

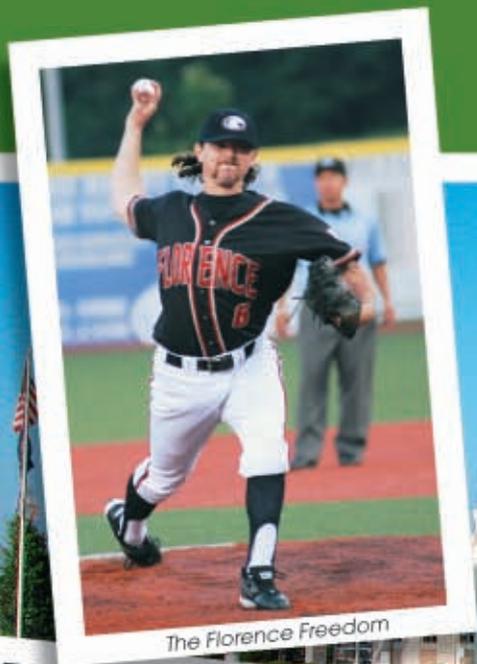
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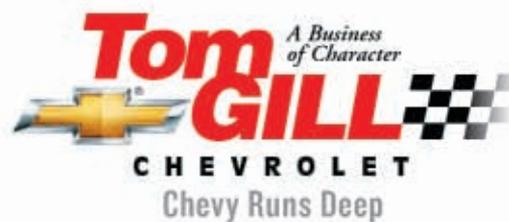
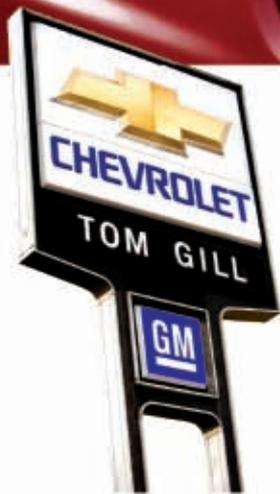
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## Message from the Mayor

**A**s Mayor of Florence, I would like to express my thanks to each of you for the confidence you have placed in me to serve the community in this capacity. As I begin my 14th year as Mayor, I remain as committed as ever to keeping our community a great place for you to live, work, play and raise a family. Over the past year, the members of City Council and I have continued to work hard to adjust expenditures in response to economic conditions. We have recognized the difficulties the economy created for everyone and, I am proud to say, the members of City Council and I have chosen to maintain the same low property tax rate while continuing to provide our community with the same high level of service.

As you read through this magazine, my hope is that you will become better acquainted with all Florence has to offer, including the inviting look found along

our newly reconstructed Mall Road corridor; our many parks and recreational facilities such as the Florence Family Aquatic Center, World of Golf and Florence/Boone County Skate Park. We are also proud of all the other amenities found in Florence, including Florence Freedom minor league baseball; Turfway Park Race Course; a modern two-level movie theater; and a wide variety of shopping and eating options.

After several years of planning, construction has finally started on the long-awaited 8,500-square-foot Florence Senior Activity Center at 7431 U.S. 42. Once opened, the facility will be managed by Senior Services of Northern Kentucky where a variety of services and activities will be offered. Completion is expected by late spring 2012.

We hope you will enjoy the many community events throughout the year,



**Diane E. Whalen**  
Mayor of Florence

including the annual Easter egg hunt, the Memorial Day parade and program, our spectacular Fourth of July fireworks event, Neighborhood Nights Out, Halloween and our annual Christmas tree lighting to name a few. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, consider joining the Florence Com-

munity Chorus or Florence Community Band.

The following pages are filled with information on the many things Florence has to offer. For more information, check out our new state-of-the-art website at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). If you are a new resident, or someone just looking for information, information packets are available at the Government Center Building. When you call on us, please know our professional staff will always be available to assist you. Whatever the reason, we are here, at your service. ■

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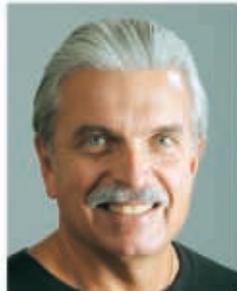
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**F**lorence has a mayor-council form of government with non-partisan, at-large elections. The mayor is elected every four years, and the six-member council is elected every two years. ■

## **City Council Monthly Meeting Schedule**

*Meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Florence  
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1st Tuesday	Council Caucus
2nd Tuesday	Council Business Meeting
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## Check out your city's offices and amenities

### Florence Government Center

8100 Ewing Blvd.

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Monday-Friday

The Government Center is home to the offices of public officials. City Council meetings are held on Tuesday evenings on the ground floor. Attractions on the



campus include the Boone County Veterans Memorial, the Florence Family Aquatic Center and the Florence/Boone County Skate Park. A .93-mile walking/bike trail surrounds the complex.

### Boone Co. Veterans Memorial Florence Government Center Campus

This memorial was built in 1998 through community donations. It features monuments honoring those who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the most recent War on Terror. The city conducts its Memorial Day program here.

### Maintenance Facilities 7850 Tanners Lane

The Public Services Department houses the mechanics, street, water, sewer, building and ground maintenance crews. This is also the location of the city's clean-up programs and where residents may drop off items for recycling.

### Fire Stations

Fire/EMS headquarters:

1152 Weaver Road

Station 1: 269 Main St., staffed by the Volunteer Fire/EMS division

Station 2: 7201 Industrial Road

Florence's fully equipped Fire and EMS Department offers informative and preventive services to residents.

### Important Contact Information

Government Center: (859) 371-5491

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Finance Department: (859) 647-5413

Fire Department: (859) 647-5660

General City Issues: (859) 371-5491

Mayor's Office: (859) 647-8177

Parks and Recreation: (859) 647-5439

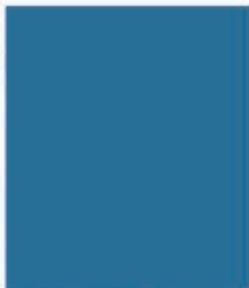
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# Smorgasbord of Options



**F**lorence boasts a well-rounded dining scene with something for everyone's taste buds, from quick and inexpensive to fine dining among its many dozens of restaurants. New eateries are always springing up, and two hot chains — Five Guys Burgers and Fries and Quaker Steak and Lube — are currently in the planning stages.

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## Here are *five* can't-miss eateries:

### Shakey's Pub and Grub

With 34 TVs and a hearty menu of American fare, Shakey's, at 7718 U.S. 42, is an ideal place to grab a burger and watch the big game. The pub hosts many community events in a fun, eclectic atmosphere.



Cheddar's Casual Café's top sirloin steak and shrimp

### Karlo's Bistro Italia

For classic Italian, look no further than Karlo's, at 4911 Houston Road. You can enjoy large portions of every kind of homemade pasta dishes imaginable at this neighborhood landmark. Throw in fresh-baked breads and made-to-order desserts, and you have an Italian masterpiece.

### Cheddar's Casual Café

Cheddars, at 6935 Houston Road, takes comfort food to a new level. Their baby back ribs stack up with any traditional BBQ joint's, all at a lower price. The entire menu is reasonably priced, making Cheddar's one of the best values in town.

### Miyoshi Japanese Restaurant

Florence has been a wellspring of authentic Japanese restaurants, including Miyoshi, at 8660 Bankers St. off Houston Road. Miyoshi's menu is filled with traditional delicacies, as well as extensive sushi offerings. Groups of eight or more may reserve the tatami-style "Japanese room," where diners sit on pillows on the floor.

### Yesterday's Café and Tea Room

Yesterday's, at 264D Main Street in the historic district, offers a variety of coffees and teas, as well as traditional bites such as salads and scones with clotted cream — all served on antique china in a charming and peaceful atmosphere. ■



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# Florence Mall Anchors Retail District



The reconstruction and updating of the nearly 40-year-old Mall Road will ensure the corridor's continued success as a major economic driver for the region.

**A**t the heart of the state's largest retail district is Florence Mall, which undertook several property enhancements in 2011. During the summer, the mall added several retail tenants and many existing tenants completed major renovation projects. And shopping in Florence is even more inviting with completion of the Mall Road reconstruction project.

The mall recently completed renovating the courtyard area in the center of the facility, generally updating the appearance and functionality of the area. In addition, the mall completed its \$1.5 million landscape improvements last fall. Current occupancy rate of the mall is over 95 percent.

Built in 1976, the mall secured a place in the city's history as the attraction that inspired the now-famous "Florence Y'all"

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water tower. It remains the largest indoor shopping mall in Northern Kentucky. Here, you can browse more than 130 specialty stores. Kids can enjoy fun climbing on the newly remodeled Playland. When you're ready for a break, the food court offers many dining options.

With more than 4 million square feet of retail space along Mall Road and Houston Road, shopping opportunities extend far beyond the mall.

Mall Road is home to restaurants and retailers of every variety, including **Old Navy**, 7719 Mall Road; **Barnes & Noble**, 7763 Mall Road, and **HH Gregg**, 7601 Mall Road.

On nearby Houston Road, you can find the only **Babies "R" Us** in Northern Kentucky, 4999 Houston Road. Also, **Sam's Club**, 4949 Houston Road; **Walmart Supercenter**, 7625 Doring Drive; **Kohl's**, 61 Spiral Boulevard; **Meijer**, 4990 Houston Road, and **Home Depot**, 99 Spiral Boulevard. Farther



**Florence Mall isn't resting on its laurels as the state's largest retail district, undergoing \$1.5 million in landscape improvements.**

north near Turfway Road, shoppers will find **Target**, 1100 Hansel Drive; **Lowe's Home Improvement**, 4800 Houston Road; and **Dick's Sporting Goods**, 1336 Hansel Ave. ■

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From May to September, baseball fans can catch the game in its purest form as Northern Kentucky's minor league team, the **Florence Freedom**, competes in the independent, 12-team Frontier League, hosting 48 games each season at the world-class Champion Window Field, at 7950 Freedom Way.

The organization offers family-friendly fun and top-notch baseball at affordable prices, including dollar concession menus, free parking and tickets for \$12 or less.

Tickets for the 2012 summer season, which begins May 17, are on sale. Call (859) 594-4487 or visit [www.FlorenceFreedom.com](http://www.FlorenceFreedom.com) for details.

At **Turfway Park**, 7500 Turfway Road, Kentucky's thoroughbred heritage runs strong with live racing in the fall, winter and early spring. The park's banner event is the \$500,000 Grade III Vinery Racing Spiral Stakes, a major Kentucky Derby prep race since 1972 that draws big crowds to its annual parties and festivities. The 2011 Vinery winner, Animal Kingdom, went on to win the Kentucky Derby.

Turfway also simulcasts races from top tracks all over the country throughout the year at its huge Race Book.

When it comes to golf, **World of Golf**, at 7400 Wood-

spoint Drive, renovated and expanded in 2011, offers one of the best golfing experiences anywhere with numerous leagues, lessons and special events. It features indoor and outdoor driving ranges, a newly built clubhouse, a simulator and an 18-hole executive golf course with 14 par 3s and four par 4s. There is also miniature golf for the family. ■



An outing to see the Florence Freedom play baseball is family friendly and affordable.



**LEFT:** Kentucky's thoroughbred tradition is alive at Turfway Park, which features one of the Kentucky Derby's top annual prep races.

**RIGHT & BELOW:** World of Golf renovated and expanded in 2011. It features an 18-hole course, a new clubhouse, a simulator and mini-golf.



RICK LOHRE

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- RESTAURANT (OVERALL EXCELLENCE)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PATIO DINING
- \_\_\_\_\_
- VIEW FROM A RESTAURANT
- \_\_\_\_\_
- SUNDAY BRUNCH
- \_\_\_\_\_
- CATERING
- \_\_\_\_\_
- HOT BROWN
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FRIED CHICKEN
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FRESH CATCH (SEAFOOD)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- SUSHI
- \_\_\_\_\_
- STEAK
- \_\_\_\_\_
- INDEPENDENT COFFEEHOUSE
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BAGEL
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- SANDWICH SHOP
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ICE CREAM
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BAKERY
- \_\_\_\_\_
- SMOOTHIE
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PIZZA
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BURGER
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ITALIAN CUISINE
- \_\_\_\_\_
- CHINESE CUISINE
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FARMERS MARKET
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FAMILY DINING
- \_\_\_\_\_

### SERVICE:

- PLACE TO HAVE A WEDDING
- \_\_\_\_\_
- MANICURE/PEDICURE
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE FOR A SPA DAY
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE TO PAMPER YOUR PET
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FLORIST
- \_\_\_\_\_
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### ENTERTAINMENT:

- HAPPY HOUR
- \_\_\_\_\_
- LIVE MUSIC
- \_\_\_\_\_
- WINE STORE/TASTING
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BOURBON SELECTION (RESTAURANT/BAR)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BEER SELECTION (RESTAURANT/BAR)
- \_\_\_\_\_

### SHOPPING:

- MEN'S FASHIONS
- \_\_\_\_\_
- WOMEN'S FASHIONS
- \_\_\_\_\_
- JEWELER
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE FOR HOME ACCESSORIES/ANTIQUING
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BOOKSTORE
- \_\_\_\_\_

### HEALTH:

- HEALTHFUL MENU
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FITNESS TRAIL
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FITNESS CENTER
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE TO BUY FITNESS GEAR (LOCAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PLACE TO BUY OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT (LOCAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- YOGA STUDIO
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BIKE SHOP
- \_\_\_\_\_
- CHARITABLE RACE
- \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILDREN:

- DANCE/THEATER/MUSIC INSTRUCTION
- \_\_\_\_\_
- GYMNASTICS CENTER
- \_\_\_\_\_
- MUSIC INSTRUCTION
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PRESCHOOL
- \_\_\_\_\_
- BIRTHDAY PARTY LOCATION
- \_\_\_\_\_

### PEOPLE:

- LOCAL MALE CELEBRITY
- \_\_\_\_\_
- LOCAL FEMALE CELEBRITY
- \_\_\_\_\_
- CHEF (INCLUDE RESTAURANT)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- MASTER STYLIST (INCLUDE SALON)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- FITNESS CLASS INSTRUCTOR (INCLUDE GYM)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- PERSONAL TRAINER (INCLUDE GYM)
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### **Florence Nature Park**

This 15.64-acre park features 2,800 linear feet of paved walking trails. Children enjoy climbing on the large, granite animals donated by Florence Mall. *Take U.S. Highway 25 (Dixie Highway) off Banklick Street.*

### **Evelyn Kalb Gathering House**

The Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House at Florence Nature Park is rented to the public for parties or special occasions.

*Capacity: 67 people, with seating for 28.*

### **KY 18 Tennis Courts**

These two city tennis courts are available for one hour for singles and two hours for doubles.

*Located next to Boone County High School on KY Route 18 (Burlington Pike).*

### **Lincoln Woods Park**

This 15-acre park features two tennis courts, a basketball court, a rubber-surface playground with three pieces of play equipment plus swing sets, two clay infield ball fields, a picnic shelter, grills, restrooms, drinking fountain, wooded area and dirt trails. *Located on City Park Drive, with entrances on Rosetta and Surfwood drives.*

### **Orleans Park**

This 11-acre park features a stocked lake for fishing, playground, bridge, shelter, basketball court, paved walking trail, bridge, tennis court, sand volleyball court, restroom, grill, drinking fountain, athletic field and sled hill. *Located in the Orleans North subdivision.*



**Skateboarders can enjoy 22,000 square feet of space at the Florence/Boone County Skate Park.**

### **South Fork Park**

This 42-acre park features an earthen sculpture play area, nautical-themed playground with two age-appropriate play structures, swing set, sand volleyball court, basketball court, pedestrian bridge, 2,720 linear feet of bike path, natural wooded and meadow areas, shelter, grill, drinking fountain and parking lot. *South Fork Park Drive.*

### **Stringtown Park**

This eight-acre park features two play structures, a climbing apparatus, swing set, basketball court, sand volleyball court, corn hole sets (bring your own bags), shelter, grill, seat wall, paved walking trail, benches, restroom, drinking fountains, open green space, exercise stations and parking lot. *Located on KY 18 between Kathryn and Wallace avenues.*



**The Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House can be rented for parties.**

## Florence Parks & Facilities

	Acres	Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Bike Path	Cornhole	Drinking Fountain	Driving Range	Fishing Lake	Gazebo	Golf Course	Green Space	Grills	Miniature Golf	Picnic Tables	Playground	Restrooms	Sand Volleyball	Shelter	Sledding Hill	Softball Fields	Swimming Pool	Tennis Courts	Walking Path
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<b>Niblack Memorial Park</b> U.S. 42	4.5	<b>FUTURE PARK</b>																					
<b>Orleans Park</b> 8469 St. Louis Blvd.	11		●	●		●		●			●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●
<b>South Fork Park</b> 9200 South Park Drive	42		●	●		●					●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●				●
<b>Stringtown Park</b> 7340 Burlington Pike	8		●	●	●	●					●	●		●	●	●	●	●					●
<b>Walnut Creek Park</b> Walnut Creek Drive	2.5	●																					●
<b>World of Golf</b> 7400 Woodspoint Drive	65			●			●			●			●	●		●		●					●

### Walnut Creek Park

This 2.5-acre park features one ball field and open play area. Located off Cedar Wood Circle on a concrete path via an easement.

### Niblack Memorial Park

This future 4.5-acre neighborhood park will feature the Florence Senior Activity Center with a playground area. Take U.S. 42 to Niblack Memorial Drive, next to the Boone County Public Library. ■



You can find many things to do on the 42 acres of South Fork Park, including catching a flick at Movie in the Park during the summer.

# Head of the Class

**E**ducational opportunities flourish in the city, with excellent public and private schools serving area families, as well as high-quality options for day care and preschool.

The City of Florence offers easy access to major regional universities, including Thomas More College, Northern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University, all within a 20-minute drive. Several flexible degree programs are offered within the city limits.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### Beckfield College

Beckfield College provides business and career education in a personal-

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16 Spiral Drive.  
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### Gateway Community and Technical College

The Boone County campus, which opened in 2005, is the first facility built specifically for Gateway. The campus houses most of the college's industrial and manufacturing programs, including the Center for Advanced Manufacturing that opened in fall 2010.

500 Technology Way.  
(859) 441-4500

### Indiana Wesleyan University

Established in 2010, the IWU Florence Education and Conference Cen-

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### Northern Kentucky University

NKU serves 15,000 students with a faculty and staff of more than 2,000. This vibrant suburban campus offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. In 2008, the university opened a \$37 million student union center, as well as The Bank of Kentucky Center, a 9,400-seat arena. Construction continues at this growing university.

*Nunn Drive, Highland Heights.  
(859) 572-5100*

### Southwestern College

Hands-on training by industry-experienced instructors offered in areas including criminal justice, health services, business and information technology.

*8095 Connector Drive.  
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### Strayer University

The Florence campus serves the Cincinnati Metropolitan Area with undergraduate and graduate programs in high-demand fields including accounting, business, health services administration, information systems and public administration.

*7300 Turfway Road, Suite 250.  
(859) 692-2800*

### Thomas More College

This small, liberal arts college has a big reputation among educators and experts alike. It has been included in *Money* magazine's "Best College Buys." Founded in 1921, TMC serves approximately 1,900 students on its beautiful campus in Crestview Hills, Ky., just minutes from downtown Cincinnati.

*333 Thomas More Parkway.  
(859) 341-5800*

### National College

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### The Boone County School District

Home to 22 schools serving 20,000 students, the Boone County School District is the third largest in the Commonwealth and has received the highest test scores of any large district. The school system sets high expectations for academic success within a supportive atmosphere.

District Office: 8330 U.S. 42.  
(859) 283-1003

The office of Boone County Adult Education offers services such as GED Preparation, basic tutoring and English as a second language.

99 Center St., Third Floor.  
(859) 282-4629

## Kids Day Out Preschool



### Christ United Methodist Church

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### Heritage Academy

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7216 U.S. 42. (859) 525-0213

### St. Henry District High School

This co-educational high school provides a college-preparatory program based on faith, scholarship, arts, athletics and leadership.  
3755 Scheben Drive, Erlanger.  
(859) 525-0213

### St. Paul Catholic School

The school promotes academic excellence and religious formation for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Access and training in technology is emphasized so that students become effective, independent learners.  
7303 Dixie Highway.  
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### Zion Christian Academy

This co-ed Christian school offers small, structured classes for students pre-K through eighth grade.  
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## CHILDCARE CENTERS

### Biederman Educational Centers

Biederman offers full- and part-time care for children beginning at 6 weeks old. Classrooms are divided into learning centers such as math, science and language, with activities based around different weekly themes.  
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Goddard offers full-time programs for children from 6 weeks to 12 years

old and full- and part-time programs for children 12 months to 6 years old, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Before- and after-school enrichment programs are also available  
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### Kids Day Out Preschool

Administered through Christ United Methodist Church, Kids Day Out is available for ages 2 to pre-K. According to its website, the school's goal "is to provide quality care in an atmosphere of Christian love so that your child may grow socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically and spiritually" and that "children learn best by doing. Children choose from a variety of activities. You will see children looking at books, singing, playing dress-up, using toys, blocks, puzzles, paints, glue, crayons, scissors and Play-Dough."  
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# Education

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8490 Old Toll Road at U.S. 42.  
(859) 283-9166  
7269 Burlington Pike (KY 18).  
(859) 371-8990

## Penguin Playschool

Penguin Playschool offers care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

7109 Hopeful Church Road.  
(859) 746-2005

## Skidaddles

This "drop in anytime" center offers flexible care options for ages 1 to 12 years. A regular preschool option is also available. The center is open until



Florence has many educational options for children.

11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.  
8660 Bankers St.  
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## Zion Christian Academy

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# Revamped St. Elizabeth Tops Options



**St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Northern Kentucky's best healthcare system, is getting even better with a \$5 million renovation, including a new outpatient pavilion (rendering at left).**

**S**t. Elizabeth Healthcare, already one of the best systems in the nation, is getting even better with a \$5 million facelift of its Florence facility, at 4900 Houston Road.

Construction started in summer 2011 and was anticipated to be completed by the end of 2011. The new outpatient entrance and spine center will include a new patient entrance and drop-off area, providing easier access for all outpatient services, as well as a new lobby and waiting area, outpatient services registration area, outpatient lab services and a bistro.

St. Elizabeth also has major facilities

in Covington, Edgewood, Falmouth, Fort Thomas and Grant County as well as smaller, specialized service locations.

With more than 6,000 employees, St. Elizabeth Healthcare is the largest healthcare provider in Northern Kentucky. For the past four years, it has been named one of America's Top 50 Hospitals by HealthGrades, an organization devoted to rating physicians, hospitals and nursing homes nationwide. St. Elizabeth is nationally recognized for heart, stroke, cancer and orthopedics, as well as endocrinology, respiratory care and nursing.

The **Elmcroft of Florence** develop-

ment, 212 Main St., was completed in 2011. Its senior living campus features custom-designed accommodations from spacious two-bedroom, two-bath units to studios designed for those with memory impairment.

Development plans were approved for freestanding, bungalow-style single-family homes behind the main building.

Amenities include a garden courtyard with walking paths, a beauty/barber shop, a movie theater, a fitness facility, housekeeping and laundry services, a lounge, a library, sitting areas and many other amenities. Other services include scheduled transportation in the community van.



Some of the best care for children is available in Florence.

Elmcroft focuses on activities and social interaction. Each apartment includes all meals and basic utilities as part of the monthly fee. Also, residents enjoy daily activities,

**Colonial Heights & Gardens**, 6900 Hopeful Road, is a luxury apartment community on a 17-acre campus, where housing options range from independent accommodations to a more secure environment for those with mild-to-moderate memory impairment.

**Bridge Point Care and Rehabilitation Center**, 7300 Woodspoint Drive, offers skilled nursing and rehabilitation therapy to adults of all ages who need short- or long-term care, as well as specialized care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease. The center features a lovely courtyard and a chapel. Recreational programs include community outings and transportation to local businesses. Pets are welcome.



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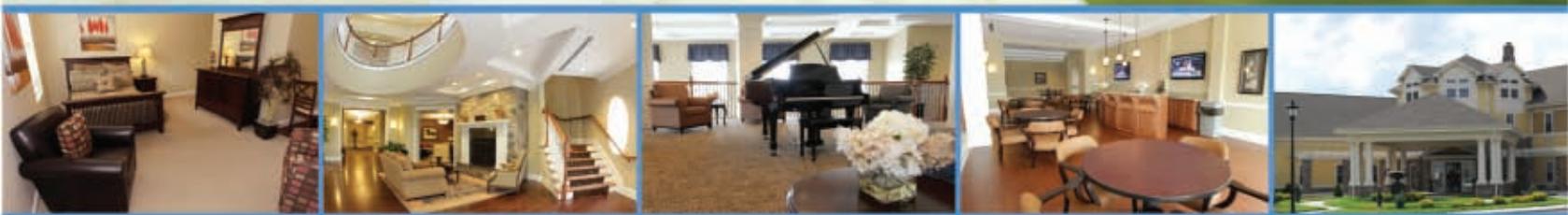
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# Healthcare and Retirement

**Florence Park Nursing & Rehab Center**, 6975 Burlington Pike, provides individualized plans for convalescent care, rehabilitation and extended care as well as short-term stays. The center was the first nursing facility in Northern Kentucky to set aside an entire secure wing for residents with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

For end-of-life care, the **Hospice of the Bluegrass**, 7388 Turfway Road, offers a spectrum of support — from palliative outpatient services to in-home medical assistance and bereavement counseling. ■



Hospice of the Bluegrass offers many services.



## Future Facility

Florence is building a new 8,500-square-foot senior citizens center, located at the site of the former city building, at 7431 U.S. 42. Kentucky awarded the city a \$500,000 Community Block Grant to partially fund construction.

This multipurpose center will include a kitchen and service area equipped for serving meals, a wellness room and a computer room with laptops, wireless capability and more. The city contracted with Senior Services of Northern Kentucky to manage the facility when it opens in mid-2012.



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# A Summertime Splash

**T**he Florence Family Aquatic Center is one of the premier aquatic facilities in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The four-acre facility opened June 21, 2003 and is located at 8200 Ewing Blvd., on the campus of the Florence Government Center. More than just a summer swimming pool, the Aquatic Center features a lazy river, 25-meter competition pool, two sprayground areas, spiral and speed slides and a zero-depth pool. The facility houses two shade shelters available to rent, a sun-bathing deck, giant fun-brellas, a full-service concession (now accepting major credit cards), family restrooms and lockers to rent.

## Swim Lessons

Lessons are available in two-week, half-hour sessions Monday-Thursday (Friday is for scheduled make-up classes):

- Day classes:** 9 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 10:10 a.m.
- Evening classes:** 7:10 p.m., 7:45 p.m.
- Session 1:** June 4-14
- Session 2:** June 18-28
- Session 3:** July 9-19
- Session 4:** July 23-August 2
- Fee:** \$40 Aquatic Center members, \$60 non-members

## Swim Team

The Florence Hammerheads (ages 6-18) compete in the Northern Kentucky Swim League (NKSL) with a swim and dive team. Participants must be a member of the Aquatic Center, a Kentucky

resident and able to swim the length of the pool.

The Parent Board is in need of volunteers to work at the meets and support the program. Call (859) 647-4619 for more information.

**Fee:** \$50, \$45 for second child in same family, \$40 for third child in same family.

### Swim practice:

7:30-9:30 a.m.,  
Monday-Thursday

### Swim meets: Thursdays

### Dive practice:

9:30-10:50 a.m.,  
Monday-Thursday

### Dive meets: Tuesdays

*Note: There are a total of six meets during the season, culminating in a championship and all-star meets.*

## Special Programs

Programs feature music, games and entertainment.

- Opening Day, Saturday, May 26
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 28
- Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4
- End of Season Splash, Sunday, Aug. 12

## Summer Youth Programs

Day camps, church camps or athletic camps. Child \$5, adult \$7 may be purchased in advance. Please send a request on business letterhead indicating number attending and date of

## Membership Rates

Guests can purchase a season membership (available until July 31) or pay a daily rate. Gift cards, available in \$25 increments, may be used toward admissions, programs or shelter or locker rentals. **A 10 percent discount on season memberships is available until April 30!**

Membership Rates			
	City of Florence Residents	Non-Residents	City of Florence Business
Family	\$235	\$385	\$310
*Single Parent/Child	\$185	\$335	\$260
Single	\$135	\$210	\$175
Junior (ages 13 to 18)	\$110	\$185	N/A
Senior	\$85	\$120	N/A
<small>*New rate: Single parent and one child under the age of 18 residing in the same household.</small>			
Daily Admission			
Adult	\$7	\$10	\$7
Senior	\$5	\$7	\$5
Military	\$5	\$7	N/A
Child (3-12 years)	\$5	\$7	\$5
Children (under age 2)	Free	Free	Free
<small>Additional Rates: Groups (minimum 20 people): Child \$5, Adult \$7. Must be purchased in advance. No credits or refunds provided.</small>			

scheduled outing to receive the rate.

## Shelter Reservations

\$15 for two hours or \$25 for four hours. All food and drinks must be purchased at the concession stand but may be eaten in the shelter area. Party package menus are available. Birthday cakes are permitted. No coolers allowed. Call (859) 647-4619 for more information.

## Parties

Call (859) 647-4619 for menu items and prices. Party packages are available from concessions. ■

## DISCOUNT COUPON



Coupon is good for 10% off **ALL** Aquatic Memberships until July 31, 2012

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859.647.4619

Not redeemable for cash. Present original Coupon at the time of purchase. No reproduction or copies of this Coupon will be accepted. One Coupon per family membership. One Coupon per daily admission.

## KEY DATES AND TIMES

**Opens:** Saturday, May 26

**Closes:** Sunday, Aug. 12

**Hours:** 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. daily

*Note: The competition/lap pool will be closed to the public at 4 p.m. for all Northern Kentucky Swim League home dive and swim meets.*

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# Programs offer fun, fitness and education

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### Florence Community Band

Amateur musicians of all ages perform a variety of music at numerous community programs throughout Northern Kentucky.

*Rehearsals are held Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center. For information, call (859) 356-3925 or email [president@florencecommunity-band.org](mailto:president@florencecommunity-band.org).*

### Florence Community Chorus

This four-part men and women's choral group sings a variety of music and performs throughout the community. New members are welcome.

*Rehearsals are held Thursdays from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Florence Government Center. For information, call (859) 657-6541 or email [gspjut@insightbb.com](mailto:gspjut@insightbb.com).*

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### CPR Classes

The Florence EMS/Fire Department is offering CPR classes to citizens.

*Classes will be held at the Weaver Road Station. Call (859) 647-5660 for details, fees and registration information.*

### Child Car Seat Safety Check

The Florence Fire/EMS Department offers Child Car Seat Safety Checks for residents of the city and Florence Fire District.

*Checks are done by appointment only. Call (859) 647-5660 to schedule or for more information.*

### Citizens Police Academy

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Police Academy for participants to learn firsthand from police officers and guest speakers about traffic violations, building searches, interviewing suspects and many other topics.

*The eight-week course meets each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.*

*beginning March 7 at the Florence Government Center. Graduation will be April 25. For information, call (859) 647-5420.*

### Neighborhood Night Outs

This program provides an opportunity to meet city officials and learn about current city projects. Events will be held prior to the Tuesday Council meetings from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

*June 19 at Saddlebrook Farms Clubhouse; July 17 at Florence Elementary School; August 7 "National Night Out" at Stratford Court cul-de-sac. For information, call (859) 647-8177.*

## SPORTS & FITNESS PROGRAMS



### Tennis Clinics

Learn basic skills or improve your game with the help of a certified USTPA instructor. Clinics are available for ages 4-6, 7-15 and 16 and older with clinics in spring (4/9-5/20), summer (6/4-7/7 & 7/9-8/17) and fall (8/27-10/14), beginning April 9. Costs range from \$55-\$145 per session. Registration forms are sent through the schools and can be downloaded at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

### World of Golf

The city-owned facility underwent renovation in 2010 and re-opened in 2011.

## For Kids and Teens

### Safe Sitter Babysitting Class

This six-hour class for ages 11-15 teaches fundamental topics such as infant rescue breathing and choking, childcare essentials, behavior management and babysitting as a business.

*Saturdays, May 5, Sept. 15 and Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park. Fee is \$40. For information, call (859) 647-5439.*

### Youth in Government Program

This program provides an opportunity for selected elementary and middle school students to learn about the role local government plays in their community.

*March 13-15 at the Florence Government Center. For information, call (859) 647-8177.*

### CSI Camp

This popular camp for ages 12-14 features hands-on training in the art of crime scene analysis and collection.

*June 18-22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Evelyn Kalb Gathering House at the Florence Nature Park. For information, call (859) 647-5420.*

### Red Cross Classes

#### ON OUR OWN

This "latchkey" program teaches children ages 7-12 simple rules and safety procedures for when they are home alone.

#### FIRST AID TRAINING FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Children ages 4-8 learn how to make a first aid kit and respond to emergencies.

#### BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING

Children ages 8-12 learn first aid and other health and safety procedures.

*Note: All Red Cross classes are tentatively scheduled for February or March. For information, call (859) 647-5660.*

### Skyhawks Sports Camps

Skyhawks Inc. conducts three one-week instructional camps for ages 3-12.

*June 18-22 and July 16-20 at Orleans Park. For details, visit [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com).*

# Dates to Remember

## JANUARY

- 2 Government Center Closed in Observance of New Year's Day
- 4 Christmas Tree Curbside Pickup
- 7 Christmas Tree Recycling

**16** **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program at Florence Government Center:** Florence celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and acknowledges his accomplishments as a civil rights leader and social activist with a program and the freedom march around the campus at 3 p.m. Visit the display set up in the lobby of the Florence Government Center throughout the day. Call (859) 647-5439 for more information.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 Winter After School Pee Wee/ Junior Instruction at World of Golf (WOG)
- 2 Winter After School Junior Golf Clinic at WOG

**20** **President's Day Display at Florence Government Center:** Stop by the Florence Government Center to view the display of U.S. Presidents, Vice Presidents and First Ladies and answer trivia questions from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## MARCH

**1** **Student Ambassador Applications at Florence Government Center:** Six to nine Florence teens will be selected annually to represent the city and the youth in our community at city-sponsored events and various Northern Kentucky community events. The program will provide Ambassadors with opportunities to enhance their profiles through community service, public speaking and exposure to community organizations. Application packets will be distributed to students in Florence schools and available at the Florence Government Center lobby or can be downloaded at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).



Youth in Government program

- 6 Get Ready Golf at WOG
- 7 Citizens Police Academy (see page 24)
- 10 Golf Driving School at WOG
- 11 Daylight Savings Time (turn clocks ahead 1 hour)
- 13 Spring Break Junior Golf Camp at WOG
- 13-15 Youth in Government Program (see page 24)

## APRIL

- 1 Junior, Lady & Senior Golf Days at WOG
- 3 Spring Break Junior Camp at WOG
- 3 Get Ready Golf at WOG
- 4 Florence Resident Appreciation Night at WOG
- 7 Easter Egg Hunt at Champion Window Field: Children age 10 and under can have their photos taken with costumed characters from 11 a.m.-noon at Champion Window Field. The hunt begins at noon. Call (859) 657-5420 for information.
- 7 Short Game School at WOG
- 9 Spring Tennis Clinics (see page 24)
- 9 Family Nights at WOG
- 10 Spring Break Junior Golf Camp at WOG
- 21 Great American Cleanup
- 23 Spring Cleanup (see page 24)
- 24 Spring After School Junior Golf Leagues at WOG
- 25 Spring After School Pee Wee Golf Leagues at WOG

# Calendar of Events



Memorial Day Parade and program

## MAY

- 1 Get Golf Ready Clinics at WOG
- 2 Ladies Instructional Golf League at WOG
- 4 Couples Golf Scramble at WOG
- 5 Safe Sitter Class (see page 24)
- 5 Short Golf Game Clinic at WOG
- 12 Arbor Day Observed at the Florence Nature Park:** The event will take place from 10 a.m.-noon, at which time lunch will be provided for participants. The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and reading of the city's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree planting activities. For information, contact the Public Services Department at (859) 647-5416.
- 12 Junior Golf Tournament at WOG
- 12 Beach Bunker Clinic at WOG
- 19 Two Lady's Social Golf Mixer at WOG
- 19 Golf American Free Lesson at WOG
- 21 Florence Freedom Season Begins (see page 10)
- 26 Florence Family Aquatic Center Opens (see page 23)
- 26 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at WOG

## 28 Memorial Day Parade & Program at Boone County H.S. and Florence Government Center:

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Boone County High School and ends at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located on the campus of the Florence Government Center. Parade registration forms are available at the Florence Government Center or [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). The memorial service begins at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial with a tribute to our military personnel. For information, call (859) 647-5439.

- 28 Government Center Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 28 Memorial Day Shotgun Golf Scramble at WOG

## JUNE

- 1 Movie in the Park at South Fork Park:** Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to experience nature and view a great movie. The movie begins at 9 p.m., and concessions are sold. Call Florence Parks & Recreation at (859) 647-5439 for details.
- 1 Couples Golf Scramble at WOG
- 2 Short Golf Game Clinic at WOG
- 4 Summer Tennis Clinics #1

- 4 Swim Lessons Session #1 (see page 23)
- 4 High School Golf Camp at WOG
- 4 Junior Golf Clinics at WOG
- 5 Get Golf Ready Clinics at WOG
- 6 Junior Golf Leagues at WOG
- 6 Pee Wee Golf League at WOG
- 6 High School Golf League at WOG
- 8 Junior Golf League at WOG
- 9 Two Lady's Social Golf Mixer at WOG
- 9 Golf Driving Clinic at WOG
- 9 Golf America Ladies at WOG
- 13 Ladies Instructional Golf League at WOG
- 16 Junior Golf Tournament at WOG
- 18 Skyhawks Sports Camps (see page 24)
- 18 Police CSI Camp (see page 24)
- 18 Swim Lessons #2
- 18 High School Golf Camp at WOG
- 18 Junior Golf Clinics at WOG
- 19 Neighborhood Night Out at Saddlebrook Farms Clubhouse (see page 24)
- 23 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at WOG

## JULY

- 3 Independence Day celebration at Florence Government Center:** Celebrate the nation's birthday beginning at 4 p.m. There will be rides, food, a raffle, Kid's Zone, Cruise-In, demonstrations, musical entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display at 10 p.m. For information on food booth rentals or sponsorship opportunities, call (859) 647-5439 or download forms at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).
- 3 Get Golf Ready Clinics at WOG
- 4 Independence Day Celebration Rain Date at Florence Government Center
- 4 Government Center Closed in Observance of July 4
- 4 Golf Scramble at WOG
- 6 Couples Golf Scramble at WOG
- 7 Short Golf Game Clinic at WOG
- 9 Summer Tennis Clinics #2
- 9 Swim Lessons Session #3
- 9 Junior Golf Clinics at WOG
- 9 High School Golf Camp at WOG
- 11 Pee Wee Golf League at WOG
- 11 Junior Golf League at WOG
- 11 High School League at WOG

- 13 Tristate Pee Wee Golf Tournament at WOG
- 13 Junior Golf League at WOG
- 14 Beach Bunker Clinic at WOG
- 14 Two Lady's Social Golf Mixer at WOG
- 16 Skyhawks Sports Camps
- 16 Junior Golf Tournament at WOG
- 17 Neighborhood Night Out at Florence Elementary School (see page 24)
- 23 Swim Lessons Session #4
- 23 Junior Golf Clinics at WOG
- 23 High School Golf Camp at WOG
- 28 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at WOG

## AUGUST

- 1 Beat the Heat at WOG
- 1 Ladies Instructional Golf League at WOG
- 3 Couples Golf Scramble at WOG
- 4 Short Golf Game Clinic at WOG
- 4 WOG City of Florence Championship
- 7 National Neighborhood Night Out at Stratford Court cul-de-sac (see page 24)
- 7 Get Golf Ready Clinics at WOG
- 11 NKY Parent/Child Golf Tournament at WOG
- 11 Golf Driving Clinic at WOG
- 11 Two Lady's Social Golf Mixer at WOG
- 12 Florence Aquatic Center Closes
- 18 Junior Golf Tournament at WOG
- 27 Fall Tennis Clinics

- 31 Patriot Golf at WOG

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 Government Center Closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 3 Labor Day Golf Scramble at WOG
- 4 Get Golf Ready Clinics at WOG
- 4 Fall After School Junior Golf League at WOG
- 5 Pee Wee After School Golf Clinic at WOG
- 7 Couples Golf Scramble at WOG
- 8 Two Lady's Social Golf Mixer at WOG
- 8 Beach Bunker Clinic at WOG
- 8 Short Golf Game Clinic at WOG
- 12 Ladies Instructional Golf League at WOG

- 15 Florence Pooch Festival at Florence Government Center:** Bring your four-legged best friend for a day of competition, fun and social interaction to the City's 10th annual Pooch Fest. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the competition at 10:30 a.m. Activities include an obstacle course, tricks, owner look-a-like, Best in Parade and Best in Show with treats and prizes for all. Businesses can rent space for \$15 and share information on pet-related nutrition, health, grooming, fitness, obedience, boarding, etc. Registration fee is \$5 per dog. Volunteers are welcome. Call (859) 647-5439 for details.
- 15 Junior Golf Tournament at WOG
- 15 Safe Sitter Class

## OCTOBER

- 2 Get Golf Ready Clinics at WOG
- 6 Annual Fall Golf Classic at WOG
- 13 Grade & Middle School Team Championship at WOG
- 13 Golf Driving Clinic at WOG
- 15 Fall Cleanup (see page 28)
- 23 Halloween Night Out at Florence Government Center:** Bring the children for an entertaining evening of tricks and treats with city staff and local businesses from 5-7 p.m. Children ages 12 and under can enjoy treats, games, mascots, spooky stations, a magician, a storyteller and a hayride for a howling good time. The program is free and will be held (under tents) rain or shine. For sponsorship opportunities or to register as a Spooky Station, call (859) 647-5439 or download the form at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Safe Sitter Class
- 4 Daylight Savings Time (turn clocks back 1 hour)
- 11 Veterans Day Program at Florence Government Center:** The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. The program will feature essay contest winners from local schools sponsored by the Florence Rotary and Boone County Jaycees. Call (859) 647-5439 for information.
- 22 Government Center Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

- 4 Tree Lighting Program at Florence Government Center:** Join us at 6 p.m. as we light the Christmas tree and enjoy holiday tunes with the Florence Community Band and Chorus. Civic organizations and local businesses will provide holiday activities while the children await their visit with Santa Claus. Sleigh rides, face painting, musical entertainment and refreshments are provided. The program is free and held (under a tent) rain or shine. Call (859) 647-5439 for details.
- 24 Government Center Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve
- 25 Government Center Closed in Observance of Christmas
- 26 Holiday Break Junior Golf Camp at WOG



Halloween Night Out

# Business Directory

## AUTOMOBILES

**Florence Body Frame & Towing**  
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Florence, KY 41042  
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**Tom Gill Chevrolet**  
7830 Commerce Drive  
Florence, KY 41042  
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## BANKING

**Bank of Kentucky**  
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8660 Haines Drive  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 384-5500

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Florence, KY 41042  
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**Republic Bank & Trust**  
8513 U.S. 42  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 380-5240

## COIN & JEWELERS

**Florence Rare Coin**  
7503 Woodspoint Drive  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 727-2646

## EDUCATION

**Beckfield College**  
16 Spiral Drive  
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**Gateway Community and Technical College**  
500 Technology Way  
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**Kids Day Out Preschool**  
1440 Boone Aire Road  
Florence, KY 41042  
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**Indiana Wesleyan University**  
600 Meijer Drive, Suite 200  
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**St. Henry District High School**  
3755 Scheben Drive  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
(859) 525-0255

**Strayer University**  
Florence campus  
7300 Turfway Road, Suite 250  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 692-2800

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Florence Freedom**  
7950 Freedom Way  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 594-4487

## EYE CARE

**Metzger Eye Care**  
6901 Dixie Highway  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 525-1800

## HOTELS

**Comfort Inn Airport**  
7454 Turfway Road  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 647-2700

## MASSAGE

**Massage Envy**  
4960 Houston Road  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 647-1777

## RESTAURANTS

**Shakey's Pub & Grub**  
7718 U.S. 42  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 647-6458

## SECURITY

**Emergency Systems**  
8199 Dream St.  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 525-8272

## SENIOR LIVING

**Colonial Heights and Gardens**  
6900 Hopeful Road  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 525-6900

**Elmcroft of Florence**  
212 E. Main St.  
Florence, KY 41042  
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**Florence Park Care Center**  
6975 Burlington Pike  
Florence, KY 41042  
(859) 525-0007

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# Environmental Programs

## Christmas Tree Pickup and Recycling

Wondering what to do with your tree after the holidays? Set it out on the curb for pickup. If you miss that day, bring your tree to Stringtown Park (one block west of Boone County High School) for mulching. Mulch is available to residents that day at no charge.

*Curbside pickup: Wednesday, Jan. 4*

*Recycling: Saturday, Jan. 7 before 10 a.m.*

## Great American Cleanup

Join this national program and volunteer to clean up litter along designated roadsides and parks within Florence. Participants receive a T-shirt and lunch. *Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.*

## Spring and Fall Cleanup

During cleanup weeks, Florence residents may bring their unwanted trash and debris for disposal to the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane. Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid form), batteries, antifreeze, oil,

insecticides, pesticides and fungicides.

*Spring Cleanup Program: April 23-29.*

*Fall Cleanup Program: Oct. 15-21.*

*Facility hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Proof of residency required. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.*

## Annual Leaf Collection

The Florence Public Services Department performs its annual Leaf Collection Program from mid-October to mid-December for city residents. Leaves are treated and used as compost or fertilizer.

### Guidelines for collection:

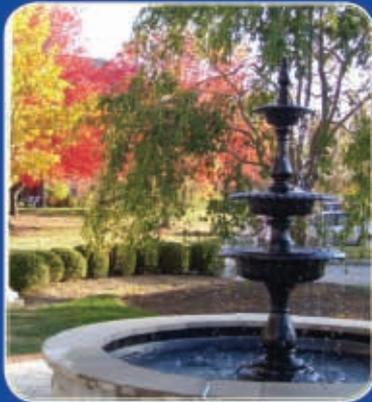
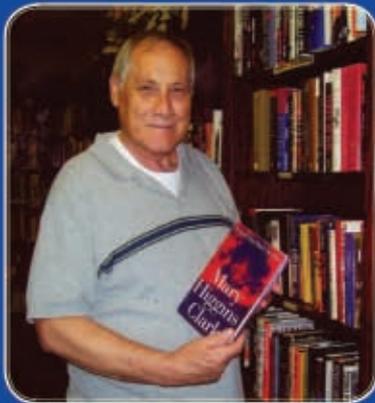
- Rake leaves in a row behind the curb. Do not rake into the street. Leaves need to be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of the scheduled pickup.
- Pickup is on residential streets only. No state routes or commercial streets.
- Keep all debris and trash out of the leaf row. This includes tree branches.
- All leaves will be composted. To

receive one or more loads call (859) 647-5416.

- Homeowners may also bag leaves for pickup by Rumpke.
- A sign will be placed at the subdivision/street entrances the day prior to leaf collection.
- The schedule is based upon weather and equipment operation. The Leaf Collection Program booklet that lists the dates leaves are collected by streets is available for download at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov). Call (859) 647-5416 for details.



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