

WHAT'S

**21
years!**

Happening!

in **Kenton County, Kentucky** TM

Winter/Spring 2021

A Word from the PDS Board Chair:

There's been a big transformation at PDS since I began my role as chairman of the board in May. In addition to welcoming several new board members, Sharmili Reddy took the helm as executive director for PDS. With the changeover, the time was right to reexamine the PDS vision and mission. That reevaluation process resulted in a renewed dedication to serve the community. PDS now has an even greater focus on customer service and collaboration with residents, businesses, developers, city and county officials, and our regional partners to elevate our impact as a service organization. Our focus is on the needs of everyone we serve from the urban core of Covington to rural Kenton County. Above all, we're here for you.

*- PDS Management Board Chair &
Kenton County Commissioner Joe Nienaber*

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in Kenton County, please see page 2.**



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Economic growth and development increases despite COVID-19 crisis

PDS partners with local jurisdictions, individuals and agencies throughout the County to foster a single comprehensive planning program serving the diverse needs of Kenton County’s many communities. As a taxpayer service, PDS works cooperatively with local cities within the County to help residents, businesses and organizations alike to support smart growth and economic development.

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc by presenting many challenges across the nation, including the shuttering of businesses and stalling economic growth. But based on PDS data, development in Kenton County has remained vigorous.

“Our numbers are still as high as last year, and in some cases, higher,” PDS Executive Director Sharmili Reddy said, noting that despite a nearly three-month closure to walk-in customers due to COVID-19, PDS staff

continued to work remotely assisting customers throughout the crisis. “Development is still occurring, rehabs and renovations have been strong, and new streets are being constructed. It’s interesting all that activity is still happening through this pandemic at the same rate as last year or higher.”

PDS tracks data, including the number of people utilizing PDS’ services. A total of 36,243 customers sought support or assistance from PDS in fiscal year 2020, evidencing the need for PDS’ critical resources. PDS records data running the gamut from permits for building, zoning, electric, HVAC and home renovation projects to infrastructure engineering items like subdivision plat applications and sidewalk inspections. PDS also offers planning assistance and the production of LINK-GIS maps. These data points are all good indicators of continued economic growth and development.

For instance, when a public street is constructed in a new development, PDS inspects that street to ensure regulations have been followed, increasing resident safety. That data is another marker of development, because it denotes the number of linear feet of new street that has been reviewed, constructed and approved.

The table below shows a small sampling of data collected by PDS. Not every city in the County utilizes all the services provided by PDS, therefore the overall countywide statistics are even higher. Please call 859/ 331-8980 or visit www.pdskc.org for more information on the services PDS offers.

	MAR-OCT 2019	MAR-OCT 2020 (eight-month period after COVID hit)
Planning and Zoning		
Zoning Permits	633	639
Infrastructure Engineering		
Number of Inspections	721	923
Active Subdivisions per month average	29	32
Sidewalk/Driveway apron Inspections	207	225
Building Codes		
Building Permits	868	748
Electric Permits	787	753
HVAC Permits	903	863
Inspections (Residential)	1,969	2,045
Inspections (Commercial/Industrial)	1,360	1,208
GIS Administration		
Number of linkgis.org page views (For Mapping)	152,601	202,879

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- Sharmili Reddy, PDS Executive Director



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CVG Airport infrastructure update

CVG Airport is a key economic driver for the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region with an annual impact of \$6.8 billion on the local economy. The COVID-19 pandemic has struck every industry hard, including aviation. CVG is seeing less passenger traffic than previous years; however, with its diversified flight operations, cargo traffic has been breaking records and is a positive light through difficult times.

The airport and overall region will recover. To speed that recovery, CVG is moving critical infrastructure projects forward including the rehabilitation of runway 9/27 — CVG’s longest and most utilized runway, which directionally runs east/west. Much like roads need repaving, so do airport runways. Did you know, because of the length of this runway, aircraft are able to fly direct from CVG to DHL’s hub in Hong Kong (8,043 miles)?

Runway 9/27 is critical for air cargo operations at CVG, which supports jobs and economic vibrancy. The project and subsequent closure of this runway will take place this year and will impact aircraft landings and takeoffs for approximately six months — moving much of the aircraft operations to other runways. During the project, air traffic to the east and west of the airport will likely decrease, and operations flying north and south of CVG will temporarily increase. To minimize impacts on operations and surrounding communities, CVG has worked with the Federal Aviation Administration and cargo partners to compress the project schedule to one year versus the typical two years it would take for a project this size. CVG is grateful for the support and patience of the community as this important infrastructure update is completed. To learn more, please visit cvgairport.com/noise.



Do you have the proper ID to travel in the US beginning October 2020?
2021

PROPER IDS: CURRENT PASSPORT - OR - ID WITH THIS STAR

ASK TSA OR VISIT CVGAIRPORT.COM/SECURITY

Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

CINCINNATI/NORTHERN KENTUCKY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- [Linkedin.com/company/CVGairport](https://www.linkedin.com/company/CVGairport)
- [Facebook.com/CVGairport](https://www.facebook.com/CVGairport)
- [Twitter.com/CVGairport](https://twitter.com/CVGairport)
- [Instagram.com/CVGairport](https://www.instagram.com/CVGairport)

St. Elizabeth Healthcare opens state-of-the-art Cancer Center

New 250,000 square-foot cancer facility will change the future of cancer care

St. Elizabeth officially opened its new 250,000-square-foot Cancer Center this past fall. The comprehensive center will meet the needs of patients in both the region and nation.

Kentucky faces the highest rates of overall cancer incidence and death in the United States. The Commonwealth also leads the nation in lung cancer incidence and death and colorectal cancer incidence. With the ability to treat nearly 500 patients in a day, St. Elizabeth's six-story facility will lead the way in providing personalized care and treatment in the region.

"The opening of the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center is a momentous occasion for our community as we work together to fight cancer," said Garren Colvin, president and chief executive officer of St. Elizabeth. "Many Kentuckians rely on St. Elizabeth for quality treatment across the healthcare continuum. Now, we can provide even greater access to more individuals facing a cancer diagnosis, right here in our region and nation."

The St. Elizabeth Cancer Center offers cancer detection, diagnosis, and care — all under one roof. With an emphasis on precision medicine and

genomic health, screening education and prevention, clinical research and advanced, innovative technology, St. Elizabeth provides a seamless experience for patients undergoing treatment. St. Elizabeth is also a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, consulting with Mayo Clinic cancer specialists and providing patients access to second opinions at no extra cost. In addition, as a member of the UK Markey Cancer Center Affiliate and Research Networks, patients also have access to additional clinical programs.

"As a cancer survivor myself, I know all too well how important it is to have a multidisciplinary approach to care," said Dr. Doug Flora, executive medical director of St. Elizabeth Oncology Services. "Our new Cancer Center leverages the best healthcare practices to provide an advanced and personalized experience to our patients. With everything our patients need under one roof, they will spend less time worrying about where their next appointment is and more time on what matters most — healing."

The Cancer Center has been intentionally designed to provide a leading caregiving experience for



patients and includes design elements that help slow the spread of germs, especially important amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the Cancer Center, visit stelizabeth.com/cancercenter.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



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St. Elizabeth Dearborn
600 Wilson Creek Road
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025
812/537-1010

St. Elizabeth Edgewood
1 Medical Village Dr.
Edgewood, KY 41017
859/301-2000

St. Elizabeth Florence
4900 Houston Rd.
Florence, KY 41042
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St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas
85 North Grand Ave.
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
859/572-3100

St. Elizabeth Grant
238 Barnes Rd.
Williamstown, KY 41097
859/824-8240

One of nation's first implant of bluetooth-connected heart device at St. Elizabeth

Dr. Mohamad Sinno recently performed one of the first implantations in the U.S. of a Bluetooth-enabled biventricular implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD) at St. Elizabeth Edgewood. The new device, the Abbott Gallant, recently received FDA approval for a new technology assessment and is available in only a few centers in the U.S. during this assessment phase.

Internal defibrillators are implantable devices for patients who are at risk of life-threatening heart rhythm problems. "This next-generation device communicates wirelessly to the patient's physician and also lets patients access information about the device using an app on a smartphone," explained Dr. Sinno, a cardiac electrophysiologist with the St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute. This device is the first ever implantable cardiac device to

communicate via Bluetooth with a smartphone app for the patient.

The smartphone connectivity in this device is expected to substantially improve patient remote monitoring rates and patient engagement in monitoring. Research has shown that better patient engagement and compliance with monitoring translates into reduced hospitalizations, better clinical outcomes, and improvement in survival. The smartphone connectivity offers patients flexibility compared to traditional bedside monitors. The app allows easy transmission of data manually and access to device status such as battery longevity, all done in a cybersecure mode with enabled two-way authentication.

"At the St. Elizabeth Heart & Vascular Institute, we are very excited to offer our community new and enhanced technologies such as this device that have been proven to



improve patient access to care, patient compliance, and clinical outcomes," said Dr. Sinno.

For more information, contact the St. Elizabeth Arrhythmia Center at 859/331-3353.

Dr. Sinno and team performed one of the first implantations of a Bluetooth-connected heart device.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare first in region to offer new treatment for mesothelioma

St. Elizabeth is the first in Kentucky and the only health system in the region to offer a new wearable, non-invasive treatment for mesothelioma. Optune Lua is a portable device that delivers low-grade electrical fields to the tumors to slow the growth of cancer cells.

"Optune Lua is a new treatment that slows progression and improves the quality of life for people living with mesothelioma," says Dr. Goetz Kloecker, medical oncologist with St. Elizabeth Physicians. "It is the first FDA-approved treatment for mesothelioma in 15 years."

Malignant pleural mesothelioma is a rare and aggressive cancer that attacks the lining of the lungs, abdomen, and heart. Once diagnosed, most patients only live for 12-18 months. Mesothelioma is typically caused by exposure to asbestos. There is currently no cure for mesothelioma for the absolute majority of patients.

Doug Flora, MD, executive medical director of St. Elizabeth oncology services, said, "Our commitment to cancer treatment for the region is evident in our new cancer center. As we create a center

of excellence for thoracic cancers, it is important that we continue to bring new and innovative treatment options like this to St. Elizabeth and our community — options that aren't readily available elsewhere in the region."

In clinical studies, the Optune Lua in combination with chemotherapy, extended life by 50%, and 97% saw their mesothelioma shrink or stop growing. The device is portable and is worn to deliver wave-like electric impulses to the lungs. These electric waves are created by adhering large pads on the skin over

the area on the front and back of your body. The pads are then connected to a portable battery. Surgery and chemotherapy are standard treatments for mesothelioma. The Optune Lua device when used with chemotherapy is shown to extend the effect that chemotherapy has on treating mesothelioma.

Dr. Kloecker added, "Currently, St. Elizabeth Healthcare only treats mesothelioma with the Optune Lua. In the future and after more clinical studies, we hope the use of low-grade electrical fields may be used to treat other forms of cancer."

SD1 returning to normal business

Water shutoffs, penalties set to resume in January

Sanitation District No. 1 plans to return to normal business operations in January after months of suspended penalties and water disconnections due to nonpayment.

Gov. Andy Beshear issued an executive order in October that ended the suspension of utility disconnections for nonpayment as of Nov. 6, continuing the waiver of penalties on late payments for residential customers through December 31 and setting parameters for default payment arrangements for residential customers.

“SD1 appreciates the fact that even though these restrictions were lifted by the governor on November 6, some of our customers may still be enduring hardships during these unprecedented times,” said Executive Director Adam Chaney. “That is why we made the decision to delay the reinstatement of disconnections and penalties until after January 1.”

To comply with the governor’s order, the District placed all residential customers with a past-due balance into

a default payment arrangement that requires monthly payments equal to 1/6 of the past due amount plus the current monthly charges. Nonresidential customers were not defaulted into a payment plan, and can call SD1 to make payment arrangements.

Letters went out in October to customers with a past due balance explaining their options and laying out the terms of residential payment arrangement plans. Customers can pay the full amount due immediately to avoid entering into a payment arrangement, and can pay more than is due under the default agreement to shorten the term of the arrangement.

Customers who pay their new monthly charges and the past-due payment arrangement on time will remain in good standing and will not be subject to penalties or disconnection for nonpayment.

“We know there are customers who will continue to struggle,” said Chaney. “The six-month payment arrangement will help those hit the



SD1 will resume water shutoffs and penalties for nonpayment in January.

hardest get their accounts caught up over time. Despite COVID-19 and its impact on our community, the vital services SD1 provides across our region to manage wastewater and storm water never stop. SD1 believes the gradual return to normal business operations is the appropriate balance between the economic realities of our customers and our commitment to reliably protect public health, property and

the environment and to support the economic vitality of our community.”

SD1 continues to offer a Customer Assistance Program in partnership with the Brighton Center for low-volume customers who qualify. Additional information about the SD1 program and other assistance is available at <https://sd1.org/164/Customer-Assistance-Program>.

We all play a role in storm water management

Most of the rain that falls from the sky seeps into the ground, but the rain that doesn’t can cause real problems in local communities. If the ground is saturated, frozen or covered by hard surfaces like driveways or parking lots, the water flows over the land, creating what is known as storm water runoff.

This runoff picks up pollutants like litter, oil, pet waste and chemicals from fertilizers and pesticides and carries them into SD1’s storm sewer system, which is designed to discharge storm water into the nearest creek or river.

Excess storm water runoff can also cause flooding and erosion in developed communities, resulting in expensive and inconvenient property damage.

SD1’s Disconnection, Redirection, Infiltration Program (DRIP) provides homeowners with step-by-step guides to implement methods of managing storm water runoff in their own yards and neighborhoods.

A few effective methods homeowners can use to help manage storm water runoff include:

- **Downspout Disconnection:** This simple procedure cuts off a segment of your home’s downspout and redirects the flow of storm water runoff from your roof to your lawn, a rain barrel or other vegetated area.

- **Rain Barrel:** Rain barrels are containers that collect and store storm water runoff from your roof that can be used to irrigate landscaping. This offers the added benefit of potentially reducing your water bill.

- **Rain Garden:** These shallow, vegetated areas are designed to capture, store and clean storm water runoff. They can also beautify your property.

You can learn more about these storm water management methods, including illustrated step-by-step guides, at www.sd1.org/Projectsand-Programs/DRIP.aspx.

SD1



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Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday
8 am - 4:30 pm
www.sd1.org

Helping ourselves and family members stay safe and healthy during winter

The arrival of snowy weather and colder temperatures also brings an increased risk of illness and injury. This year in addition to the flu, we have the added threat of COVID-19. In addition to personal precautions you can take to fight these deadly viruses, it's also important to stay informed of guidelines and restrictions that have been put in place to help protect you and your loved ones. The Northern Kentucky Health Department (NKY Health) is dedicated to informing and educating people about health concerns like the seasonal flu and COVID-19, and is dedicated to empowering the members of the Northern Kentucky community with actions to take to avoid health hazards including illness and injury. NKY Health is your partner in helping all of Northern Kentucky to stay safe and healthy this winter season.

Take precautions to prevent the spread of seasonal flu and COVID-19

- Make sure you (and your family) are up to date on your immunizations. This includes the seasonal flu shot which is readily available at health care providers and many community pharmacies and clinics. This year it is more important than ever to receive a flu vaccine. Getting vaccinated can not only



Stay healthy and safe this winter!

- protect you and the people around you, it also protects our health care system from becoming overwhelmed with caring for those who may become seriously ill from either COVID-19 or seasonal flu.
- Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands often, with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering and stay six feet apart from others whenever you are in public and around people who do not live in your home.
- Avoid crowded places while still “visiting” your favorite places by utilizing store and restaurant curbside pick-up or delivery.
- Stay home from work, school or community events if feeling ill. Don't spread your germs to others.
- Find healthy ways to deal with stress – talk to someone, get enough sleep, check out the many apps and websites available to help with stress.
- Contact your health care provider if you are having flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, sore throat, cough and body aches.
- Seek immediate medical care in the event of an emergency.

Staying safe

- Wear outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather conditions: layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and water-proof boots.
- Avoid using alternative heating sources (such as portable generators, kerosene heaters, propane gas stoves and ovens heated with gasoline) indoors because this

can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

- When planning to go out, be aware of current and forecasted weather and road conditions.
- Always wear your seatbelt and buckle up children in car seats, booster seats or seat belts on every trip, no matter how short.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded (such as blankets, first aid kit, food and water, & flashlight) For more information, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/features/winterweather/index.html>.
- Check on family and neighbors who are especially at risk from cold weather hazards: young children, older adults and individuals with special needs or living with a long-term illness.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Be sure that sidewalks, porches, steps and pathways are clear of snow and ice.
- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector and test batteries monthly.

By following these tips, individuals will be prepared to beat wintertime hazards and more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall. For more information on how you can better plan for winter, visit www.cdc.gov.

NKY Health



Kenton County Health Center

2002 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41014
phone: 859/431-3345

District Office

8001 Veterans Memorial Dr., Florence, KY 41042
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To stay up-to-date on the latest information on COVID-19, please be sure to follow us:

- www.facebook.com/nkyhealth/
- [@nkyhealth](https://twitter.com/nkyhealth)
- www.instagram.com/nkyhealthdept/

New Year greetings from your Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA)

Hope this issue finds you safe and healthy. The global COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely difficult on all of us. The PVA Office is sensitive to the impact it has had throughout our County and our hearts go out to everyone during these tragic times. Please understand that the PVA office is charged by the Kentucky Constitution to assess all property at 100% fair market value. The impact COVID-19 may have on real estate values won't be known until the 2021 assessment year or thereafter. As always, you have the right as a property owner to contact us any year in which you feel an adjustment to your assessment is

warranted (subject to statutory open inspection periods).

In spite of the challenges of COVID, a lot of great things are going on in the PVA Office. Below are some of the highlights and improvements we've made to better serve our Kenton County citizens:

- The Kenton PVA Office launched its new website, www.kentonpva.org! For additional information on any topics briefly discussed in the issue, please visit our more user-friendly website.
- As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure property owners benefit from the Homestead Exemption, HAPPY BIRTHDAY postcards will be mailed to anyone turning

65 in 2021 (based upon the registered voters' list). Look for this colorful and fun postcard in your mailbox in January or February!

- Pictometry will be capturing Digital imagery of Kenton County for the PVA office in early March. New up-to-date imagery will be available by summer of 2021.
- Zack joined the Kenton County PVA in its Mapping Department. Zack brings years of experience to the Mapping/GIS Department.
- The PVA Office welcomed John as its new Commercial/Industrial Assessor. There are approximate-

ly 4500 C/I parcels in Kenton County.

- The PVA Office hired a new Field Team member, Bryan, to capture up-to-date exterior photos of parcels throughout the County. This will definitely assist the PVA Office in its effort of determining fair & equitable assessments.
- Tara joins the PVA Front Office Team and stands ready to assist you.
- Michael was appointed an Assessor position, responsible for assisting the Residential Department with fair & equitable assessments of approximately 60,000 parcels throughout Kenton County.

Buying agricultural/farm land?

To qualify for the Agricultural Exemption, you must have at least 10 contiguous acres or at least five to qualify for the Horticultural Exemption. Owners must apply for the exemption to qualify. (The application shall be valid until the property is transferred or the land use is changed.) In the event Agricultural property is transferred

to anyone other than a surviving spouse, the new owners, including heirs to the property, must make an application for the exemption to remain. The applicant must be the owner of record as of January 1 and application must be made between January 1 and March 1 in the year exemption is being sought.

Property review

In keeping with the Kentucky statutory requirements, the PVA office is required to review properties at least once every four years. For assessment year 2021, the PVA office will be reviewing properties in: Boone-Walton Fire, Fairview, Independence, Independence Fire, Kentonvale, Piner-Fiskburg Fire, Ryland Fire, Ryland Heights, Walton, and Unincorporated Kenton County. Representatives of the PVA Field Team are in those areas to capture up-to-date exterior pictures around your home. Field Team Members are equipped with PVA badges and business cards. Please call our office with any concerns.

Homestead Exemption

If you turn 65 in 2021 and own and occupied your home as of January 1, 2021, apply now for the Homestead Exemption. No need to visit our office – it's easy to apply online! You do not need to wait until your birthday. The Homestead Exemption amount for 2021 has been increased to \$40,500. (For Disability Exemption information, please visit our website.)

Kenton County PVA



WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Darlene M. Plummer - Kenton County Property Valuation Administrator

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The PVA Office is pleased to announce its new-and-improved website! Please visit us at www.kentonpva.org. We hope you will find our new modern website much easier to navigate. If you have suggestions on content you would like to see, please don't hesitate to let us know.

EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE *Changing Lives*

Kenton County Extension Stays in Touch

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.

4-H Youth Development

Kenton County 4-H Youth Development is creating confident, curious and resilient youth. Nearly 4,000 Kenton youth participate in 4-H community clubs, school clubs, projects and programs. Program areas include agriculture, health, family and consumer sciences, leadership, communication skills, natural resources, science, engineering, and technology. Youth from all geographic areas of the county are represented in 4-H participation including low income, minority dense neighborhoods. 4-H youth members report better grades, higher

levels of academic competence, and an elevated level of engagement at school in national 4-H studies. 4-H members are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college and are more likely to pursue future careers in science, engineering, or computer technology. Kenton 4-H empowers 499 volunteers to engage youth in single or multiple 4-H youth development experiences throughout the year. Volunteers provide community-based leadership in decision making, program implementation, and evaluation. Participation in 4-H encourages youth to develop individual identity, generosity, skills mastery and community belonging.



4-H hosts a socially distant Rally Day to recognize members' project work.



Beef cattle are still the number one agriculture product in sales in Kenton County.

Agriculture and Horticulture

Good sustainability practices have been dominant in agriculture, environmental, and horticulture education programs offered by Kenton County Extension. In 2020 Agriculture Natural Resources and Horticulture Agents designed and offered the first ever Urban Naturalist Program. Ten people completed this program. Topics included geology, soils, archaeology, wildlife, birds, mycology, invasive plant control, and water resource management. Best management practices in cattle production, pasture and hay improvement, vegetable production,

and small self-sustaining agriculture remains prevalent among farm residents. There seems to be interest in buying and investing in small farm operations for young couples and semi-retirement families. These working professionals seek out the Extension Service as a source of knowledge. Publications are shared with these first-time operators, farm visits and online classes are offered to assist them in decisions. Many of the practices they learn, like livestock management, rotational grazing practices, heavy use feeding pads, renovation of hay fields, and run off nutrient management have long term impact.

Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service



Joan Bowling compares healthy and unhealthy relationship characteristics to participants during the “Simplify Your Life” program.

Family and Consumer Sciences

In January 2020, Family and Consumer Sciences Agents from the Northern Kentucky area collaborated to organize and teach the program “Simplify your Life.” Lessons on clutter control, de-tangling relationships, digital hoarding, time management, financial clutter, organization, reducing food waste, and speed cleaning were taught. Of the 99 participants 47 responded to the follow up survey. As a result of the program, 85% reported a reduction in spending on unnecessary items, collectively saving an estimated \$8,105.

90% have donated or sold unused items with an estimated value of \$10,000; 47% organized financial records; 53 adopted speed cleaning strategies; 72% began to track food waste and made changes in purchas-

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ing habits; 88% of attendees to De-tangling Relationships have made changes to how they interact socially, resulting in a reduction of overall stress and anxiety. The positive impact of the program validated the need for additional classes on clutter control to help people reduce stress, save money, and conserve valuable time and resources.

Kenton County COVID programming

- 4-H agents developed complete at-home project kits. 318 kits were delivered to limited-resource families.
- Online learning sessions on home appliances, one-pan meals, and food preservation taught to over 350 and are available on office YouTube channel.
- Financial and nutritional information for limited-resource families was mailed for six weeks to three county food pantry sites, reaching over 1000.
- 150 Earth Day themed bags were distributed as drive-through give away, including a bag of seed starting supplies, gardening and environmental activities.
- Due to interruption of regular 4-H fundraising efforts, a Farm to Table Commodity Box was developed. Over 100 boxes sold in one day, raising \$2,300.
- Materials were created and shared to educate 4-H members and adults about pollinators in our environment, reaching 1060 through online and in-person lessons.
- Literacy Eating and Activity for Preschoolers book and recipe idea was filmed and shared with local school, along with accompanying book to encourage reading and healthy eating.



Extension continues to deliver information through office distribution options.

Cooperative Extension Service
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Family and Consumer Sciences
4-H Youth Development
Community and Economic Development

Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability. University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kentucky Counties, Cooperating.
LEXINGTON, KY 40546



Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

CLASSES

KENTON COUNTY EXTENSION CLASS SCHEDULE

Winter/Spring 2021

Visit www.kentoncountyextension.org for class descriptions.

Although locations are listed for some classes, staff will keep registrants advised if class will be taught live or in online format.

Calving Strategies with

Dr. Michelle Arnold

Thurs, Jan 7, 6:30 pm
Location to be determined

4-H Rabbit Club

1st Tuesday of each month, 7 pm
Starting January 2021
Kenton Lands

4-H Clover Bud Meetings

3rd Thursday of each month, 6 pm
Kenton Lands
For children 4-9 years old

Rough Riders 4-H Club

3rd Thursday of each month, 7 pm
Kenton Lands
For youth 9-18 yrs old

Teen Leadership Club

Meets 3:15 pm twice a month on Fridays
Kenton Lands
For youth 13-18 yrs old

4-H Poultry

*Fridays: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12,
April 19, May 14, 4:30 pm*
Marshall Rd

4-H Dog Club

*Thursdays starting in January 2021,
6 pm*
Doggie Paddles, Florence, Ky
Dog training for youth and pets; youth must be
9-18 yrs old

4-H Livestock Education Hours

Sat, Jan 9, 8:30-11:30 am
Wed, Jan 13, 6-8 pm
Sat, Jan 16, 8:30-11:30 am
Marshall Rd



4-H Puurfect Pals Club & Cloverbuddies

*Jan 21, Feb 18, March 18, April 15,
May 20, 6 pm*
Marshall Rd

4-H Shooting Sports Club Orientation

Tues, Jan 26, 6 pm
Kenton Lands
For new members only

4-H Bring a Buddy to Sew

*Every Tuesday from Jan 26-March 2,
4-6 pm*
Kenton Lands

Beautiful You: Confidence, Health, Well-being

***these programs offered over Zoom
only. Registration through Campbell
County Extension Office, 859/572-2600.**

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am

Jan 20 – Basic Wardrobe Skills
Feb 24 – Building a Strong Foundation
March 17 – Accessories
April 21 – Color is Key

Relatives Raising Children Virtual Support Group

Fridays, 1-2 pm
Jan 22 – Coping Strategies for the Caregiver
*Feb 19 – Recognizing Distress in Children and
Healthy Discipline Strategies*
March 19 – Finding Financial Resources
April 16 – Rebuilding Relationships

Smart Moves – Exercises for the Aging Adult + Heart Health Tips

***These programs offered over Zoom
only. Provided by Kenton and Campbell
County Cooperative Extension Offices**
Wed/Fri, 10-11 am
Jan 27, 29; Feb 3, 5, 10, 12

One Pan Meals

Fridays, 1:30 pm,
Kenton Lands and via Zoom
Feb 5 – Skillet Meals
March 5 – Dutch Oven Meals
April 23 – Sheet Pan Meals

Learn from Home: Vegetables — The Jewels of Health

Each month you'll receive a self-study package and recipes to explore four different vegetables. You'll also receive a link for optional online video materials. You must register to participate and return evaluation materials each month to continue receiving information.

*Self-study package can be distributed online or through the US mail.

Feb – Brussels Sprouts

March – Asparagus

April – Tomatillos

May – Potatoes

*Provided by Kenton and Boone County
Cooperative Extension offices.



4-H Livestock Forms

Tues, Feb 2, 6:30-7:30 pm and
Tues, March 2, 6:30-7:30 pm
Marshall Rd

Understanding the Adolescent Brain

Thurs, Feb 4, 6:30 pm
Via Zoom

Seed Starting

Thurs, Feb 11, 4 pm
Via Zoom

Early Spring Landscapes

Mon, Feb 15, 6 pm
Via Zoom

Postal Scams

Mon, Feb 22, 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm
Please call Boone County Extension office to
register, 859/586-6101

4-H Shooting Sports Safety Training

Tues, Feb 23 and March 30
For youth 9-18 yrs old.
All club members must attend at least one safety
training in order to participate in club.

Registration required for all classes. Some classes may require a fee.

All checks payable to "Kenton Co. Extension District Board" unless otherwise indicated.

Unless otherwise indicated, you can register by calling our office at 859/356-3155, or through our online registration program. Visit our office website at <http://kenton.ca.uky.edu/> and click on the "online registration" tab. Our staff will keep in touch with those who register with details regarding the class or program, and how it will be conducted — either live or through online instruction.

Visit our website at www.kentoncountyextension.org for complete details.

Visit

www.kentoncountyextension.org
for class descriptions.

Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service

CLASS SCHEDULE, Continued

Saving Savvy with Apps for Coupons and Grocery Lists

Thurs, Feb 25, 6-7:30 pm
Location to be determined

Adulting 101 — Landing the 1st J-O-B

Thurs, Feb 25, 6 pm
Via Zoom

4-H STEM

(pre-registration required)
Mondays starting in March, 6 pm
Kenton Lands

Addiction Recovery: Assets, Not Abstinence

Mon, March 1, 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm
Via Zoom

Freezer Beef Bootcamp

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 7-9 pm
Via Zoom
Four week virtual series taking place each Monday in March with University of Kentucky Beef Cattle, Agriculture Economics and Meat Science Specialists covering all of the aspects of raising, producing and selling freezer beef.

Northern Kentucky Homesteading Program

5-part series exploring a different topic each week. Via Zoom
6:30 pm
Tues, March 2 – Dairy and Beef
Thurs, March 4 – Poultry and Rabbits
Tues, March 9 – Sheep and Goats
Thurs, March 11 – Fruits and Vegetables
Tuesday, March 16 – Food Preservation

Mediterranean and DASH for Heart Health

With registered dietitian nutritionist Sherri Hoffman.
Monday, March 15, 1:30 pm, repeated at 6:30 pm
Boone County Extension Office. Call 859/586-6101 to register.

Preparing for Weather-Related Emergencies

Tues, March 16, 6-7:30 pm
Location to be determined

Home Landscape Pruning Basics

Thurs, March 18, 4 pm
Via Zoom

Adulting 101 – Relationship Smarts

Thurs, March 25, 6 pm
Via Zoom

Charcuterie Boards with Homemade Spreads and Flatbreads

Thurs, March 25, 6 pm (register through Kenton County)
Kenton Lands
*Class repeated Friday, March 26, 10 am at Boone County. To register for this session, call 859/586-6101 or boone.ca.uky.edu.



Seed Give Away

Tues, March 30, 1-3 pm at Marshall Rd
Tues, April 6, 1-3 pm at Kenton Lands

Scam Red Flags and Avoiding Fraud

Thurs, April 1, 6-7:30 pm
Location to be determined

Prepare to Care – Planning Guide for Family Caregivers

Tues, April 20, 1:30 and 6:30 pm
Location to be determined

Gluten and Gluten-Free Flour Basics

Friday, April 23, 10 am
Boone County Extension Enrichment Center, Upper Level, 1824 Patrick Drive, Burlington.
To register for this program, call 859/586-6101 or boone.ca.uky.edu. Note, this class may be moved to an online-only format.

Trail Work Day

Mon-Wed, April 26, 27, 28, 10 am-4 pm
Kenton Lands

Redefining Retirement One Step at a Time

Tues, April 27, 6-7:30 pm
Location to be determined

Alzheimer's Disease: Understanding the Value of Planning Ahead

Thurs, April 29, 6-7:30 pm
Location to be determined

Farm Pond Management

Mon, May 3, 6:30 pm
Via Zoom

Granny's Kitchen Garden

Thurs, May 6, 2 pm and 6 pm
Via Zoom

Exploring Microfibers for Cleaning, Clothing and More

Part 1 – Microfiber Merchandise
Tues, May 4, 10 am
Kenton Lands and via Zoom

Part 2 – Cleaning and Microfiber Cloths: Magic or Matter of Fact?
Thurs, May 6, 10 am
Kenton Lands and via Zoom



Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service

Marshall Rd. Location:

10990 Marshall Rd., Covington, KY • Office Hours: 8 am-4:30 pm, M-F

Kenton Lands Location: 450 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger, KY
Office Hours: 8 am-4:30 pm, M-Th; Closed Noon-1 pm

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Let's go! TANK service changes set for early 2021

After many months of work the System Redesign is ready to hit the road in January 2021. We have improved our service and our fare structure is simplified to make riding to and from your destinations a better experience.

We offer four service types including:

TANK Frequent Service

- Frequent Service which offers service every 30 minutes or less 7 days a week! Some routes move to 40 minutes after 8 pm. You will find this type of service along the Madison corridor (n. of 11th), Latonia Center, CVG, Florence/Dixie Hwy and Alexandria Pike/NKU.

TANK Neighborhood Service

- Service every 40 minutes during the week, with hourly service on weekend. Late night and/or weekend service will be improved greatly in places like Ludlow, West Newport, Crestview Hills/ Medical Village, and Holman Ave/City Heights.

TANK Jobs Express

- Jobs Express routes offer shift-aligned schedules to major employment centers in Hebron, as well as all-day, hourly service to the Florence Industrial Area. These routes also offer park and ride options for local residents heading to Cincinnati.

TANK Commuter Express

- Serves Park-and-Rides and inbound/outbound commuters

We know the most important route is the one YOU ride every day! We encourage you to visit our webpage with route specific information at tankbus.org/2021-service-changes

TANK is hiring!

TANK is hiring fixed-route drivers for full-time openings. We are seeking applicants with the talent to communicate, interact and create the best experience for our riders and who strive to provide excellent service to our community.

We offer paid training, excellent health benefits and paid time off.

To apply visit tankbus.org/connect/careers



Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

TANK is the public transit authority that provides bus service in Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties and downtown Cincinnati.

Contact us! Phone: 859/331-TANK (8265) • Web: www.tankbus.org

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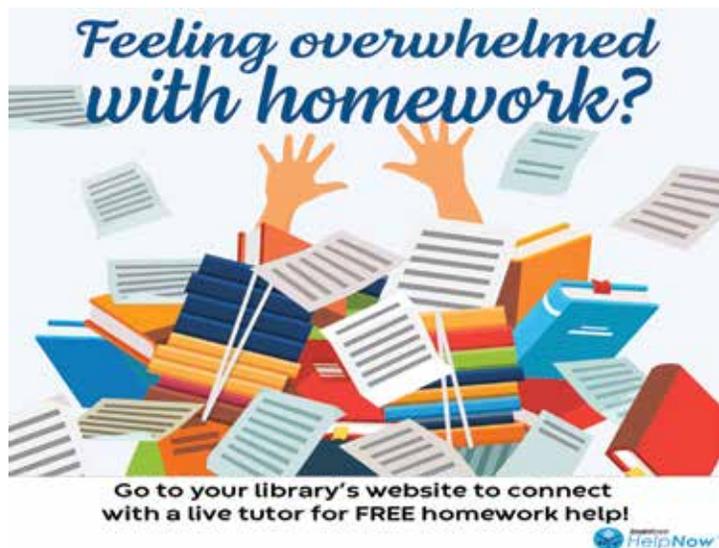
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Homework help

Are you feeling overwhelmed with your homework? The Kenton County Public Library can help! Use your library card to connect with a FREE online tutor.

www.kentonlibrary.org/helpnow responds
11 am-9 pm.



Cat's Color story walk



Visit library locations and locations in the community (to be announced) to walk through the picture book story "Cat's Colors" by Airlie Anderson. A series of signs include the simple story to read and some playful

directions for ways to enhance the story experience; all while enjoying the outdoors! Share fun and literacy with your little ones! Cat's Colors will be available to view at each of the library branches and at local parks on a rotating basis. Check the library website and social media to see where the Story Walks are viewable currently.

Job Services

If you are thinking of a career change or are currently in transition, check out the Kenton County Public Library's Career and Job Services website, kentonlibrary.org/job-search-central. The Kenton County Public Library offers an array of services and resources for job seekers at all levels of work. Whether it's entry-level, a second career or you're in a transition, the Library's goal is to help you find the job

that is right for you. You can contact a Career Change Navigator by calling 859/962-4002. Professionals new to the job search process should enroll in the Northern Kentucky Accountability Group which takes place weekly on Wednesdays beginning at 9:30 am.

Check out the Library's LinkedIn page to learn more and read success stories of professionals who have participated in the job services program.

Borrow a tool for your next project

Before going out and spending money on a tool or piece of equipment you'll only use a few times, see if it's available at the Library. Empower Tools, the Library's tool lending service, offers over 100 different tools ranging from air compressors, power washers, flooring nailer, and more. Up to 3 items may be borrowed at a time and all

items are loaned for 7 days. This service is available to adults with a Kenton County Public Library card in good standing. Tool borrowers will need to complete additional paperwork and identification verification every year. For more information including a list of tools, visit <https://www.kentonlibrary.org/tools>

Winter Reading Challenge In January and February

Cozy up with a book this winter and earn raffle tickets for your chance to win a Joseph

Beth gift card. Visit kentonlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app to participate.

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

For details and information on accessing online programming, visit kentonlibrary.org/events.

Tuesday, January 26

- 10 am - Preschool Storytime at Home
- 1 pm - Build Your LinkedIn Profile, Part IV
- 6 pm - Among Us Virtual Teen Game Night

Wednesday, January 27

- 10:30 am - Small Talk, A Book Club for Homeschoolers: "The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963"
- 11 am - Sit & Fit
- 1 pm - Get Started: Begin Your Career Transition with Us

Thursday, January 28

- 10 am - Take a Look at Google Workspace
- 10 am - Zoom Preschool Storytime
- 6 pm - Cat Chat: Expert Panel

Friday, January 29

- 10 am - Local History and Genealogy Live
- 10 am - Using Data Axle in Your Job Search
- 2 pm - Grow With Google: Create a Resume with Google Docs

Sat., January 30

- 1 pm - Open Job Searching

Steps we're taking during COVID-19

- Disinfecting all surfaces throughout the day.
- Keeping returned items quarantined for 72 hours before returning items to shelves.
- Patrons can download the Library's app to check out books on their mobile device (does not apply to DVDs and games). Search for Kenton County Library to find it in the app store.
- Asking visitors to adhere to social distancing guidelines (as marked by X on the floor).
- Following the "Healthy at Work" guidelines as set by the Commonwealth of Kentucky: "Healthy at Work" offers a phased approach to reopening Kentucky's economy. It is based on criteria set by public health experts and advice from industry experts. Source <https://kentucky.gov>
- All carpets have been steam cleaned.
- All interior building surfaces have been electrostatically disinfected.
- All interior and exterior windows have been cleaned.
- All water lines from sinks, water fountains, etc. have been purged to ensure that water is fresh.



Did You Know?

We have an App! Go to the App Store today and download it for free!

With our app you can:

- Search the catalog
- Look up events
- Pay your fines and more!



Introducing: Touchless Checkout! You can now checkout items to yourself (while in the library building), just using your phone! All you have to do is pull up the app, scan your book's barcode and you are done!

*If you are wanting to check out a locked item (DVD, CD, Video Game, etc.) you will have to check those items out at the circulation desk.



Get a Zoom Room

Request a virtual meeting room

A new virtual service easily connects Kenton County groups who want to gather and communicate online. You can now set up and run your own virtual meetings with support from trained Library staff. Three virtual meeting spaces are available from the Library through Zoom, a web-based software that requires a device and an Internet connection to participate.

How it works, in three easy steps:

1. Submit a virtual meeting reservation request at <https://kentonlibrary.evanced.info/spaces>
2. Receive confirmation of your virtual meeting's day, time, and host (either you or the person you determine will host your meeting).
3. Receive a Zoom link to your virtual meeting. Learn more at <https://www.kentonlibrary.org/virtual-meetings>.

Kenton County Public Library



All three branches: 859/962-4000

Covington Branch Library 502 Scott Blvd., Covington, KY 41011

Durr Branch Library 1992 Walton-Nicholson Rd., Independence, KY 41051

Erlanger Branch Library 401 Kenton Lands Rd., Erlanger, KY 41018

Stay Connected! Follow the Library on these sites:



How to properly dispose of your unwanted items

Scan the QR code for quick access:



Kenton County Public Works offers a trash voucher program for Kenton County residents. The voucher program allows residents to dispose of their waste at Bavarian Landfill, Monday through Saturday, during normal business hours. Vouchers can be obtained online or

in person at Kenton County Public Works. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/kcvoucherprogram>

If you have questions or need to know where to properly dispose of your unwanted waste, contact Kenton County Solid Waste Management.

Solid Waste highlights from 2020:

County-sponsored events are for the convenience of Kenton County residents and to help prevent illegal dumping.

- **October - Fall Cleanup:** 899 loads, collected 930 tires, 9,363 lbs. of electronics, 1,382 lbs. lead acid batteries, and 100+ appliances. Total of: 7 scrap metal dumpsters and 36 trash dumpsters.
- **October - Waste Tire Collection Event:** Liberty Tire collected 10,843 tires from the public at Pioneer Park. This event occurs every three years and is paid for by Kentucky Division of Waste Management.
- **November - Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste:** 2,534 Residents participated

Trash for Cash — A litter abatement opportunity for 501(c)3 organizations

The Kenton County Solid Waste Division will pay approved 501(c)3 organizations \$100 per mile to pick up trash off of approved roadways within Kenton County. This program runs from April 1st through September 30th each year.

Funds are limited each year and the program is first come, first serve. Applicants must have all proper paperwork completed and approved before beginning the program each year. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/kctrashforcash>



The Northern Kentucky Young Marines participated in the Trash for Cash program.

2020 NKY Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event: Results

	Total NKY	Boone	Campbell	Kenton
Residents:	2,534	908	456	1,170
Paint	1,868	624	353	891
HHW Materials	1,059	347	214	498
Oil/Antifreeze	739	264	155	320
Bulbs	562	160	106	296
Electronics	1,260	475	201	584
Propane Tanks	147	57	18	72
Toner/Ink	240	76	43	121
Batteries	839	287	151	401

Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management consists of Kenton, Campbell and Boone Solid Waste Coordinators. Updates or questions about this event, or for resources to get rid of hazardous items, visit www.nkybbw.org.

Please visit kentoncounty.org to stay updated on 2021 cleanups and events.



There are several Kenton County recycling bin locations managed by Public Works. Furniture, mattresses, appliances and electronics are not accepted in these bins.

To learn more about proper recycling visit: <https://bit.ly/kcrecycles>

Kenton County Solid Waste Management

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A Column by Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann



Kris Knochelmann
Kenton County Judge/Executive

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An old military axiom holds that no battle plan long survives first contact with the enemy. I think the same can be said for the County’s work plan for 2020. I cannot remember, in my lifetime, a more unexpected and difficult combination of blows to our community as those caused by COVID-19.

I’m proud of the resilience of our people, and inspired by their actions. The year 2020 will be remembered for the many quiet and unassuming heroes in our midst who went to work every day to confront an invisible virus, to comfort and care for those stricken by it, and to put themselves at risk to save others.

As I write this column, the first cargo planes, filled with vaccine kits, are moving around the United States, pre-positioning their precious cargo for rapid distribution. The product of amazing scientists and private sector enterprises, these vaccines hold out hope that relief from the brutal impact of COVID-19 is within reach.

So, what next? The battle against COVID-19 will stretch long into 2021 as we ramp up production of vaccines, and distribute them to all in need. But we’ve also learned a lot about our community during this time.

One of those lessons is that we need to make broadband accessible and affordable to our citizens. What was once viewed as a luxury has now become critical to work, education and healthcare, and it’s hard to see that changing back in the post-COVID-19 world. Is there a need for “snow days” in the future? Or can we run an education system that delivers instruction no matter the weather? Can we deliver more affordable and quality healthcare through virtual doctors’ visits? Can we be more competitive in economic development with better remote-working options?

In 1936, the Rural Electrification Act represented our nation’s decision that all Americans should have access to electricity. It’s hard to imagine today, but 90% of farms at that time did not have electric power. Today, our federal government is tentatively working toward supplying the same kinds of tools to assist the expansion of broadband into our rural communities.

But, as we’ve learned in other contexts, we can’t wait for the federal government to step in. While their eventual engagement is critical to solving the problem, we need to examine every resource and option we have locally to make broadband

accessible and affordable for our entire community.

Toward that end, the County will be partnering with the Kenton County Library District, the Kenton County School District, and St. Elizabeth Healthcare to investigate every option. In particular, the Kenton County Library District, with the leadership of Board Member Dan Humpert and Executive Director Dave Schroeder, will be in the lead on this effort.

Libraries are the original “information utilities,” making books accessible when printing costs made them unaffordable to most Americans. Later, when mass production made books affordable, libraries led the way in making them accessible through bookmobiles. Now, in the 21st century, when information is transmitted electronically, our Library District is taking the lead in addressing the issues of accessibil-

ity and affordability. And, make no mistake about it, the County will be there shoulder-to-shoulder with the Library District. In this day and time, any community that wants to survive, much less thrive, must make broadband available to every citizen to support work, education and healthcare.

As the days pass, I believe we’ll continue to see ways that COVID-19 and 2020 impact our community, and the work we must take on. We don’t always ask for these challenges but sometimes they force difficult decisions and work to get done. I promise you we won’t shy away from either hard work or hard decisions.

Take care, and may God bless you and your family in this New Year.

Kenton County Judge/Executive

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Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl retires



Terry Carl

Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl officially retired December 31st, marking the end of a 22-year career.

“Terry Carl took office in 1999, and there’s no doubt his work with the detention center over more than 20 years has been the most impactful of any Jailer in Kenton County history,” stated Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann.

When Mr. Carl took office, the jail was located at 303 Court Street in Covington. It was antiquated, overcrowded, inefficient, and beyond the possibility of repair or renovation. Using skills honed by years in the private sector and prior military

service, Mr. Carl managed to successfully lead jail operations through those difficult years while the community wrestled with the location and financing of a new facility.

In November of 2010, Kenton County opened a new state-of-the-art 620-bed inmate detention center benefiting from the design input of Mr. Carl. The design of the center, using innovative pod concepts, proved to be especially efficient and effective in meeting the detention needs of Kenton County.

The accomplishment of overseeing the transition to a new facility alone would have been historic, but Terry Carl was far from finished in helping his community. As the opioid and heroin epidemic raged, he brought onto his staff a Director of Inmate Addiction Service and started an in-house Substance Abuse Program. His goal was simply to end the revolving door at the jail for those addicted, and his program became a national model for doing so. Mr. Carl continued these efforts through new partnerships with the Life Learning Center, Transitions, Inc., and others, designed to help people get on track for successful lives outside detention.

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“I’ve always appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens of Kenton County. This community has been good to me and my family,

and serving as Jailer was a way to give back. I’ve been blessed to work with a great team at the Detention Center for more than two decades, and they are the unsung heroes. In particular, my command staff, past and present, helped run the detention center smoothly and permitted our team to launch new initiatives to change people’s lives. Most importantly, I want to thank my wife and family who supported me unconditionally during these years working to keep our community safe and to help change the lives of those who took a wrong turn,” added Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl.



*Kenton County
Detention Center*

Marc L. Fields appointed new Kenton County Jailer



Marc L. Fields

Reserves of the United States Marine Corps in 1978. After six years of service, he was Honorably Discharged.

In 1983, Mr. Fields started a 30-year career in law enforcement that culminated in him becoming Chief of Police for the City of Erlanger in 2002, and serving in that role for 11 years. At the end of his law enforcement career, Mr. Fields became City Administrator for the City of Erlanger, and continued his service in that role through 2017.

In 2018, Mr. Fields joined Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl's team as Chief Deputy of Administration, helping lead the largest detention center in Northern Kentucky. During this tenure, he was instrumental in overseeing logistics and personnel for an operation acknowledged as a leader on a state and national level.

"There are very few individuals in Northern Kentucky who have a better combination of law enforcement and public administration experience. I have confidence that Kenton County Jailer Marc Fields will build on Terry Carl's legacy, and make sure our detention center is a model for the Commonwealth of Kentucky," stated Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann.

With the retirement of Terry Carl, Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann appointed Chief Deputy Marc L. Fields as the new Kenton County Jailer, effective January 1, 2021.

"Marc Fields has been Kenton County Jailer Terry Carl's Chief Deputy since 2018, and his work over the past two years, as well as his prior experience in law enforcement and public administration, makes this an easy choice," stated Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann.

Upon graduation from Covington Holmes High School, Marc L. Fields began compiling a distinguished career in public service and law enforcement immediately, starting with his enlistment in the

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"I started out as a Patrol Officer, so public safety and public service has always been in my blood. Along the way, I've always looked at each leadership opportunity as a way to give a little more back to the community I love. I'm excited about the chance to build on Terry Carl's legacy. Kenton County is blessed to have a Detention Center, and a great team of employees, that leads the Commonwealth in programming designed to get people back on track in life. I'm confident we can fulfill our mission of keeping

Kenton County safe by incarcerating those who need to be held, but also helping those incarcerated get their lives back in order so they can become contributing members of our community and, hopefully, not return to our care. Thanks to Judge/Executive Kris Knochelmann for this opportunity, and to the Fiscal Court for their support. Most importantly, I want to thank my wife of 41 years, Sandi, and my family for their love and support during my time serving our country and community," added Marc L. Fields.

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Kenton County Animal Services changes license renewal period and launches online pet licensing

All dogs and cats in Kenton County are required by ordinance to be licensed each year. Kenton County Animal Services (KCAS) has created an online portal for purchasing and obtaining your pet license with enhanced features to make this process easier.

Licenses are required to ensure dogs and cats are up to date on their rabies vaccination. The fees collected by pet licenses additionally support the shelter and services provided through animal control. The annual renewal also provides owners the opportunity to list their contact information in case their pet is found loose in the community.

“Because the online portal is connected to our shelter software, this creates a central place to store pet and owner information,” said Becky Reiter, Kenton County Animal Services Director. “Pet owners can add an alternate contact and microchip information which updates our database. On the chance your pet pays us a visit, it’ll be easier for staff to look up and find your information for reunification.”

The new portal is currently open for 2021 pet licenses. Pet license renewals are due before March 1st of each year. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. License tags will be mailed to the pet owner.

Renew or obtain a license online using the new portal Kentonlicensing.shelterbuddy.com, or in person at KCAS, located at 1020 Mary Laidley Drive, Covington, KY 41017.

Questions? Call them at 859/ 356-7400 or email them at Animal.Shelter@KentonCounty.org.



CURRENT FEE STRUCTURE

License	Fee
Dog or Cat (not Neutered)	\$20
Dog or Cat (Microchip only)	\$10
Dog or Cat (Neutered only)	\$10
Dog or Cat (Neutered & Microchipped)	\$5
Vicious Animal (Annual)	\$50
Commercial Animal Establishment	\$75
Carriage Horse Business	\$75
Late Fee (After March 31st)	\$5