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# WHAT'S Happening!

in Kenton County, Kentucky <sup>TM</sup>

Summer/Fall 2012

## What's blooming with Kenton County Extension?

Your Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service provides research-based educational programs in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture, Horticulture, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development.

### Kenton County Farm Harvest Tour September 15, 9 am-5 pm

**Come out and celebrate Kenton County farm life and a bountiful harvest** on the Second Annual Kenton County Farm Harvest Tour! Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 am-5 pm (rain or shine), various farmers of Kenton County invite you to their places for a unique, cultural and educational open house family day on their farms. Meet your local farmers, eat fresh produce, buy fresh Kentucky prawn, sip local wine, pet a pony, see a dairy cow, view antique farm equipment, and take lots of memorable photos with your family and friends! Don't forget your cooler so you can pack lots of goodies up for later. Stop by the Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service or any Kenton County Public Library for a tour map, or visit [www.kentoncountyextension.org](http://www.kentoncountyextension.org) for more info. You can also make the Extension Service your first tour stop and pick up a map that day!



Come  
see what's  
blooming in our  
Outdoor Ed  
Center!

### Join Kenton County Extension Homemakers!



**Homemaker members make seat belt pillows for  
American Cancer Society.**

**To learn more, visit:**

<http://ces.ca.uky.edu/kenton/extensionhomemakers>

Kenton County Homemakers is a volunteer organization that works to improve the quality of life for families and communities through leadership development, volunteer service, and education. Through a partnership with the Kenton County Extension Office, Homemakers are active in a

variety of educational and charitable activities for Kenton County. Membership is only \$7 per year. For more information, contact the Kenton County Extension Office or visit our website at: <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/kenton/extensionhomemakers>.

## Class Schedule: Fall 2012

### **Veggie Gardener's Toolbox:**

#### **Fall Veggie Gardens**

Aug. 2, 6-8 pm

Durr/OEC, Marshall Rd.

Join us to learn about growing bountiful fall veggie gardens. We'll cover fall garden planning, variety selection, seed planting, proper maintenance, harvesting, and root cellar and preserving basics. You will also have a chance to tour our demonstration high tunnel garden and sample a few delicious fall garden recipes. Best of all FREE SOIL TESTING and FREE SEEDS for all participants!

#### **LITTLE SPROUTS: Floral Ice Cream Cones**

Aug. 6, 11-12 pm

Durr/OEC, Marshall Rd.

Youth are invited to scamper through the gardens to learn about growing summer cut flowers. Each child will have an opportunity to cut a bouquet and make a floral ice cream cone display for home. Homegrown strawberry ice cream will be served. Participants under the age of 5 must bring an adult buddy to assist them in this hands-on project. FREE program, but please pre-register!

#### **Health Challenge 2012**

Mon., Sept. 3 - Sun., Oct. 14

Join the Boone and Kenton County Extension Service challenge to improve your health through physical activity. Be physically active for at least 30 minutes, 24 times during the 6-week challenge. Tell us what you did on our tracker form and you'll be eligible to win prizes. Contact our office for challenge forms.

#### **Grandparent/Relatives Raising Children Support**

Fri., Sept. 7, 12-1 pm; Oct. 5, 12-1 pm;

Nov. 2, 12-1 pm; Dec. 7, 12-1 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

If you are one of the thousands in the state raising a relative's child/children you are not alone! Emotional support as well as information on available resources and parenting tips is available at the monthly support group luncheons. This program is a collaborative effort with the Family Resource Centers in Kenton County. Free child-care is available upon request. No fee.

#### **County Fair Animal Projects**

Mon., Sept. 10, 6:30 pm

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

Are you curious what it would take to show a pet or livestock project at the county fair? This information-filled class will help you decide. In addition to learning about the different projects from leaders and 4-H members, you will learn about community 4-H clubs that are specific to pets or farm animals.

#### **LITTLE SPROUTS: Cooking from the Garden**

Sept. 11, 11 am-12 pm

Durr/OEC, Marshall Rd.

You're invited to a salsa party in the garden! Sample yummy produce from our garden and make delicious and nutritious salsa! Participants under the age of 5 must bring an adult buddy to assist them in this hands-on project. FREE program, but please pre-register!

#### **Volunteer Orientation**

Tues., Sept. 11, 6-8 pm

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

New Cooperative Extension and 4-H volunteers are encouraged to attend Volunteer Orientation. Learn about what Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service does in our community as well as how to handle diverse situations. This program is being held for adult volunteers--not appropriate for age 14 and under. Reservations required by September 7.

#### **Rebuilding Your Resume**

Sept. 11, 10-11:30 am — Durr Center,

Marshall Rd.; Repeated Sept. 12, 6-7:30 pm

— Durr Annex, Edgewood

Job seekers today are faced with more competition than ever before. The tips and strategies offered in this workshop will help individuals learn how to re-tool their existing resume to make it stand out from the pack.

#### **Improving Your Interview Performance**

Sept. 18, 10-11:30 am — Durr Center,

Marshall Rd.; Repeated Sept. 19,

6-7:30 pm — Durr Annex, Edgewood

The key to a successful job search begins with the resume, but one must have impeccable interview skills to convince employers they are the best fit for the job. This program will give tips to attendees on sound interview strategies. This is a great refresher class for everyone.

#### **Outdoor Ed Center Twilight Tour**

Sept. 20, 6 pm — Durr/OEC, Marshall Rd.

Join us in our demonstration gardens at the Outdoor Ed Center for mini-sessions to learn about growing cutting gardens, brambles and berries, backyard veggies, and fall high tunnel production. Sample produce from our summer harvest, too, and help determine the best varieties of 2012! Please pre-register, space is limited.

#### **Kentucky Proud - Plate It Up**

Join us for all or part of this series featuring several "Plate It Up" recipes made with Kentucky commodities. We will have small recipe "tastes" and discuss selection and storage information while we eat locally and seasonally.

- Thurs., Sept. 20 - 6 pm — Durr Annex, Edgewood

- Thurs., Oct. 4 - 1 pm, at Boone Co. Extension office\*; Repeated 6 pm, at Durr Annex, Edgewood
- Thurs., Nov. 8 - 1 pm at Boone Co. Extension office\*; Repeated 6 pm at Durr Annex, Edgewood
- Thurs., Nov. 29 - 1 pm at Boone Co. Extension office\*; Repeated 6 pm at Durr Annex, Edgewood

#### **Money Talk: A Financial Guide for Women**

Tuesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30,

6-8:30 pm — Durr Annex, Edgewood

Discover basic information about money, finances, and investments that all women should know in this 5-session program. Participants receive a 192-page workbook to help them improve their knowledge, assess their situation, or set their goals. Light refreshments.

#### **Lunch and Learn**

Thursdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 12-1 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

Join us on your lunch break to learn about Overwintering Tropical Plants, Landscaping for Fall Color, Tool Talk, and Edible Landscaping. Don't forget to tell your co-workers and bring a brown bag lunch. Sessions are 45 minutes to 1 hour each. Come once, come often!

#### **Fiber in Your Diet**

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 am — Durr Center,

Marshall Road; Repeated 6 pm at Durr Annex, Edgewood

Learn about the sources of dietary fiber and their health benefits.

#### **Transferring Photos**

Thursdays, Oct. 11 and 18 (2-week program),

2-3:30 pm OR 6-7:30 pm

Durr Annex, Edgewood

This class will illustrate how to transfer pictures from the camera, save the files, e-mail photos, and save to a USB drive. The second class will cover tips on utilizing software to enhance the photos. Please bring camera with photos or card with photos to the class. Must have prior computer knowledge. Choose afternoon or evening.

#### **LITTLE SPROUTS: Gourd and Terrarium Ornaments**

Oct. 15, 1-2 pm — Durr/OEC, Marshall Rd.

Youth are invited to make natural ornaments!

Decorate gourd-geous ornaments and make mini terrariums to hang later! FREE program, but please pre-register!

#### **Exploring Senior Living Series**

Each week we'll explore a different aspect of making the most of the senior years. You may attend all or part of this series.

- Mon., Oct. 15 - Stand Up to Falling: A Fall Prevention Program, 10 am-noon,

Boone County Extension Office\*

- Mon., Oct. 22 - Cooking for One or Two, 10 am - noon, Boone County Extension Office\*
- Mon., Oct. 29 - Dealing with Loss: Sight, Sound, Senses, Companions, and More, 10 am-noon, Boone County Extension Office\*

#### **Half Way to Dinner**

Tues., Oct. 23, 10 am

Durr Center, Marshall Road

Discover ways to enhance convenience foods to improve their nutrition profile and help you put a meal on the table with less effort.

#### **Kentucky Vacations in Our Own Backyard**

Oct. 23, 10 am, Durr Annex, Edgewood;

Repeated 6 pm, Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

Learn about the more than 50 Kentucky state parks, including historic sites and recreation areas. These include more than 50,000 acres and provide a wealth of both natural beauty and historic preservation. Kentucky parks receive more than 7 million visitors each year. Shouldn't you be one too?

#### **Emergency Preparedness in Record Keeping**

Nov. 1, 6-7:30 pm—Durr Annex, Edgewood

Do you know where all of your records are? Could you replace important papers if an emergency occurred such as a tornado, fire or flood? This class will help in locating and replacing important papers as well as introducing new ways to store your important information so you'll be backed up no matter what happens.

#### **Healing Through Horticulture**

Nov. 5, 10 am-2 pm

Durr Center, Marshall Rd.

If you are interested in the holistic virtues of horticulture, join us for this workshop to learn about using horticulture in therapeutic, social, and vocational contexts to improve self-confidence and human well-being. Hands-on activities will be demonstrated. Special Ed Teachers, Elder Care Activity Coordinators, and Rehab Program Planners are encouraged to attend. \$10 fee per participant, light lunch will be provided. Workshop fee secures registration and is non-refundable after October 31.

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*\*Note - Register for sessions held at the Boone County Extension Office (6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington) by calling 586-6101.*

Registration required for all classes. Register on-line at [www.kentoncountyextension.com](http://www.kentoncountyextension.com), in person or call 356-3155.

Some classes may require a fee. All checks payable to "Kenton County District Board."

KENTON COUNTY EXTENSION HAS TWO CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:

Main Office-Durr Center & Outdoor Education Center (OEC), 10990 Marshall Road, Covington, KY • Satellite Classrooms-Durr Annex, 3099 Dixie Highway, Edgewood, KY

## Wastewater treatment plant operational



*The Western Regional facility has the capacity to treat up to 20 million gallons a day of wastewater.*

The Western Regional Water Reclamation Facility, built by SD1, began operations in spring 2012. Located in western Boone County, the facility will improve sewer function across the region by relieving demand on the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, which serves all three Northern Kentucky

counties. Western Regional treats an estimated average of 6 million gallons a day (MGD) of wastewater, with the capacity to treat up to 20 MGD as demand increases.

“Our customers pay their sanitary sewer fees with the expectation that SD1 will provide them with exceptional service,” said David Rager, SD1’s Executive Director. “This new treatment plant is key to improving our service and supporting Northern Kentucky’s businesses and growing population.”

The Western Regional Facility and the Western Regional Conveyance Tunnel are projected to significantly alleviate stress on Northern Kentucky’s existing wastewater facilities and reduce sanitary sewer overflows by about 59.7 million gallons, based on average rainfall.

By maximizing the use of gravity sewer mains leading to the plant, fourteen older pump stations will also be eliminated, increasing efficiency and reducing SD1’s facility maintenance costs.

“The Western Regional Facility and Tunnel together represent the largest infrastructure investment SD1 has ever made,” said Rager. “They are vital to the continued growth of Northern Kentucky because businesses cannot build or thrive in our region without wastewater infrastructure. Business development means job growth for our community.”

The Western Regional facility incorporates state-of-the-art wastewater treatment and odor control technologies. Instead of using chlorine, water released from West-

ern Regional is disinfected using ultraviolet light. Odor is controlled using an innovative biofilter.

To help finance the construction of Western Regional, SD1 received a low-interest loan of \$70 million through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority’s Federally Assisted Wastewater Revolving Loan, saving SD1 and its ratepayers approximately \$54.2 million in interest costs when compared to traditional bonds.

“SD1 is committed to meeting the needs of our customers in the most cost-effective methods possible,” said Rager. “We are confident that this investment in Northern Kentucky will bring many returns in the future for our region.”

For more information on the Western Regional facility, please visit [www.sd1.org/westernregional](http://www.sd1.org/westernregional).

## Adopt healthy household habits to keep water clean

By adopting healthy household habits, you can help protect our region’s water resources.

### Vehicle and garage

- Wash your car on a lawn or unpaved surface or visit a commercial wash to reduce the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drains.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, machinery and other equipment for leaks and spills often, and make repairs immediately. Clean up any spilled materials with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don’t rinse spills into a nearby storm drain.
- If you change your vehicle’s oil at home, recycle the used oil at participating service stations.

NEVER dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

### Lawn and garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly and in the recommended amounts. If they are applied too heavily, excess nutrients and chemicals are left in the soil and can be washed into local waterbodies.
- Install native grasses and plants that are adapted to the local environment and may not need supplemental nutrients.
- After working on your lawn, sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down the area.

### Home repair


- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. When using oil-based paints, filter and reuse paint thinner.
- Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.

### Pet care

Bacteria is a major pollutant of concern in Northern Kentucky. We cannot control the waste that comes from wildlife, but we can control the environmental impact of our pet waste. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.

For more information visit our website at [www.sd1.org](http://www.sd1.org), email [info@sd1.org](mailto:info@sd1.org) or call SD1’s Storm Water Hotline at 859/578-6745.

**SD1**



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

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

## Joint American Cancer Society/St. Elizabeth Resource Center opens in Edgewood

The American Cancer Society's Cancer Resource Center opened at St. Elizabeth Edgewood in May. The center provides the latest in cancer information, services and programs for Northern Kentucky cancer patients and their families. The center is a partnership between the American Cancer Society and St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

"The Cancer Resource Center will be a vital link in the entire cancer experience, not only for those

diagnosed, but also for their families and caregivers," says Lisa Meier, health initiatives representative for the American Cancer Society in Northern Kentucky. "Cancer Resource Centers are typically located within cancer treatment facilities, with the goal of furnishing their patrons with the most up-to-date information possible about their individual cancer and resources available to them."

The center is staffed by volunteers, who have been both recruited and trained by the American Cancer Society and St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Initial hours of operation are Wednesdays 9 am-1 pm, Thursdays 12-4 pm, and Fridays 9 am-1 pm.

"Though we wish no one should ever have to be confronted with cancer, we know that nearly 25,000 Kentucky residents will be diagnosed with the disease this year," said

Meier. "We want them and their loved ones to know that this incredible facility is available to them when they need it most."

For cancer information anytime day or night, please call toll free 1-800-227-2345, 859/301-5476 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). To volunteer, visit [www.stelizabeth.com/cancerresourcecenter](http://www.stelizabeth.com/cancerresourcecenter) or contact the Cancer Resource Center at 859/301-5476.

## St. Elizabeth Holistic Health offers integrative therapies for cancer patients

St. Elizabeth Holistic Health Center now offers integrative therapies for oncology patients based on the model of care developed by the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. These holistic oncology services include: acupuncture, acupressure, massage, reflexology, RN consultation, oncology patient skin care and makeup, stress management, cancer fitness classes, methods of meditation, tai chi/yoga, smoking cessation support group, four weeks to a new you, and energy work.

"The goal of the program is to assist patients in selecting integrative therapies that are most appropriate for patient needs," says Toni Schklar, Manager Holistic Health Center. "We want to be the trusted resource for physicians and patients to access evidence-based integrative therapies provided by professionals appropriately trained to safely deliver the services."

Through the nurse consultation program, patients can meet with a

registered nurse who specializes in integrative therapies to determine which therapies are best suited to manage symptoms and promote optimal health. The nurse will also ensure that the therapies chosen are compatible with the oncology plan of care. The nurse can also coordinate treatments with the patient and his or her teams from holistic health and oncology.

At the initial oncology treatment, patients will receive gift certificates to attend "Methods of Meditation," a four-week series of meditation classes that help with relaxation, rest and symptom management. In addition to the classes (valued at \$40), each participant receives a free relaxation CD. Upon completion of treatment, patients will receive another gift certificate for a 30-minute massage (valued at \$45), along with their certificate of completion from treatment.

For more information, contact the St. Elizabeth Holistic Health Center at 859/301-5959.

## Powerful new tool to fight cancer at St. Elizabeth Edgewood: *TrueBeam Linear Accelerator is state of the art*

Patients in Northern Kentucky now receive the latest and most powerful stereotactic radiotherapy right at St. Elizabeth Edgewood, thanks to the hospital's acquisition of medicine's most advanced linear accelerator, the Varian TrueBeam.

Nationally, there are only about 200 of the cutting-edge machines in use, including just one other in Kentucky, in Louisville. It's a huge asset to the local physician's cancer-fighting toolbox, since the TrueBeam offers unparalleled three-dimensional imaging and the ability to deliver accelerated doses of radiation with unmatched precision at previously unavailable dose rates.

"The CT imager on the linear accelerator itself allows us to detect sub-millimetric changes in tumor volume, and treat as we go," said St. Elizabeth Radiation Oncology Manager Mike Grindstaff. "Likewise, the speed at

which we can reconstruct that image is lightning fast — about two times the operating speed of normal linear accelerators."

Another marked benefit of this form of treatment is the speed with which it delivers results. Because of the TrueBeam's power and precision, most treatments can be delivered in just a few minutes a day, with a standard course of therapy completed in a week's time.

But, even though patients aren't in treatment very long, the experience is still being made as pleasant as possible. A new, specially designed treatment room has been constructed at the Esther Marie Hatton Cancer Care Center at St. Elizabeth Edgewood, which offers a calming, star-filled night sky overhead and the individual's choice of music or other programming.



## Direction 2030: Your voice. Your choice.

Direction 2030 is an 18-month planning effort focused on preparing a new comprehensive plan for Kenton County. The comprehensive plan is a guide that provides policies for growth and development in Kenton County and outlines goals, objectives, and implementation strategies aimed at making Kenton County an even greater place to live.

Public engagement is a key area of focus for this effort. Round One concluded in late 2011 with four public meetings focused on discussion of national trends and implications for Kenton County. Round Two included two round tables – one on the topic of Healthy Communities and a second on Economic Competitiveness. Round Two meetings provided an opportunity for the public to ask questions of a panel of experts and provide comments. A summary of the Healthy Communities Roundtable is provided below. Information on the second meeting was not available at the time of publication.

### Healthy Communities Roundtable

Held on June 14 from 6-8 pm at the Ludlow school cafeteria, the meeting began with a presentation from the plan's market advisor, Michael Dinn of Dinn Focused Marketing, Inc. (DFM). Dinn spoke briefly about the current status of the housing market nationally and how Greater Cincinnati markets were not affected as harshly as other major U.S. markets. He explained that homes in Kenton County are valued roughly at the same level as they would have been in 2003 or 2004 —



*Panelists discuss healthy communities and the future of Kenton County at the June 14 public meeting.*

before the market increased sharply and then declined.

**Panel Discussion.** Panelists for the Healthy Communities forum included Brian Miller of the Home Builder's Association of Northern Kentucky, Dr. Lynne Sadler of the Northern Kentucky Health Department, Kathy Schwab of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and market analyst Michael Dinn. Amanda VanBenschoten of the *Kentucky Enquirer* moderated the discussion.

Mr. Miller began by providing a brief discussion of the changing market for housing in Kenton County. He described that at the height of the housing boom approximately 800 building permits were issued for single family detached residential units. By comparison, only 174 permits were issued last year for the same type of development. Moving forward, he anticipated the “new normal” for home construction numbers to range in the mid-500s each year. He also spoke about changing market desires — including the need for more rental housing. Miller stated that flexibility in regulations will be a key factor in dealing with the market forces in housing.

Schwab spoke about changing demographics and how both aging and younger populations desire a different product. She described how empty nesters want to return to urban areas. She described her experiences with people who want to walk and bike to amenities and how they are moving to areas with these features. Ms. Schwab finished by saying “planners should, where possible focus on reinvesting not only in the urban core, but also in its existing real estate and community assets.”

Dr. Saddler responded to the topic of changing demographics by stating that today's buyers do not just want what is in the home; they want a high quality of life in terms of their community. She suggested that communities and home builders need to figure out what buyers want to make communities more attractive from a quality-of-life standpoint. She pointed out the relatively new but critical connection between planning

and health. Dr. Saddler said that while the built environment is not the only factor that affects the health of a community, it is a significant factor.

Dinn wrapped up the panel discussion by speaking about senior housing. He described how the local community may be lacking in the valuable “move-down” market choice that seniors often seek. He recommended that there be a mechanism to free up housing stock and create communities where there's an affordable attached housing choice for seniors. He also believed these new housing types might be attractive to younger buyers as well.

**Questions for the Panel and Next Steps.** VanBenschoten opened the floor to questions from the audience and several comments were made regarding the rigidity of zoning ordinances and the need to make regulations smarter and more flexible.

Panel discussion and the audience's questions and comments along with input from the first round of public meetings, small group meetings, discussions with task forces will all be used to craft new goals and objectives for the comprehensive plan. A public meeting will be held in late October to present a draft of the Goals and Objectives.

More information about Direction 2030 is available at [direction2030.org](http://direction2030.org).

# Storm debris removal assistance continues

Residents of Kenton County who were affected by the March tornadoes may be eligible for financial assistance to aid clean-up efforts on their farms. "We already administer a farm dump clean-up program and we were able to quickly adapt the program to help our neighbors in the Piner area," said Marc Hult, Chairman of the Kenton County Conservation District. The

Kenton County Conservation District was able to transition some of the farm dump funds to form a Farm Storm Debris Removal Program and began issuing checks in March. Landowners who have 10 acres or more in some type of agricultural or horticultural production can apply for reimbursement of 75% of the clean-up costs. There is a maximum

reimbursement of \$500. District Coordinator Mary Kathryn Dickerson started making personal visits to residents within a week of the storms to assess their needs and to assist them in filling out their applications. "It was very important to the District that we were able to provide help to our neighbors as soon as possible," said Gailen Bridges, a farmer and resident

of Independence, who is also Vice Chair of the District. "The funds have been used for everything from clearing debris so fences could be repaired, to purchasing fuel for chainsaws and other clean-up equipment." Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2012. Reimbursements for approved applications will be made subject to available funding.

## Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board Morning View project



*Mist over the newly acquired land near Morning View, Kentucky.*

Work continues on the land acquired near Morning View through the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board. Over the past year, efforts have concentrated on removing old farm dumps and other debris including that from tornado damage. In 2011, the Ky. Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management at the Florence Regional Office chose the site for their Commonwealth Cleanup Week project. During the week, employees of the regional and state office worked with volunteers to remove over 30 cubic yards of waste and 500 tires from the property. Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. donated several dumpsters for the project. In June, the Conservation District cleaned up two additional dumps, resulting in the removal of over 330 cubic yards of waste material. Metal debris from both cleanups was

taken to a scrap dealer for recycling. In cooperation with Kenton County Solid Waste Management and CSX Railroad, an open dump along the river was removed later in the year. The property sustained some damage from the March 2012 tornadoes, and the Conservation District wants to thank their neighbors and the many volunteers who helped remove debris from the property. The biological inventory and archaeological assessments will be started later this year, and are the next step in developing the resource management plan for the property. The Conservation District will be sharing those results when the work is completed. The property will be featured in a new book by noted Kentucky photographer Tom Barnes to be released by the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board later this year.

## Conservation education

### Conservation writing and art contest

Materials for the annual Conservation Writing and Art Contest will be released in September. This year's contest will focus on forestry. Schools submit their top three entries to the Conservation District, which then selects a winner from each school, and from those entries selects an overall county winner. The county winners' entries are sent on to area and state competition. Prizes are awarded at the local and state levels.

### Conservation education project grants

Grant applications will be due January 25, 2013 for Kenton County Schools interested in developing a conservation education project. The Conservation District offers small grants to schools to help fund projects such as materials to enhance an outdoor learning area; developing trails and trail guidebooks; conservation-related library materials; water monitoring equipment; and soils testing equipment.

### Envirothon competition

The Canon *Envirothon* is a hands-on environmental problem-solving competition for high school-aged students. Participating teams complete training and testing in five natural resource categories: soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. Teams of five students are formed within a school. With the support of natural resource professionals, students are trained in the ways that real-life environmental problems are solved. The 2013 national competition will be held at Montana State University in Bozeman and the current environmental issue will be Sustainable Rangeland Management: Achieving a Balance Between Traditional Agricultural Uses with Non-Agricultural Uses on Montana Rangelands. Prizes, including the national prize of \$25,000 in scholarships, are awarded at all levels of competition. The local Conservation District offers both financial and instructional assistance for school teams. School teams must be registered with their conservation district by January 31, 2013.

## Kenton County Conservation District

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All programs and services of the Kenton County Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

# Kenton County Parks and Recreation Programs/Activities/Events — Fall/Winter 2012

Our goal is to provide high quality recreational activities for our residents and community. We are excited to offer a wide variety of programs and events for people of all ages and abilities. For more information about any of these activities or events, please visit [www.kentoncounty.org](http://www.kentoncounty.org) and click on County Services, then on Parks & Recreation, or call 859/525-PLAY (7529).



## Star Gaze 2

*Saturday, August 25, Lincoln Ridge Park*  
KCP&R, Cincinnati Observatory Center, and the Midwestern Astronomers will present Star Gaze 2. The indoor portion of the program will begin at 8 pm. Join local amateur astronomer, Jeff Hutton, as he presents a planetarium style program, titled "Space: In Three (or More) Dimensions," and prepares us for what we may see in the skies over Lincoln Ridge Park that night. Then come outside and enjoy your own cosmic tour. The outdoor portion of the program (weather permitting) will begin at 9 pm. The moon will be visible (one day after 1/4 phase) and Saturn and Mars will be setting. Come see for yourself. No matter the principal targets, we will also be viewing constellations, stars, double stars, star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies. Volunteers will provide telescopes and expertise in the field, describe observations, answer questions, and help open our eyes to the wonder of the universe. Who knows what the night sky will reveal? We welcome you to bring your telescope and binoculars.

## Kenton County Senior Citizens Picnic

*Thursday, September 6*

### Kenton County Fairgrounds

Aloha! Break out the flowered shirts and grass skirts! Put on the beach music! It's a luau and you're invited! Kenton County Fiscal Court will present its annual Senior Citizens Picnic from 10 am until 3 pm. Tickets are just \$7 per person and anyone 55 or older is invited. A steel drum band, hula dancers (demonstration and lessons), Wii games, limbo contest, lunch, door prizes, and bingo... What more could you possibly want?

Tickets will become available on Wednesday, August 1 and you may make reservations by calling 859/392-1920 or 859/392-1400. You may also purchase tickets in-person at the Kenton County Public Works Administration building in Lincoln Ridge Park, located at 420 Independence Station Rd., Independence, KY 41051. Mark your calendar NOW!

## Great Outdoor Weekend - Doe Run Nature Trail Hike and Owl Prowl

*September 22/23*

This annual two-day event is designed by a group of environmental education organizations and outdoor recreation specialists to provide a diverse sampling of the best nature activities available in Greater Cincinnati. KCP&R will present two FREE events this year on Saturday, September 22.

Join Biologist and Educator Peggy Kelly at 11 am for the Doe Run Nature Trail Hike. The two-hour hike is medium paced to allow time for you to explore some of the natural history of one of our most beautiful NKY parks. Bring H<sub>2</sub>O and sunscreen, and wear comfortable shoes. The hike is for all ages 11 years and up. We will meet in the boat launch area of the parking lot. Doe Run Lake is located at 1501 Bullock Pen Rd., in Covington, KY 41017.

Then, on Saturday night, come on out for Owl Prowl at Middleton-Mills Park. Ever wonder what predatory birds come out after dark? Join Critters in the Classroom and KCP&R in presenting an interactive program about owls that make NKY their home. Discover some of the mysteries of owls and other nocturnal animals. You are guaranteed to see live owls! The program will begin at 7:30 pm and go until 9 pm. Learn how owls hunt and help maintain a healthy ecosystem. We will also go 'prowling' for owls that may use the park for their hunting grounds. Dress for the weather and a short trail hike. Middleton-Mills Park is located at 3415 Mills Road, in Covington, KY 41015. Follow the signs to Shelterhouse 2.

Pre-registration for these two events is required. Call 859/525-PLAY (7529). For more, visit [CincyGreatOutdoorWeekend.org](http://CincyGreatOutdoorWeekend.org) for details on many more free programs all over Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati!

## Haunted Halloween Trail

*Friday, October 26, and*

## Great Pumpkin Races!

*Saturday,*

*October 27*

It's Halloween and KCP&R is excited to announce the return of the

Haunted Halloween Trail and the Great Pumpkin Races. Both events will be held at Middleton-Mills Park, on Mills Road between Taylor Mill and Independence.

The Haunted Halloween Trail is presented by Jude's Custom Exhaust Auto Repair and Towing. The Trail is a quarter-mile of twisting, turning, t-t-t-t-torch-lit and c-c-c-c-creepy, trail through a deep and dark woods! And, our haunters are, er, eager to entertain "guests!" Ghosts, goblins, witches, and a frightful variety of other Halloween characters, creatures, and displays will inhabit the Trail. Prepare to be scared! We must issue this "grave" warning: Whatever you do, don't wander, don't stray — STAY ON THE TRAIL!

For us to scare the ever-lovin' wits out of you, admission this year will be EITHER a non-perishable food or personal care item donation for Senior Services of Northern Kentucky OR \$1 per person to help KCP&R off-set some of the costs involved in presenting the Trail. Snappy Tomato Pizza will be on hand selling pizza slices. In the shelterhouse at the end of the Haunted Trail, survivors may wish to sample complimentary Orange Drool served by Ghostesses. 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. Or else... well, you know! It's gonna be a SCREAM!

Then, on Saturday, it's the Great Pumpkin Races, presented by Dominach's Taekwondo Academy and A-1 Enterprise ~ Signs, Designs, Apparel & More. Hey, if fright is not to your liking, the Great Pumpkin Races are for you! This is great family fun! Maniacal screaming by fans as their pumpkins race down the wooden ramp and across the grass to the finish line? You bet! A panel of judges with stopwatches will oversee the Races and the fastest pumpkins will win prizes. Bring the roundest, 'fastest' pumpkin in the patch to race against other pumpkins in the same weight classes.

It's BYO pumpkin and please — no altered pumpkins, other than painting. Register between 12 and 12:45 pm to

compete. Once you are registered, enjoy a visit with the Cincinnati Zoo at noon when Zookeeper Kate Hammer will bring some of the Zoo's most-creepy creatures for a Halloween show-and-tell. Races begin at 1 pm. And, we'll need half a dozen volunteers to help run the Races, too, so call us if you're interested.



## Letters To Santa / Letters From Santa!

*Beginning on November 5*

KCP&R, in cooperation with Kenton County Public Library, is excited to announce its Letters To Santa / Letters From Santa program. As you can imagine, Santa's workshop is really getting busy! Each boy and girl who mails his or her letter to Santa in one of the special Santa Express mailboxes at any Kenton County Public Library will receive a return letter from Santa just in time for Christmas. Santa Express mailboxes will be installed on Monday, November 5. No postage to the North Pole is necessary but please be sure to check your child's letter 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 Senior Services of Northern Kentucky. Specially decorated barrels will be located right next to the mailboxes at each location. Get into the holiday spirit! Take a few minutes right now and help your child write a letter to Santa and then visit your Kenton County Public Library to mail the letter. Please remember, letters to Santa must be received by Monday, December 3 to give Santa time to read your child's letter and to write a return letter. Don't miss out on the fun of this free seasonal program! Special thanks to Jude's Custom Exhaust, Auto Repair & Towing in Independence for their continued support in helping with the expenses of presenting this program.

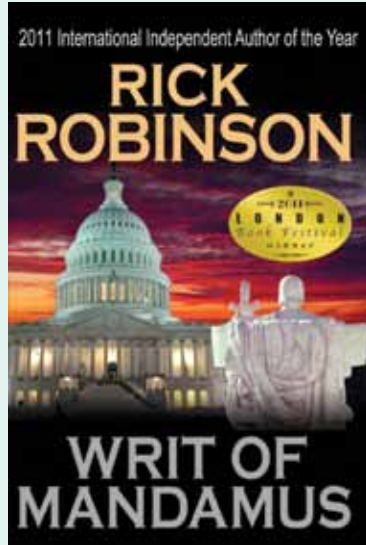


# One Book One Community

Political intrigue! Murder! This year's One Book One Community selection, *Writ of Mandamus* by local author Rick Robinson, is a fast-paced political thriller set in Covington. Although the novel focuses on the re-election campaign of fictional Congressman Richard Thompson and his eccentric opponent, there are many twists and turns that involve Keeneland, Ireland, and the smuggling of arms from the Middle East.

Join us in reading *Writ of Mandamus*, attend related programming throughout September, and meet the author in October.

For a complete list of One Book One Community programs and events throughout Northern Kentucky visit [www.nkyonebook.org](http://www.nkyonebook.org).



**“Here’s a piece of important advice: Don’t sit down to read this book without bringing along at least a sandwich, if not an entire meal. You could starve to death otherwise. Rick Robinson is that compelling.”**

*-Tucker Carlson, Publisher, The Daily Caller*

## Back-to-school resources

**Sign up for a free library card today**



Don't forget that one of the most important back-to-school tools for students is a library card. They are free for children of any age. Parents

will need to bring their student and a valid ID into the

Library to fill out an application. It's quick and easy!

Once you have a card, you also have access to valuable online resources that will help your student succeed in school. These include:

- AccessScience
- Amazing Animals of the World
- Inventions and Discoveries
- CultureGrams — a look at countries, their people and places
- Opposing Viewpoints in Context — helps students research, analyze and organize a broad variety of data for conducting

research, completing writing assignments, preparing for debates, creating presentations and more.

- Learning Express — practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses for elementary grades through college classes and more
- Mango — online language-learning system

We also offer resources and services to support teachers with curriculum lesson plans or special school events that encourage family literacy.

Additionally, if you have a student who struggles with reading, check out the programs Puppy Tales and Reading Buddies. Puppy Tales, held monthly, builds a child's reading confidence by letting them read to an unbiased audience — a dog! Reading Buddies, held at the Erlanger Branch, pairs readers with a buddy to help boost reading skills. Check the monthly calendar for dates and times. For a complete list of databases you can access outside the Library go to [www.kentonlibrary.org/databases](http://www.kentonlibrary.org/databases).

## Covington Library update

This fall, the first phase of the Covington Library Renovation and Expansion project will be completed. The main portion of the new Covington Children's Department, which has moved to

the lower level, will open as will the new circulation department, lobby and drive-thru window. Updates and opening celebration information will be posted on the Library's Facebook page.

Go to [www.facebook.com/KentonCountyPublicLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/KentonCountyPublicLibrary).

The Library remains open during renovation. Free parking is available in the parking garage across the street from the Covington

Library. Bring parking tickets in for validation. The Covington Library Renovation and Expansion project is expected to be completed mid-2013.



# Free events, programs and classes: Fall 2012

## Take a Look at E-Readers

Thursday, September 6 at 1:30 pm & Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm - William E. Durr branch  
Learn how download books from the Library's website on to your e-reader. Learn about the different types of e-readers.

## Friends of KCPL Used Book Sale

Sunday, September 9 through Saturday, September 15 - William E. Durr branch

Purchase nearly-new or used books, movies, music and more for prices under \$4. Sale closes 30 minutes prior to the library closing.

## iPad Tips & Tricks\*

Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm - Erlanger Branch

Learn about some cool apps, shortcuts, and tips and tricks for your iPad.

## Congenealogy

Monday, September 24 from 6:30-8:30 pm - Covington  
Join us at the Baker Hunt Art & Cultural Center for discussions, speakers, and resource sharing on "all things genealogy!"

## Crafty Free-For-All: Make Something Ugly!

Tuesday, September 25 from 6-8 pm - William E. Durr branch  
Teens – make whatever you want. We supply the materials and space, you supply the creativity!

## Kentucky Chautauqua\*

Thursday September 27 at 7 pm - Erlanger branch

Enjoy a living history performance of Kentucky's great dissenter Justice John Marshall Harlan portrayed by Edward B. Smith.

## Freezer Cooking 101\*

Thursday, September 27 at 7 pm - William E. Durr branch  
We'll share our tips and tricks for how to cook once a month instead of every night!

## Writers Workshop Series\*

Saturday, September 29 10:30 am Erlanger Branch  
Get help writing better fiction! Writers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

## Erlanger Branch's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 13, 10:30-5 pm  
Kids can touch a truck, enjoy a storytime, crafts, and more from 10:30 am-1 pm; teens can participate in a video-game competition from 12-2 pm, and all ages will enjoy a Beatles tribute band concert at 4 pm.

## History of Covington's Mainstrasse\*

Tuesday, October 16 at 7 pm - Erlanger branch  
Learn about the fascinating history of one of our area's most historic neighborhoods with Beth Johnson, Preservation and Planning Specialist with the City of Covington.

## Great Outdoor Weekend

Sunday, September 23, 1-4 pm  
Join the Library as we celebrate the Great Outdoor Weekend on the grounds of the Girl Scout offices located off of Commonwealth Ave. All ages welcome; open to everyone, not just Girl Scouts!

## Celebrate Teen Read Week

October 14-20  
Fun programs and activities for teens at all three Library locations. Visit [www.kentonlibrary.org](http://www.kentonlibrary.org) for details.

\* Please call to register.

## Evergreen is coming!

### New user-friendly software will improve online experience

This fall, you will see some changes when you search online for a library item. The Library will be using a new system called Evergreen. Evergreen will help library patrons

find library materials, and helps libraries manage, catalog, and circulate those materials. While the new card catalog, Evergreen, may look different, you will use it the same way. If you have questions about Evergreen, please ask a staff member.

## C L O S E D   D A T E S

All Library locations will be closed on **Thursday, August 23** for computer system upgrades. The Library will also be closed on **Sunday, September 2** and **Monday, September 3**.

## Kenton County Public Library



### Mary Ann Mongan Library

502 Scott Street  
Covington, KY 41011  
859/962-4060

### Durr Branch Library

1992 Walton-Nicholson Rd.  
Independence, KY 41051  
859/962-4030

### Erlanger Branch Library

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

# From the desk of the County Judge/Executive



*Steve Arlinghaus  
Kenton County  
Judge/Executive*

### Merging Kenton County 911 Dispatch Centers

When I took office in January 2011, my top goal was to merge our three Dispatch Centers into one. Currently, Kenton County, Covington and Erlanger each operate dispatch centers that cost the taxpayers of Kenton County \$4.8 million dollars annually for operational costs alone. This figure does not take into consideration capital needs such as a physical operating center, computers, radios, software, and other communication equipment.

For the past year and a half, we have been reviewing data relating to the three centers. We have met with staff of Covington and Erlanger to discuss what exactly it would take to merge the centers into one efficient operation. We all agree the single most important reason for doing this is for the safety of the residents of the County. The second most important factor is the cost savings associated with a merger. The idea of merging the three centers into one is not a new concept. There have been several studies supporting a merger. At least one was done back in the 1990s, and subsequently three others have been done since 2000.

So why hasn't this been accomplished yet? Depending on who you talk with, you will get a variety

of opinions. Some say we are too parochial, each jurisdiction believing they have the best system in town and equally the best personnel, "ownership," and "pride in being the best." Some believe the Covington center being a "union" operation, they will not agree to anything except for their best interest. Some believe the last attempt was a "strong arm" power move by the previous County Fiscal Court which caused the cities to walk away. Others say there was inconsistent data being provided that always seemed to be a moving target; and they were unable to agree on anything.

Regardless of one's opinion, the time is right to create a single center. Since our study began, the City of Covington has caused this opportunity to escalate on a fast track when they surprisingly announced they were getting out of the dispatch business earlier this year, effective September 1, 2012. Upon their decision, we "the County" adopted a Resolution indicating we would provide dispatch services for them.

Recognizing the need to bring all 18 cities and the county together is going to take a 100% joint effort. Our first step was to create Ordinance 150.3 establishing an Emergency Services Board consisting of the following:

- Kenton County Police Chief
- Police Chief of Erlanger (upon joining)
- Police Chief of Independence
- Kenton County Emergency Services Director
- Appointee selected by the Mayors Group
- Two Appointees selected by the Kenton County Police Chiefs Assn
- Appointee selected by the Kenton County Fire Chiefs Assn.
- Appointee from Kenton County Fiscal Court (Judge/Executive or Commissioner)

We believe this board structure will satisfy the need for municipalities being served to share in direct control of the operation of the dispatch center.

**Public Safety:** This is, without a doubt, the main reason for creating a single Dispatch Center. Cell phones are the major cause of the problems we encounter today. Over the years there are numerous documented cases of calls going the wrong way as cell phone usage increases. When using a cell phone to call 911, your call may "hit" the closest tower to your call, which may very well be the wrong dispatch center tower. This will cause you to be contacting the wrong center, and you will need to be transferred to the proper dispatch center. There have been cases of jurisdictions referring you to the wrong dispatch center accidentally which will delay your call even longer. During a crisis situation this is unacceptable. Creating a single dispatch center will eliminate this situation from occurring.

**Cost:** Today, we spend \$4.8 million dollars annually to operate three dispatch centers. The cost for operating a single center will be approximately \$4.1 million annually, saving \$700,000 per year. Furthermore, approximately every seven years, there are necessary upgrades to each center that today costs about \$1 million dollars each. Eliminating two centers will save the taxpayers an additional \$2 million dollars. These figures do not include capital needs, which, when multiplied by three, can reduce costs significantly.

**Funding Source:** Depending on where you live in the County, you are currently paying \$2.75, \$4 or \$4.25 per month on telephone "landlines" plus 70 cents per month for cell phone service, for funding Emergency Dispatch Services. Of the 70 cents collected by the Commonwealth

of Kentucky, we receive about 35 cents back; the rest is kept for their collection fees and distribution to other parts of the state at our expense. Unfortunately, because of the decline in landlines, revenue to support 911 dispatch services is decreasing rapidly. There has been a 15% drop in landlines over the past five years alone. As a result, each center must subsidize the cost of their services out of their respective general funds.

After analyzing our single source funding options, hosting a public forum, and conducting a public survey, we believe that the preferred funding source to pay for this much needed operation has been narrowed down to the following two options listed in order of public preference:

1. \$6 per month on every electric meter in the county
2. \$70-\$75 per year on each parcel lot located in the county

When we have adopted this funding mechanism, we will simultaneously REMOVE the current fee charged to your landline telephone. This will also allow for a single dispatch center to be wholly funded without the need for subsidies by any jurisdiction such as we do today. To help jump start this program, I have placed \$7 million dollars into a Dispatch Fund. Much of this comes from a successful year at the County level, as we came in \$3 million dollars under budget that was projected to be a \$2.5 million dollar deficit. I strongly believe, as public servants, it is our duty and responsibility to provide the residents of our county the best level of service possible at the most economical cost of providing that service, in this case, 911 Emergency Dispatch Services.

*Steve Arlinghaus*

Steve Arlinghaus  
Kenton County Judge/Executive

# We've got your game!

Join us for a fun-filled day of golf at our 54-hole facility. All three of our golf courses provide challenging and fun layouts for golfers of any skill level. Our original course, 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 Arthur Hills, is consistently rated as one of the most challenging public golf courses in the State of Kentucky.

## Buy One, Get One Free!!



- Valid Monday ~ Friday Anytime
- Weekends and Holidays after Noon

- Not Valid for League or Outing Play
- Expires 12/31/2012

## Get Golf Ready in five days!

The Golf Courses of Kenton County is bringing adults into the game of golf in a fast, fun and affordable way through the new Get Golf Ready in 5 Days program. The new industry-wide initiative is comprised of a series of five introductory lessons offered by PGA Professionals

in a small-group environment from April through September for the affordable price of \$99.

“The Get Golf Ready program provides an affordable and rewarding educational experience for those who are interested in learning more about the game of golf,” said Jason

Laible, Head Teaching Professional. “The program will provide a casual yet structured setting using fun, skill enhancement formats to help participants become comfortable on the links and enable them continue to develop their skills as golfers.”

is limited to 10 students per session. Contact Jason at 371-3200 or email [jason.laible@kentoncounty.org](mailto:jason.laible@kentoncounty.org) for registration information.



Following the completion of the five-session program, a smooth transition into other Get Golf Ready graduate outings, such as the free and low-cost programs offered by Play Golf America ([www.PlayGolfAmerica.com](http://www.PlayGolfAmerica.com)), will be provided.

## Animal Shelter News

### Animal control

The Kenton County Animal Shelter would like to announce that Animal Control is now providing service to the city of Covington. Animal Control plays a vital role in Kenton County and is here to serve and safeguard the community. The original “Dog Authority,” located in Elsmere consisted of two officers and an old Dodge truck. They have come a long way since that time and are now more educated

and better equipped than in years past. Kenton County Fiscal Court employs several officers who have specialized training in large animal tactile rescue, equine, as well as animal cruelty investigation. To contact Animal Control, please call 859/356-3191.

### Upcoming Animal Shelter events

The 5th Annual Pet Fair with the William E. Durr branch of

the Kenton County Public Library will be held at the Kenton County Animal Shelter on August 25 from 10-2 pm. This is an informational pet fair for friends and family. The event will include: Donetta the pet psychic, K-9 demonstrations, Pets Plus, Lapis Wolf Studios, Neuterville Express, Silver Threads Embroidery, pet photos by Lisa Binns and much more! Please join us for this exciting event.

Pet First Aid will be offered

at the Animal Shelter this winter. Being prepared for a pet emergency by having supplies and the training to respond can increase your chances of a positive outcome. Please contact the Shelter for more information at 356-7400.

Neuterville Express is offering \$10 spay and neuters for cats. Contact Ohio Alley Cat Rescue to schedule an appointment at 513/871-0185. OAR has Northern KY drop off and pick up points.

# Independence Courthouse turns 100 years old



*Historic photo of the previous Independence Courthouse*

Come celebrate the history of Kenton County as the Independence Courthouse turns 100 years old in October! The Independence Courthouse Centennial Celebration will take place on Friday, October 12 from 5-8 pm and Saturday, October 13 from 9 am-5 pm. The event is free to the public and will feature ongoing tours of the historic Courthouse, including the seldom seen second floor, along with local history exhibits. Additional events will include craft vendors, the Independence Farmers' Market, a veterans' presentation, antique cars,

musical entertainment and more! A free shuttle bus and parking will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Kenton County Fiscal Court, Kenton County Clerk, Kenton Circuit Clerk, Kenton County Sheriff, City of Independence and Independence Business Association.

### Seeking participants

As we finalize the details of this historical event, we are looking to honor all Kenton County residents that are at least 100 years of age this year. If you are, or if you know of someone who is 100 years of age or older, please contact the Kenton County Parks & Recreation at 859/525-7259 or by email at [mary.voorhees@kentoncounty.org](mailto:mary.voorhees@kentoncounty.org). In addition, it's not too late to sign up to be a craft vendor or musical performer at the event. The Centennial Committee is still accepting vendors for a nominal charge of only \$15. In addition, they are looking for musical acts from the bluegrass/folk genres, as well as church, school and choir groups. Please contact the Kenton County Parks & Recreation at 859/525-7529 for more information.

### Courthouse Timeline

- Incorporated in 1842, the small community surrounding the new courthouse named itself Independence to commemorate the independence of Kenton County from Campbell County.
- In late 1911, the old Courthouse (pictured at left) was torn down, and the present Courthouse was constructed. Dedication ceremonies were held on October 21, 1912. The crowd of about 4000 was invited to join in a feast of barbeque and burgoo. The dedication was organized by Fiscal Court Judge Walter Cleary.
- In the *Kentucky Post* that day, it describes the building in two parts: "The main structure is two stories high, surmounted with a tower that can be seen for miles before one gets to Independence. The main part of the building is of colonial style, and contains two courtrooms, each 32 x 43 feet, as well as rooms for both the County and Circuit Judges, record rooms and other necessary offices." It was built at a cost of \$35,000.
- The portico on the Courthouse proclaims, KENTON COVNTY COVRT HOVSE, using the Roman script for the letter U. The Courthouse remains the iconic face of the city of Independence.
- A fire which occurred around midnight at Watson's Saloon on Thursday, May 10, 1917 threatened to include the Courthouse. High winds carried flames from the saloon and jeopardized the County Seat, which was located across the street. A bucket brigade formed from volunteers and saved the Courthouse and surrounding residences.
- Many important political events took place at the Independence Courthouse, and there were some who received their first nominations for public office here.
- Local farmers and their wives would buy and sell their produce at the Courthouse.
- The Courthouse was expanded in 1990 to accommodate the growth of the southern part of the County. Offices, additional record room, and parking spaces were added.
- To commemorate Kenton County's 150th birthday in 1990, a 15-foot Aristocrat pear tree was planted on the Courthouse lawn. The tree was designated as the County's official tree. The original Aristocrat Pear tree was actually conceived and bred by Independence resident and long time Kenton County cooperative extension agent William Straw, who lived behind the Courthouse on McCullum Pike. The tree replanted on the lawn is the original discovery tree.
- The Independence Courthouse continues to hold Kenton County Fiscal Court meetings monthly, maintain offices of the Kenton County Clerk, Kenton County Circuit Court Clerk and Kenton County Sheriff, as well as host the Independence Farmers' Market every Saturday from late April through October.

## PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

### Chief of Police appointed

At its May 8 meeting, the Kenton County Fiscal Court voted unanimously to appoint R. Brian Capps Chief of the Kenton County Police Department. Chief Capps served as Interim Chief of Police since January 1, 2012. During his tenure as Interim Chief, Capps oversaw the Kenton County Police Department's response to the tornado

that struck southern Kenton County. Chief Capps began his law enforcement career in 1990 as a military police officer. In 1996 he joined the Cold Spring Kentucky Police Department as a patrol officer. In 1998, Chief Capps started with the Kenton County Police Department. He has since served as a patrol officer, detective, field training officer, member of the honor guard, sergeant, and captain. In 2010, Chief Capps attended the F.B.I.'s National

Academy, a premier law enforcement leadership academy. Chief Capps is the 12th chief of the Kenton County Police Department.

### Kenton County Police Department turns 90

Officially formed on June 15, 1922, the Kenton County Police Department recently celebrated its 90th birthday. Over the Department's

long history, it has evolved from the three-officer Dixie Highway Speed Cops to the 31-officer Kenton County Police Department. While officers with the Department still do catch speeders, the Department has also expanded to include among its services, investigation of major crimes, evidence collection assistance, serious traffic accident reconstruction, computer forensics, and undercover narcotics investigations.

# Back-to-school Internet safety

There is no doubt that the Internet provides nearly unlimited resources for children to learn and grow, but it is equally certain that many dangers still exist for children and young adults on the Internet. Unrestricted Internet in your home is, in many ways, worse than leaving the doors of your house unlocked with a sign in your front yard welcoming strangers. For a number of years, officers from the Kenton County Police Department have been investigating Internet crime as members of the national Internet Crimes Against Children task force. Our officers have arrested numerous people in our area for trading child pornography and attempting to entice young children over the Internet.

A recent study of middle-school students produced some concerning

statistics. Around 15% of the students reported talking online with someone they know only from the Internet. The higher the grade level of the student the more likely they were to speak with a stranger. Many of these students reported receiving traditional mail from the stranger along with gifts ranging from gift cards to event tickets to bus tickets. More than half of the students who were talking to a stranger online reported meeting the stranger in person and a majority of them were not nervous about doing so. Alarming, 10% of the middle-school students who reported an in-person meeting with a stranger they met online reported that the meeting resulted in a sexual assault or inappropriate touching.

The good news for parents is there are some steps you can take to protect your children. One of the first things to do is to speak with your children about safe use of technology. Each year, we partner with local schools to deliver Internet safety presentations, but it is important that the conversation with our children not start or stop there. Resources are available on the Internet to assist parents with these talks because, let's face it, technology is ever-changing and it is often the youngest among us who know it best. Parents are usually playing catch-up when it comes to knowing what the latest trends are among children on the Internet. One good source of information is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's NetSmartz.org website.

Other quick steps for parents include keeping computers in shared spaces in your home, treating cell phones and smart phones the same as computers, installing and monitoring parental controls, and reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement promptly. Be sure to Like the Kenton County Police Department on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/KentonCountyPolice](http://www.facebook.com/KentonCountyPolice)) and look for more back-to-school Internet safety tips there during August and September.

*Special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Burgess Dowdell, Associate Professor at Villanova University College of Nursing, for providing statistics relating to her study of middle-school students.*

## Northern Kentucky Health Department

### Message from Dr. Saddler: *Vaccination, prevention urged as whooping cough cases rise*



Dr. Lynne Saddler

As parents, we ache for our children when they are sick. Whooping cough, or pertussis, can be especially scary. A child who is infected

with it coughs violently and rapidly, over and over, until finally the air is gone from the lungs. Then, she is forced to inhale, causing a loud "whooping" sound that gives the disease its nickname, whooping cough. It can also cause vomiting, breathing problems, pneumonia and seizures.

Northern Kentucky has seen a higher than usual number of cases this year — more than 70, compared to a typical 25. Here's what you can do:

- **Get vaccinated.** Adults can get a Tdap booster for just \$4 at the Health Department. Kids get vaccinated as part of routine childhood immunizations — including a booster prior to sixth grade.
- If you have a cough **lasting longer than two weeks**, contact your health care provider. It may be whooping cough.
- If you have a cough of any kind, **avoid contact with small infants.**

### Medical Reserve Corps seeks volunteers

The Medical Reserve Corps provides a volunteer pool that can enhance and support public health agencies and the health care infrastructure during a crisis.

Since 2002, the program has grown to more than 200,000 volunteers in nearly 1,000 units across the country. Northern Kentucky's Medical Reserve Corps unit has 421 members, including 164 Kenton County residents.

Local Medical Reserve Corps volunteers have participated in a variety of disaster drills and provided support

to the Health Department during the 2009-2010 H1N1 swine flu vaccination clinics.

Citizens 18 and older with either medical or non-medical backgrounds are needed. The next orientation session is from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday, October 18, at the Health Department's District Office in Edgewood. For more information, contact Jean Caudill at 859/363.2009, [Jean.Caudill@nkyhealth.org](mailto:Jean.Caudill@nkyhealth.org) or visit [www.nkyhealth.org/mrc](http://www.nkyhealth.org/mrc).

## Northern Kentucky Health Department



**NORTHERN KENTUCKY**  
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT  
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**James A. Dressman Kenton Co. Health Center:** *ph: 859/431-3345*  
**District Administrative Office:** *ph: 859/341-4264*

# Kenton County Community Education Program Schedule: Fall 2012

For questions, email [Teresa.Wilkins@kenton.kyschools.us](mailto:Teresa.Wilkins@kenton.kyschools.us) or call 859/957-2620. Save \$5 by preregistering! CHECKS ONLY. Make checks payable to Kenton County Community Education. Payment is due at the time of registration. Please write separate checks for each class.

## Improve Your Health

### Guided Meditation

**\$26 if preregistered, walk-ins pay \$31**  
Mondays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 5 (no class on Oct. 15, schools are closed), 6:45-7:15 pm  
Fort Wright Elementary  
Experience the numerous health benefits of breathing along with guided imagery for relaxation and stress reduction.  
Instructor: Jay Busemeyer

### Tai Chi

**\$49 if preregistered, walk-ins pay \$54**  
Mondays, Sept. 17 - Nov. 5 (no class on Oct. 15, schools are closed), 7:30-8:30 pm  
Fort Wright Elementary  
Enjoy the peaceful feeling of physical movements that facilitate the flow of Chi or cosmic energy while relaxing your mind and body as one in motion.  
Instructor: Jay Busemeyer

### Yoga

**\$48 per six-week session if preregistered, walk-ins pay \$53**  
Thursdays, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
First session: Sept. 20 - Thursday, Oct. 25  
Second session: Nov. 1-Dec. 13 (no class on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22)  
Fort Wright Elementary  
Yoga is a practical and "easeful" approach to maintaining wellness with an emphasis on relaxation and fitness through breathing techniques and gentle stretches.  
Instructor: Diana Guy

### Zumba

**First session, 12 classes, \$45 for pre-registrations, walk-ins pay \$50; Second session, 10 classes, \$35 for pre-registrations, walk-ins pay \$40**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 pm  
First session: Sept. 11 - Oct. 18  
Second session: Oct. 23 - Nov. 29 (No class Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Thursday, Nov. 22)  
Turkey Foot Middle School cafeteria  
Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy dance steps for a calorie-burning, body-energizing class.  
Instructor: Gabrielle Dion

## Develop Your Interests

### Introductory Photography

**\$30 if preregistered, walk-ins pay \$35**  
Monday, Sept. 10 & 17, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Dixie Heights High School  
Whether you use digital or film, this class will teach you how to "see" pictures and to "capture the moment" with professional-looking results. Professional photographer Jim Osborn will bring his years of expertise to class. Bring your camera!  
Instructor: Jim Osborn

### Advanced Photography

**\$30 if preregistered, walk-ins pay \$35**  
Mondays Sept. 24 & Oct. 1, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
Dixie Heights High School  
Digital as well as film photography will be covered in depth. Professional photographer Jim Osborn will expand your skills with instruction on the art of photography. It is recommended that you take the Introductory Photography class to prepare you for this session.  
Instructor: Jim Osborn

### Aquatics

**\$45 per session if preregistered, walk-ins pay \$50**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 18 - Oct. 25  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Scott High School  
Get fit and healthy by exercising in the water. Bring suit and towel!  
Instructors: Sally Soderlund and Becky Moeller

### Practical Couponing Workshop

**\$20. Must have a minimum of 10 preregistered participants for the class. Mail your registration form today!**  
Thursday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Simon Kenton High School (use the gym entrance)  
If you are intrigued, yet intimidated, by the show "Extreme Couponing," come check out this "Practical Couponing" workshop. Presented in an easy-to-learn format, you will learn how to save your family \$200+ per month, spending just a few hours per week. This two-hour class will give you all of the basic couponing strategies to hit the ground running and start saving immediately. You'll also learn how to make the most of local stores' coupon policies.  
Instructor: Christine Luken  
[www.YourStrongFlower.com](http://www.YourStrongFlower.com)

### Discover the Magic of Meal Planning

**\$10. Must have a minimum of 10 preregistered participants for the class. Mail your registration form today!**  
Thursday, Oct. 11, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Simon Kenton High School (use the gym entrance)  
Does the question, "What's for dinner?" cause you stress on a regular basis? If so, "Magic of Meal Planning" Workshop is for you! In this fun and informative one-hour workshop, you'll learn how the simple strategies of Meal Planning can save you time, stress, and money when it comes to feeding your family! You'll learn the Meal Planning basics, how to save time and money with Freezer Cooking, and get tips that will help you get a delicious dinner on the table in 30 minutes or less.  
Instructor: Christine Luken

### Olive Oil 101

**\$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Must have a minimum of 12 preregistered participants. Mail your registration form today!**  
Tuesday, Sept. 18 OR Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Flying Olive, 2220 Grandview Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017  
Flying Olive specializes in gourmet extra virgin olive oils from around the world and balsamic vinegars from Modena, Italy. Learn the nutritional value of cooking with olive oil and balsamic vinegars. Includes a tasting and a complimentary bottle of oil or vinegar.  
Instructor: Wade Halsey

### I Love Horses! A year-round 4-H program for children ages 8-18. No cost for the weekly program. If a child wants to learn to ride there is a fee payable to Misty Ridge Farm.

Tuesdays. Class begins Sept. 11, 6-8 pm  
Misty Ridge Farm, 5210 Owl Creek Road, Melbourne, KY 41059  
Meet every Tuesday evening and learn about horses. Curriculum includes basic horse care education and practices such as grooming, bathing, anatomy, nutrition, and more. This is one of the few 4-H horse programs that does not require the child to own a horse!  
Instructor: Anna Zinkbon

### Ladies Night Out Riding Class

**\$250 (six-week class). Must have a minimum of 4 pre-registered participants for the class. Mail your registration form today! Maximum number for the class is 8.**  
Wednesdays, Aug. 29 - Oct. 3, 7-8:30 pm  
Misty Ridge Farm, 5210 Owl Creek Road, Melbourne, KY 41059.  
Perfect class for beginner or intermediate. Learn to groom, saddle, bridle, & ride. Class includes trail rides based on confidence level.  
Instructor: Instructor: Anna Zinkbon

## Community Offerings

### CPR Training

Register for classes by calling Northern Kentucky Emergency Management Services (NKEMS), 859/572-4511. Northern Kentucky EMS is pleased to offer CPR and First Aid classes to the community. NKEMS is the Regional Training Center for the American Heart Association. NKEMS is also a training center for the American Safety and Health Institute.

### Fly Fishing

Date and location to be determined.  
Learn the relaxing sport of fly fishing. Class will cover technique, knot tying, casting and maps of local fishing areas. Limit 12. Call Joshua Rust for information at 859/992-0007.

### Student Resources from the Kenton County Library

Use your library card to unveil a wealth of free learning experiences. Use your library card to access over 60 databases from home or school. Two great student sources include Mango Language Learning, an online language-learning system that teaches practical conversation skills for a wide variety of languages using online tutorials; and LearningExpress Library, a website dedicated to reaching your goal. You will find specific skill building courses for elementary, middle and high schools (plus free ACT and SAT test preps) and practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you need to achieve the results you want—at school, at work, or in life. Access these free student resources today at [www.kentonlibrary.org/databases/subjectlist/index.cfm](http://www.kentonlibrary.org/databases/subjectlist/index.cfm). September is National Library Card Sign Up month. If you don't already have your library card, sign up today! Visit the Kenton County Library at [www.kentonlibrary.org](http://www.kentonlibrary.org).

## Registration Form

Make checks payable to Kenton County Community Education. Mail to Kenton County Board of Education, attn: Kenton County Community Education, 1055 Eaton Drive, Fort Wright, KY 41017

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Horticulture Program Planning Council

*Thurs., Nov. 8, 12-2 pm*  
*Durr Center, Marshall Rd.*  
Calling all green thumbs, Master Gardeners, commercial horticulturalists, and garden enthusiasts! Join us to learn about horticulture programs Extension is facilitating around town, and let us know your ideas for future horticulture programs in Kenton County!

### Coffee with Ronda

*Thurs., Nov. 8, 10 am*  
*Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
Come learn about coffee with a local Family & Consumer Sciences Agent. Ronda will talk about the history, culture, types, equipment, storage, and health effects of coffee. Participants will also taste different coffees during the class.

### Using Today's Technology Safely

*Thurs., Nov. 8, 6-7:30 pm*  
*Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
Do you worry about your information online, using facebook, twitter or other social network-

ing sites? This class will focus on safety tips while online using a variety of methods (facebook, smartphones, online banking, etc.).

### Holiday Panorama

*Tues., Nov. 13, 4-6:30 pm*  
*Durr Center, Marshall Rd.*  
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 is \$6.

### Basic Computer

*Tues., Nov. 13, 20, and 27, 2-3:30 pm OR 6-7:30 pm* — *Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
Did you get a new computer and have no idea what to do with it? This class is for beginners with no computer experience. Learn how to turn on the computer, parts of the computer, basic operation skills, and word processing using WORD in Office 2010. IT IS FOR WINDOWS-BASED COMPUTERS; NO MACS. Choose afternoon or evening. Three-week class.

### Cranberries and Pomegranates, Oh My!

*Tues., Nov. 13, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Boone County Cooperative Extension Office\*;*  
*Repeated Mon. Nov. 26, 10-11 am*  
*Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
Discover some uses and nutritional benefits of these two fruits.

### The Family Talk – Getting Your Affairs in Order

*Thurs., Nov. 15, 10 am, Durr Center, Marshall Road*  
Serious illness, injury or death can occur at any age. Learn how to safeguard your financial and legal future by organizing, communicating and preparing. Make a commitment to broach this subject with your family.

### Holiday Greens

*Wed., Nov. 28, 1-3 pm*  
*Durr Center, Marshall Rd.*  
Get ideas from our handmade display of seasonal greenery crafts, learn about unique greens to grow in your own backyard, and make and take a wreath for your own decorating! Light refreshments will be provided. Don't forget to bring your own gloves and pruners. \$7 fee

per participant secures registration, program limited to 25 registrants; fee non-refundable after November 21.

### Champion Food Volunteer

*Fridays, Feb. 22 to March 22, 2013*  
*9 am-3:30 pm each week* — *Owen County Extension Office*  
If you have interests in food, cooking, and nutrition and want to take your expertise to a higher level, this program is for you. You will receive 40 hours of training in food science, food safety, food preparation methods and techniques. Upon completion of the training, volunteers commit to spending 40 hours a year sharing their enhanced expertise with others for a two-year period. Contact us for details!

**Register for all classes!**  
**kentoncountyextension.com**  
**or call 859/356-3155. All checks payable to "Kenton County District Board."**

 Visit us on Facebook!

## Exciting opportunities with 4-H!



4-H Youth Development is a non-formal education program open to all interested youth. Participants are between the ages of 9 and 18 and reside in every demographic area—rural, urban, and suburban. 4-H enables youth to have fun and meet new people and offers a wide range of projects, programs and activities that every member can do well, helping all youth to reach their fullest potential. 4-H youth learn by doing to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, contributing citizens.

For 4-H information, to volunteer, or to register for classes, call 859/356-3155. You can also register online for classes at [www.kentoncountyextension.com](http://www.kentoncountyextension.com).

### Bring a Buddy to Sew

*Mondays, Jan. and Feb. 2013, 4-6 pm*  
*Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
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 with the Kenton County Extension Service Master Clothing volunteers. 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. Call to have your name placed on the mailing list for notification regarding registration.

### 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.

### Reality Store

*Offered October through April*  
4-H Reality Store allows youth to receive a career based on their educational goals. Participants then visit "stores" to provide for their needs and the needs of their family. The store process helps young people determine whether their career aspirations provide the income for their desired lifestyle as an adult. This program is offered to schools for 8th-12th grade students October through April. Please call for additional information, two month prior scheduling.

### Livestock Programs

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. At least three hours must be completed by December. 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 call us for additional information.

### Horse Programs

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

### Shooting Sports Club

*Meets first and fourth Tues. of each month, 7 pm* — *Durr Center, Marshall Rd.*  
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 18 years old.

### Clover Bud Meetings

*Meeting fourth Tues. of each month starting in Nov., 6 pm* — *Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
Do you have a child who 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.

### Dog Classes

Beginning in Jan., 2013. The 4-H Dog Club's Basic Skills Foundation classes will cover foundation behaviors like sit, down, stay, come, leave it, fun games and real world scenarios, as well as how to communicate and read your dog's body language and the use of positive reinforcement and force-free methods. This class is for new participants and human-friendly dogs ages 7.5 months and older. Cost \$15. For more information, or if you would like to get on the mailing list, call 356-3155.

### Coming Soon! A Public Speaking 4-H Club!

*Meets second and fourth Wed. from Sept. 26 -Dec. 12, then 1/9, 1/23, and 2/6/2013, 6:30-8:00 pm* — *Durr Annex, Edgewood*  
Improve your skills and get over your fear of public speaking! This program is for youth 9 to 18 years old.

### 4-H Volunteer Opportunities

4-H is looking for adults to judge the 4-H County Communication Event in February 2013. For additional information or to volunteer, please call!

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**What's blooming with Kenton County Extension?**

**NKY Master Gardener Program**

Wednesdays, 10 am-2 pm,  
December 5, 2012 through April 2013



The Northern Kentucky Master Gardener Program provides 50 hours of classroom training and opportunities for community volunteer service. Learn from county agents and local horticulture professionals while meeting new

gardening friends! Classroom topics include, Basic Botany, Soil Science, Turf Care, Plant Nomenclature, Entomology, Pathology, Plant Propagation, Composting, Pruning, Tree ID, Vegetable Gardening, Organic Gardening, and Safe Pesticide Use. Please contact the Kenton County Extension Service for an application packet. Visit [www.nkymastergardener.com](http://www.nkymastergardener.com) for more information.



**Homemakers Halloween Scrapbooking Party**

**Saturday, October 27, 9 am-5 pm**

Join us for this day of scrapbooking fun! Cost is \$25 which includes breakfast, lunch and other treats. Auction and prizes, vendors, and other activities. Call 356-3155 for details.

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**Satellite Classrooms** — Durr Annex, 3099 Dixie Highway, Edgewood, KY



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