children, and learning activities for young children. A certificate of participation is awarded to those youth that participate in all class sessions.

4-H Teen Club/Teen Council Meetings

First Tuesday of every month

Do you like to socialize with other teens, work on community service projects, go on fun outings? Would you like to become more involved with promoting 4-H and 4-H events? If so, then this 4-H club is for you. Come join us for 4-H teen fun. If interested, call Denise Donahue at 859/356-3155.

4-H Shooting Sports Club Meetings

Second Thursday of each month

4-H shooting sports is an introduction to the safe, responsible use of firearms and archery equipment - a valuable life skill. Youth are trained by a certified leader on how to handle and shoot firearms safely. While competition is not the main focus, the program offers opportunities to participate in shooting events. This program is for youth 9 to 19 years old. If interested, call Denise Donahue at 859/356-3155.

4-H Clover Bud Meetings

Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Do you have a child that wants to join 4-H but is not 4-H age? This club is for you. Children in school K-3 are invited to become a clover bud. We will do fun activities such as crafts, cooking and science each month. If interested, call Denise Donahue at 859/356-3155.

4-H Teen Film Club

Starting in the fall

The goal of this club will be to work toward starting a 4-H TV talk show. If interested, call Denise Donahue at 859/356-3155.

4-H Livestock

All interested youth desiring to participate in livestock programs must enroll in 4-H and complete six hours of instructional training in order to be eligible for livestock participation. Certified livestock hours are offered November through January. Youth interested must complete the educational programs during this time period and earn six hours to be eligible to participate in livestock programs. Please contact the Extension office by October 1 to become involved in livestock projects. New members will learn about the process. If you are new to 4-H, please contact the Kenton County Extension Office for additional information.

4-H Bring a Buddy to Sew

Mondays from January 26 through February 23, 4-6 pm

Durr Center, Taylor Mill

This is the first 4-H sewing unit for clothing construction. Completion of this class is required for youth to participate in more advanced sewing projects and special sewing project days. Any youth (ages 9-18) and an adult buddy will learn how to operate a sewing machine, choose fabric, cut out a pattern, sew seams and make a casing. The youth will complete one or more of the following projects during the class: shorts, skirt, or pants. Sewing machines are provided. Participants will purchase one pattern, fabric and matching thread during the class. 4-H Agent, Mary S. Averbeck and our Master Clothing Volunteers will teach the sessions.

Registration required for all classes. Call 356-3155 to register.

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www.kentoncountyextension.com

What Is Second Sunday?

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, October 11!



Be there. Be healthy.

Join us for an event happening in nearly every county in Kentucky. On Sunday, October 11, the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service wants to get everyone in the state active! Even our State legislators have become involved, as Governor Steve Beshear has proclaimed 2nd Sunday as a day in October when Kentucky citizens unite on behalf of improving health, and the State Legislature passed joint House and Senate Resolutions supporting 2nd Sunday

In Kenton County, we are teaming up with the city of Erlanger, the Kenton County Library and the Northern Kentucky Health Department for our event. Join us at the Erlanger branch of the Kenton County Library from 2-4 pm. We will have a variety of opportunities to get active, including walking, bike riding, kids' games, and senior exercises. In addition, we will have a variety of activity, learning, and fun booths for all ages. More details will be coming, but in the meantime, mark your calendar for Second Sunday, October 11, 2009!

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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

Spend Less on Your Prescriptions

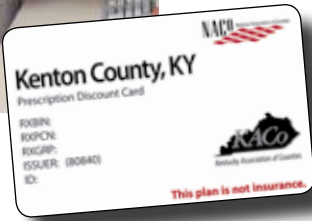
Join a Partnership for a Healthier Community



participating retail pharmacy. The discount card is not insurance.

Savings

Savings average 20 percent; some discounts may be more, and some less, depending on the drug and quantity purchased. Cardholders are eligible for higher discounts on a three-month supply of some medications through mail service. Cardholders also can save on pet prescriptions at participating retail pharmacies.



What It Is

The NACO drug discount card program helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The free cards are distributed in the sponsoring county and may be used at any

Who It's For

The cards may be used by all County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment

form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

What It Costs

Unlike many other card programs, there is no enrollment cost or membership fee. The cardholder pays the negotiated discount price or the pharmacy's retail price, whichever is lower. The average discount is 20 percent.

The program administrator may obtain manufacturer rebates and other fees based on your prescription drug purchases. These rebates and fees may be retained by the program administrator or shared with you and/or your pharmacy.

How to Obtain Your Card

Free cards are available at the Kenton County Public Library (call first). Or, mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Kenton County Fiscal Court Attn: Free Discount Prescription Card P.O. Box 792 Covington, KY 41012

This program is offered in a joint effort of Kenton County and the National Association of Counties (NACO). For more information call toll free: 1-877-321-2652 Or visit: <http://www2.caremark.com/naco>.

Ribbon Cut on Animal Shelter's New Adoption Center

Amid a flurry of wagging tails, happy barks and meows, Kenton County officials cut the ribbon on the Kenton County Animal Shelter's new adoption center on July 16. The 7,780-square-foot adoption center is home to adoptable dogs and cats, a training facility, a retail sales shop, a grooming area, and offices.

Kenton County Judge/Executive Ralph Drees welcomed County officials and invited guests, urging them to support the efforts of the KCAS. Among the many ways to help the shelter, Drees explained that supporters can make a gift in honor of a friend, loved one or beloved pet. Permanent signage in various areas of the adoption center will record the tribute.

Following Judge Drees' opening remarks, Dan Evans, Kenton County Animal Shelter Director, gave a brief history of the shelter beginning with its establishment in October 1985. The shelter now takes in more than 6,500 unwanted and stray animals each year.

The new adoption center promises to be a great destination for individuals and families who are looking for a new four-legged companion. Dogs and cats are housed in bright and clean environments that provide for easy viewing.

Families with pets who are not in the market for a new furry friend may want to take advantage of obedience classes that are offered at the shelter. Animal lovers can also stop by the shelter during regular adoption hours



Above: The Kenton County Animal Shelter with its new adoption center. Inset: Judge Drees and Dan Evans cut ribbon on new adoption center.

to shop for toys, treats, collars, leashes, and other goodies.

The KCAS is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 10:30 am-5 pm;

Wednesday & Saturday, 10 am-2 pm. Please call 859/356-7400 for information about adoption, obedience classes, volunteering, and tribute gifts.

Letter to Kenton County

Dear Friends,

I am proud to report that since my last article bids have been let and construction is underway on the new **Kenton County Detention Center**. After more than two decades of moving from one location and design to another, the Fiscal Court awarded construction management contracts to Turner Construction and the footers have been poured for the new facility.

The new detention center will be a state-of-the-art facility, one of the first in the Commonwealth to utilize direct supervision management, whereby the 90 percent of inmates will be lodged in a dormitory style facility overseen by an "in unit" corrections officer. The more cost effective model was made possible as a result of regulation changes implemented by the Kentucky Department of Corrections under the leadership of a native Kenton countian, John Rees, who served as Kentucky's Commissioner of Corrections in the administration of Governor Ernie Fletcher.

Using this construction model, the bids approved by the fiscal court were just under \$40 million, down \$10 million from original architectural and engineering estimates and only \$3 million more than

was estimated for a new facility a decade ago.

Also, the county has completed construction of a 7,500 square foot addition to the **Kenton County Animal Shelter**. More than \$300,000 of the \$1 million construction came through private donations. The new facility will provide segregation of adoptable animals from those the county is required to hold for legal or health related causes.

Clearly, the cost of operating the center will increase with a doubling of the cages at the shelter and we have been really pleased with the number of people coming forward to assist in this endeavor, purchasing pavers and making donations to the shelter. Our volunteer program, led by Janet Scanlon, is making great strides and we are deeply appreciative of their efforts. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation at the shelter you can do so by contacting the shelter at 859/356-7400.

As the end of summer nears I would caution all that the opening of school will ensure an increase in youngsters along the roads and streets waiting for buses or driving to school. Please, be cautious and watch out for your youth.



Kenton County Fiscal Court

Covington: 303 Court St. • **Independence:** Courthouse and Annex

Ralph Drees, Judge/Executive
phone: 392-1400 (Covington)

Deputy Judge/Executive:
Scott Kimmich

Commissioners:

Dan Humpert, 1st District
Phone: 859/392-1400

Kenton County Attorney:
Garry Edmondson

Sara Reeder Voelker, 2nd District
Phone: 859/392-1400

Kenton County Clerk:
phone: 392-1600 (Covington) or
392-1680 (Independence)

Kris A. Knochelmann, 3rd District
Phone: 859/392-1400

Show Support for Our Police and Fire Departments

September 11, 2009
6-10 pm
Independence Fire Station 1

The Kenton County Police Citizens' Academy Alumni and the Independence Police Citizens' Academy Alumni invite you and your family to a cookout. This event is to show our support for our Police and Fire Departments on a day we shall never forget.

Food and drinks provided by the CPA Alumni and Buffalo Bob's Family Restaurant.

The Golf Courses of Kenton County

General information

Join us for a fun-filled day of golf at our 54-hole facility. All three Kenton County Golf Courses provide challenging and fun layouts for golfers of any skill level. Our old favorite, **The Pioneer**, measures 6,010 yards and plays to a par of 71. **The Willows**, designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan, offers golfers a scenic and challenging test of tree-lined fairways and undulating greens. **Fox Run**, designed by renowned architect Arthur Hills, is consistently rated one of the most challenging public courses in the State of Kentucky.

Golf Instruction

Join us for the **Ladies Fall Golf Clinics:** Saturdays, September 26, October 3, October 10, 10:30 am - Noon. Don't forget! A **private lesson** with our PGA professional Jason Laible can help take your game to the next level.

Call the pro-shop at 371-3200 or email jason.laible@kentoncounty.org for registration information or private lesson information.

Save Big \$\$\$

We are excited to introduce the "G Card" discount golf pass. Save up to \$490 on golf fees and purchase driving range baskets for only \$39.95! Visit www.kentoncounty.org for details on terms and conditions.

Book Tee Times Online

Booking a tee time has never been more convenient! Book a reservation online through www.kentoncounty.org for any of our three golf courses up to 10 days in advance.



NKWD Wins Award

The Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) has won a state award for water quality excellence. NKWD received the award from the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet in recognition of their demonstrated success in producing drinking water that consistently meets or exceeds state water quality standards. NKWD is among 31 water treatment plants in Kentucky to win the honor.

"This is the second year in a row the Water District has received this award. Outstanding water quality is a goal we work to meet and exceed every day, so we are very pleased to be recognized for our success in that area," said Bari Joslyn, Vice President of Water Quality and Production at NKWD.

The winners, including NKWD, were among 155 public and private water treatment plants in the state that participated in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Area-Wide Optimization Program

(AWOP), which challenges plants to reduce turbidity levels below those required by state and federal regulations. Turbidity is cloudiness of water that can be caused by particles of sand and dirt. NKWD met the area-wide optimization program goals for both settled and filtered water in 2008 and is considered to be "totally optimized" for turbidity/microbial removal.

Dr. Len Peters, secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet, praised all the water plants for their achievements.

"Together, these award winning systems serve more than a million Kentuckians who can be assured that their water treatment systems are working hard to produce safe drinking water from Kentucky's lakes, rivers and reservoirs," said Dr. Peters.

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.



NKWD staff members volunteer through United Way on Earth Day to benefit NorthKey residents with their landscape.

Left to right top row: Colleen Medert, Joel Cundiff, Mollie Bailey, Bob Bubrlage. Left to right bottom row: Evan Kramer, Amy Kramer, Erin Kramer, Lori Simpson, Bari Joslyn.

Northern Kentucky Water District

The Board of Commissioners' meetings take place the third Thursday of every month at 12:30 pm, 2835 Crescent Springs Road, Erlanger, KY 41018



Water Main Replacement Schedule

ERLANGER

- Dixie Highway, from Lytle Avenue to the county line - *Under design*
- Stevenson Road, from Terrace to Shaw - *Undergoing final restoration*

LAKESIDE PARK

- Yancey Lane from Van Deren to Turkeyfoot - *Fall, 2009*
- Holaday Lane from Van Deren to Turkeyfoot - *Fall, 2009*
- Elizabeth Court from Van Deren to Turkeyfoot - *Fall, 2009*
- Van Deren Drive from Turkeyfoot Road to Yancey - *Fall, 2009*

PARK HILLS

- Rosemont Avenue and Hilltop Drive, starting from South Arlington to the end - *Completed*
- Morgan Court from Emerson to the end of the street - *Summer, 2009*

COVINGTON

- On West Pike Street from Lewis Street to Western Avenue - *Summer, 2009*
- Installation of new services from Western Avenue approximately 1400 feet south on Pike Street - *Summer, 2009*
- Altamont Road, from John Street to River Road - *Summer, 2009*

EDGEWOOD

- Brookwood Drive from Dudley Road to the north entrance of Brookwood Circle - *Summer, 2009*

ELSMERE

- Caldwell Drive, Maple Avenue to Elken Place - *Summer, 2009*
- Elken Place, from Maple Avenue to Caldwell Drive - *Summer, 2009*
- Maple Avenue, from Caldwell Drive to Swan Circle - *Summer, 2009*

FORT WRIGHT

- St. Agnes Circle and Vidot Court - *Summer, 2009*

INDEPENDENCE

- McCullum, Oliver and Cox - *Fall, 2009*

CRESCENT SPRINGS

- Nordman Drive from Western Reserve to #736 Overlook - *Summer, 2009*

FORT MITCHELL

- Oxford Avenue, from Sunnymede Drive to Superior Drive - *Summer, 2009*

SUB-DISTRICT G

Additional streets currently under design:

- Cherry (off KY 17, North of Apple)
- Kenton Station Road (KY 177 to dead end)
- Marshall Road (KY 177 to #9325)
- White Villa Estates (North Lake Road)
- White Villa Estates (Lakeshore, Maple)

NKWD Hosts Open House

The Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) gave the public a behind-the-scenes look at the water treatment process as it opened its doors May 6 for an open house event. Guests learned about water-related topics including water conservation to help them lower their water bills, how water is treated and distributed around the area, and jobs in the water industry, just to name a few.

The event, held at the NKWD Central Facility on Crescent Springs Road in Erlanger, KY coincided with National Drinking Water Week.

The interactive and informational event was part of NKWD's

adult and student education program called AquaVenture. The event was designed to educate the Northern Kentucky community about the many important benefits of high-quality water to the community and the services offered by NKWD.

"We have received great feedback and this program has turned into an annual event," said Ron Lovan, NKWD President and CEO. "Our goal is to reach as many customers and students as possible to show them first-hand why water is a vital part of their everyday lives and how NKWD plays a part in providing it."

Summertime Is a Great Time to Try TANK!

Kenton County residents can try TANK for transportation to all of their summer fun. If you're staying around town doing one of the following activities, try using TANK to get there! The hassles of parking in crowded lots and fighting traffic are only a memory when you take TANK!

Cincinnati Reds



The Reds are still playing and it's not too late to check out a game. The

Southbank Shuttle is a great way to get to the game. Park in Covington at one of the free/low-cost parking lots or on-street parking and enjoy a convenient ride to the game. Then enjoy an after-game treat at one of the many restaurants on the route!

Kentucky Symphony Orchestra Concerts

TANK service to the Summer KSO series at Devou Park is back by popular demand! On Saturday,



Take a TANK shuttle to the Summer KSO series in Devou Park this summer.

September 5, TANK will pick up concert-goers at Covington Catholic High School and transport them free of charge to the bandshell Amphitheater at Devou Park. The shuttle is being provided for free as a community service partnership between TANK and the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra.

"The KSO concert series provides a great way for families to gather and enjoy time together," said Andrew Aiello, TANK Deputy General Manager. "We are happy to do our part by providing the shuttle transportation to help with parking challenges in Devou Park. TANK buses are a lower-cost alternative for commuting and events like these provide a great way for people that have never used TANK to try us."

The free concert shuttles will operate from 6 pm until 7:30 pm before the concert and return trips will begin immediately after the concert is over.

Bengals Football

Season-ticket holders and occasional attendees alike know that



TANK is the only way to get to home football games.

TANK offers service on the Southbank Shuttle to a special stop just one block away from Paul Brown Stadium. Park in Covington and catch the Shuttle to the game — it's the best way to avoid the pre- and post-game traffic!

Back to School Shopping

If you need to get your back-to-school shopping started or even get a head start on your holiday shopping, look no further than TANK. The #1 Florence route serves all the major shopping destinations in Northern Kentucky, as well as downtown Cincinnati.

Headed to Riverfest?

TANK will provide special shuttles from Park and Ride locations in Northern Kentucky for the annual Riverfest celebration on the Ohio River! Check www.tankbus.org for detailed information about the shuttle service. Riverfest is held on Sunday, September 6. The fare for the Riverfest Shuttle is \$6 for adults and free for children (45" and under), roundtrip, and exact fare is required. Buses will begin leaving the Park & Rides at 4 pm, with the last bus leaving each Park & Ride at 7:30 pm. Buses will operate approximately every 20-30 minutes, depending upon passenger demand.

For detailed information about TANK's Riverfest Park and Ride service or the Southbank Shuttle, please call TANK's information line at 859/331-TANK (8265) or visit us on the web at www.tankbus.org.



TANK in Kenton County

Routes

- 1 Florence (travels Dixie Hwy.)
- 3 Ludlow/Bromley
- 5 Holman
- 7 Rosedale/Latonia
- 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 Center
- 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)

Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky



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

Covington Contracts for Cutting-Edge Data Base

NKAPC's engineering inspectors are completing a several-month project to inventory a number of Covington's infrastructure assets. The work, which is being pursued under a professional services agreement between the city and the Area Planning Commission, will provide Covington with a cutting-edge data base of assets.

"The Federal Highway Administration has mandated that by 2012 municipalities must have an asset management system in place to track the reflectivity of their regulatory and warning street signs. A logical first step to comply with this mandate was to create an inventory of what signs a city has and identify precisely where those signs are located," said Scott Hiles, NKAPC's deputy director for infrastructure engineering.

Hiles's team is covering 225 lane miles of streets in Covington north of I-275 to create that database for the city.

"Our first step was to inventory all the signs," he said. "Staff is walking the entire 225 miles with handheld GPS units and obtaining longitude and latitude coordinates for all warning and regulatory signs. As a part of that inventory we're also rating the condition of the sign as well as identifying the type and condition of the sign support."

This project will provide Covington with a map-based database that identifies the type and condition of all warning and regulatory signs, the condition of sidewalks and curbs and the location of basements in the city.

"Since we were already walking each street for this project, we asked the city what else we could roll into our effort to benefit them," said Hiles. "City officials responded that they'd like the conditions of their sidewalks and curbs rated."

Staff is also identifying the locations of all needed repairs by GPS coordinates.

Hiles explains that his team is also identifying buildings that appear to have basements, such as those with coal chutes or cellar doors.

"A number of buildings in Covington include basements that extend beyond the above-grade walls. Some even extend under public sidewalks and streets. City officials would like an inventory of these so they can try to foresee future problems."

When finished, NKAPC will present Covington with a map-based database that identifies all these locations in a highly accurate format.

County's Mapping Website Getting Major Overhaul

Kenton County's computerized mapping website is undergoing a makeover. The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission contracted recently with two consulting firms to help its staff upgrade the functionality and look of the site that serves Kenton and Campbell Counties. The Commission expects to put the new service online by early fall.

"The website has been online for almost five years," said Dennis Gordon, FAICP, executive director of the Area Planning Commission. "We were online before MapQuest, Google Maps, and other providers of online mapping popularized the Internet as the go-to geographic information source for the masses."

Gordon suggests the technological and marketing advances pursued by MapQuest and Google have been a mixed blessing.

"Our website gets more hits now exponentially than at any time in its history," he said. "It's rewarding to see so many more citizens using the service but frustrating to hear their comparisons of our site's functionality with what's being provided by the big guys. This makeover is intended to improve that."

According to Gordon, the two-county website has always provided considerably more information in a more detailed form than that provided by the major online companies. This, he asserts, is due to the different goals of those providing online geographic information.

"MapQuest's and Google's primary goal is to help users find locations and to get from Point A to Point B... and they do it extremely well," he said. "LinkGIS's primary goals are to serve the much more detailed needs of local, state, and federal governments and to provide critical data analysis for local utility providers, economic development officials, and schools."

Gordon points out quickly that LinkGIS will also help users find locations and to get from Point A to Point B. It just does it in a much more detailed format.

"Our goal with this makeover is to give our citizens easy access to much of the same detailed information that is used by their local governments," he concluded.

Kenton County's GIS information is available online at linkgis.org.

The Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission provides comprehensive GIS mapping services to Kenton County through an agreement with Kenton County Fiscal Court, SD1, the Northern Kentucky Water District, and Kenton County PVA Mark Vogt.

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Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator

Homestead and Disability Exemptions

Are You Eligible?

Homestead Exemption -

Persons eligible for the exemption must be at least 65 years of age. 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/documentation 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, 1099, etc.
- The state of Kentucky only allows one exemption per property. (Must be your primary residence)

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year (2009), come in
now to file for the
Homestead Exemption
benefit.**



Where to File

You may file for Homestead and Disability Exemptions at the Kenton County PVA office (see contact information in box below).

Check Us Out on the Web

www.kentonpva.com

Here are a few examples of the valuable information available on our website: Property data via the public access link, tax calculator, downloadable forms, city/county tax rates, automobile information, property/parcel maps and other government agency contact information. So, check out www.kentonpva.com for your self to see this information and much more. Your feedback is welcomed; If you have questions or comments about our website just click the "E-mail" link on the homepage to send us a message.

Tax Bill Time

Tax bills will be mailed around the first week in October. Tax bills are mailed by the Kenton County Sheriff. If you have questions about your tax bill or if you do not receive a tax bill by the second week of October you should contact the Kenton County Sheriff's office, 859/392-1800.

If you have questions regarding your city tax bill you should contact the city in which your property is located. Please contact our office if you have questions regarding mailing address, exemptions or assessment. Phone 859/392-1750 or visit our website at www.kentonpva.com.

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Hours of Operation:

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

Contact our office regarding Wednesday evening hours.