

# Free help available for Medicare Open Enrollment period

**BY LEGAL AID OF THE BLUEGRASS**  
Medicare Open Enrollment is here! Starting on Oct. 15, people on Medicare are able to compare their prescription drug plans and/or Medicare Advantage plans, to ensure that they are getting the best, most affordable coverage available in 2026. Most people who compare their plans during

Medicare Open Enrollment save significant money. But do not delay, for Medicare open enrollment closes Dec. 7. The Medicare SHIP Program, a non-profit organization provides comparison assistance at no charge to you. Medicare SHIP does NOT sell or endorse any insurance company. We are here to help you make informed decisions

with regards to your Medicare needs. Additionally, our program can screen you for money-saving benefits and help you to apply for help to lower your medication and Medicare premium costs each month. Call the Medicare SHIP Program at 1-866-516-3051 or visit lablaw.org/medicare to find out more and to get information.

# Share the road during National Pedestrian Safety Month

**BY KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET**  
OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

This October, during National Pedestrian Safety Month, Team Kentucky is reminding all travelers to stay alert and practice safe habits as they share the road. “Staying safe on the road is a shared responsibility,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Kentuckians can help save lives by looking out for one another. When traveling, please give yourself time, stay focused, and make safety the priority.”

Nationwide, in 2024, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported 7,080 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes and more than 71,000 were injured. That is a daily average of 19 deaths and 194 pedestrians.

“Every time we get behind the wheel, we have a responsibility to make safe choices,” said Transportation Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “We’re sharing the road with families, pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers, and a moment of distraction or impatience can have serious consequences.”

Safe walking and driving habits are especially important at night, which comes earlier through the fall and winter months. Last year in Kentucky, 76% of the 89 pedestrian deaths occurred after dark. So far this year, there have been 57 pedestrian deaths, 40 of which occurred after dark.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is partnering with NHTSA to promote safe driving and walking tips throughout October to improve safety for everyone on the road:

**MOTORISTS:**  
Buckle up, phone down. Distractions

increase risks for everyone. Yield to pedestrians. Be especially careful at intersections when turning. Keep your windshield, windows and mirrors clean so you can see clearly. Obey speed limits to react in time to brake for pedestrians. Turn on your headlights during morning and evening hours. Be aware in neighborhoods and school zones; watch for children. Drive sober. Always make a plan for a safe ride home.

**PEDESTRIANS:**  
Use crosswalks. Avoid jaywalking and crossing between parked vehicles. Walk on sidewalks. If you must walk on the street, walk facing traffic. Keep an eye on traffic. Don’t depend fully on traffic signals. Increase visibility, especially at night: Flashlight, reflective clothing or materials. Make eye contact. If you do not see a driver slowing down, wait until the vehicle passes, even if you have the right of way. Phone down, pay attention. Distraction affects the way you walk and react. Avoid alcohol and drugs. They affect judgment, balance and reaction time. Team Kentucky maintains its ongoing commitment to making Kentucky’s roadways safer and more accessible for all users through KYTC’s Complete Streets initiative. Designs can vary according to land use, corridor characteristics and types of travelers. Implementation may include a dedicated space for pedestrians and cyclists, such as bike lanes (or wide, paved shoulders), sidewalks, crosswalks, median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, roadway reconfigurations and roundabouts.

# Drivers cautioned to be aware of increased deer activity

**BY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
TRANSPORTATION CABINET

With deer activity and collisions on the rise, Team Kentucky is reminding drivers that the best defense against a deer-related crash is to stay alert, slow down and buckle up. New crash data shows Kentucky experienced a seven-year high of 3,411 deer collisions in 2025, underscoring the importance of safe driving habits as peak deer movement season gets underway along roadways statewide. “With deer active this time of year, especially at dawn and dusk, motorists should stay focused, slow down in areas where deer are present and always wear a seat belt,” said State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. “A few extra moments of caution can help prevent a serious crash.”

According to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, deer movement typically increases during the fall as mating season begins and food sources shift. Deer often travel farther distances during October, November and December, making roadway encounters more common.

Kentucky State Police data shows deer crashes have climbed each year since 2020, resulting in an overall 18.2% increase over the past five years.

While crash numbers increased last year, data showed a positive downward trend in deer crash-related fatalities with none reported in 2025, compared with six fatalities in 2024. Thirty people were reported to have been seriously injured in these crashes.

Nearly half of all deer collisions occurred during the final three months of the year. November recorded the highest number of crashes with 823 reported collisions, followed by October with 394 and December with 330. Together, those three months accounted for nearly 46% of all reported deer crashes in 2025.

“October to December is mating season for deer, a time when deer activity peaks as males roam further afield to locate females,” said Joe McDermott, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

“Fall also pressures deer to move in search of food and shelter as cover foliage disappears, crops are harvested and natural food sources are depleted. Drivers should be aware that they could see deer crossing quiet lanes and busy highways at any time during the season, particularly at dawn and dusk.”

Kentuckians should drive with caution, especially at sunrise and sunset when deer are most active. Crash data also shows deer-related collisions are most common during evening commuting hours and periods of low light. The highest crash totals occurred between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., with

304 crashes reported at 6 p.m., 242 at 7 p.m. and 281 at 8 p.m., highlighting the need to drive alert at dusk and in the evening. Among Kentucky counties, Hopkins County recorded the highest number of reported deer collisions in 2025 with 134, followed by Hardin County (118), Muhlenberg County (95), Nelson County (95) and Boone County (94). Several western Kentucky counties ranked among the highest for deer crashes, continuing a pattern seen in recent years. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. issues a yearly report of collisions involving deer and other wildlife based on insurance claims. Despite a national decrease in wildlife-involved collisions, for the year ending June 30, 2025, State Farm reported more than 1.6 million animal collision claims in the United States, and deer remain the most frequently struck animal.

## THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET (KYTC) OFFERS THESE DRIVING TIPS TO STAY SAFE:

**Stay Aware:** Be vigilant, especially in forested terrain, and during dusk and dawn when deer are most active. Deer often travel in groups so others may be close behind if you see one.

**Be Prepared:** Always wear a seat belt (it’s the law) and eliminate distractions (phones down!).

**Turn On Headlights:** Keep them on bright unless other vehicles are approaching.

**Slow Down:** Take your foot off the gas immediately if you spot a deer crossing the roadway.

**Don’t Swerve:** Trying to avoid a deer can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object.

**If There’s a Crash:** Keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped.

Motorists are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. KYTC traffic engineers use the crash data to help place deer-crossing warning signs and other safety measures.

Kentucky was one of 17 states to receive a federal grant in 2024 to make roadways safer for people and wildlife. The \$1.2 million award funded a wildlife-vehicle collision reduction plan and a pilot study in central Kentucky. Analysts examined vehicle collisions along the U.S. 60/Interstate 64 corridor in Jefferson, Shelby and Franklin counties where white-tailed deer are involved in a high number of collisions and collected data to understand deer habitat and behavior patterns using drones, GPS collars, trail cameras and field surveys. KYTC is continuing its assessment to identify infrastructure solutions to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.

# CHURCH

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**Dry Ridge Baptist Church**  
Pastor Jeff Sargent, (859) 824-5501, www.dryridgebaptist.com, baptistchurchdryridge@gmail.com

**Dry Ridge Christian Church Disciples of Christ**  
Interim Pastor Donald Chase  
www.dryridgechristianchurch.com

**Elliston Baptist Church**  
5770 Elliston Mount Zion Road, Dry Ridge, Ky. 41035

**Family Worship Center**  
Pastors Michael and Noelle Williams, (859) 824-7391, www.fwcgc.com

**Fairview Christian Church**  
Pastor Wayne Rice, (859) 824-3236

**First Love Community Fellowship**  
Pastor John Siedenber, (859) 803-4649

**Gardnersville Baptist Church**  
Pastor Joseph Kozar, 3240 Ky. Hwy. 491, Demossville, Church Office Phone: (859)-472-5121, Follow us on Facebook: @GardnersvilleBaptistChurch  
Sunday: Sunday School 10 a.m., Service 11 a.m.Wednesday Evening: Service 7 p.m.

**God’s Community**  
Pastor Landon Scott, (859) 393-5854

**Grassy Run Baptist Church**  
1555 Heekin Road, Williamstown  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.

**Grant County Church of Christ A Cappella**  
Minister Robin Dunaway, 205 Hopperton Ridge Road, Dry Ridge, (859) 824-6200  
Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible study: 10:40 a.m.

**Harvest Apostolic**  
Pastor Michael Pullens, (859) 409-1942, www.HarvestApostolic.org

**Jonesville Methodist**  
Pastor Ednal Maynard  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.

**Knoxville Baptist**  
Pastor Steve Kellam, (859) 823-4441

**Liberty Bible**  
115 S. Main St., Crittenden, LibertyBibleChurchKY.org, 859-903-5483

All ages are welcome to meet with us at 10 a.m. Sundays.

**Lighthouse on the Rock Fellowship**  
Pastor Jeff Colón, (859) 428-8162, lighthouseontherockky.org, info@lighthousebcc.org

**Lystra Church of Christ**  
Pastor Michael Damron  
8915 Dixie Hwy, Williamstown

**Mason Baptist**  
Interim Pastor Brother Denny French  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m.

**Lawrenceville Baptist**  
Pastor James Holt, (859) 380-7193

**Mercy Ridge Community**  
Minister Josh Hildebrand, (859) 361-0858, www.mercyridgecc.org

**Mt. Carmel Baptist**  
Pastor Jared Ebert, pastorjebert@gmail.com, (859) 824-0817, www.themcbc.com, theMCBC.pastor@gmail.com

**Mt. Olivet Christian Church (The Mount)**  
Pastor Mark Messmore, 400 Eibeck Lane, Williamstown, themountcc.org, 859-824-4093  
Service Time: Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**Mt. Pisgah Methodist**  
Pastor Ednal Maynard  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

**Mt. Zion Baptist**  
Pastor John Sheaffer, (859) 428-1091, mount-zionbaptisy.com

**Narrow Way Baptist Church**  
1924 KY 330 West, Falmouth  
Sunday Service 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

**New Friendship Baptist**  
Pastor Greg Mullins, 1007 Dixon Road, Sadieville, Kentucky, (502) 514-7725, pastorgregnfb@yahoo.com  
Adult Discipleship and Sunday School — Sundays at 10 a.m. Morning Worship — Sundays at 11 a.m. We invite you to join us

in-person, but we also “live stream” on Facebook starting at 10 a.m., www.facebook.com/NewFriendship1007

Wednesday Evening Bible study and fellowship meal — 6:30 p.m.

**New Life Apostolic**  
Pastor Jon Manners, 1645 Gardnersville Rd, 859-955-6331  
Services are Sunday at noon and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome; come as you are.

**Oak Ridge Baptist**  
2425 Oak Ridge Road, Williamstown, Bro. Willie Ailstock, (859) 391-8557  
Bible study Sundays 10 a.m. Morning worship 11 a.m. Contributions for Operation Christmas Child are ongoing throughout the year.

**Open Door Baptist**  
Pastor Troy Winters, www.LeaveChanged.com, 859-803-6043

**Pleasant View Baptist**  
Pastor Lawrence Longworth, (859) 428-0931, pleasantviewdryridge.com

**Revive**  
Pastor Josh Cummins, revivegc.com, 859-903-9451, revivegc@gmail.com

**Sherman Baptist**  
Pastor Andrew Lane, (859) 428-2695, www.shermanbaptist.org.

**Sherman Solid Rock Family Church**  
Pastor Bobby Coyle, 3515 Dixie Hwy., Dry Ridge

**Stewartsville Baptist**  
Pastor David C. Thomas, (502) 938-6996.

**Stringtown Christian**  
Pastor Rick Bullard, (859) 801-2091, Stringtowncc@gmail.com. For info, contact Darrell Hurt 859-640-6105.

**Sherman Church of Christ**  
Minister: Scotty Simpson, office@shermancoc.org, Phone: 859-428-1661  
Traditional worship Sundays at

8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Praise Gathering 10:30 a.m.

**Sherman Full Gospel**  
Pastor Ray Gaines, (859) 428-2200, www.shermanfullgospelchurch.com  
Grant County Senior Commodities distributed the 2nd Monday of each month. Must be at least 62-years-old and meet income guidelines.  
Contact Dee Keith at 859-816-7605 for information or to sign up.

**St. William Catholic**  
6 Church St., Williamstown, Pastor: Rev. Benton Clift, Sr., 859-824-5381, www.saint-william.org  
Mass Times: Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mobile Pantry: 2nd Monday of every month  
St Vincent de Paul Outreach : Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11 a.m.

**Tabernacle Baptist**  
Bro. Jason Coffelt, 6350 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge, www.tabernaclebaptistchurch-dryridge.com  
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 6 p.m., Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**The Old Church on the Dry Ridge**  
Pastor Kathleen Daniels, (859) 468-2317, www.dryridgepresbyterian.org  
Worship service with Children’s Church at 11 a.m.

**The Potter’s House**  
Pastors Linda Courtney and Jimmy Buford

**Trinity Methodist Church**  
Pastor Ronald Adkins 419-770-9096  
1212 Suite C Midway Plaza

**Williamstown**  
Sunday services at 10 a.m. Vine Run Baptist Minister David Foley, (859) 428-1079

**Violet Ridge Church of Christ**  
Minister Tommy Simpson, 1000 Violet Road, Crittenden  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Night Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Williamstown Baptist Church**  
Pastor Sam Newman, 214 North Main St., Williamstown, 859-824-4102, williamstownbaptistchurch.com  
Sunday Service: Discipleship groups 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., characters of the Bible 6 p.m.; Wednesday Worship: Family meal 5 p.m., children’s activities 5:40 p.m., prayer meeting 6 p.m., youth group 6 p.m., adult choir practice 7 p.m.  
Supply Closet (hygiene pantry): Tuesdays and Thursdays of the third full week of each month. For more information call 859-428-7395.

**Williamstown Christian Church**  
Senior Minister: Faron Franklin, Youth Minister: Noah Spencer, Children’s Minister:

Shawn West, 218 North Main St., Williamstown, (859) 823-2041, williamstownchristian.com, office@williamstownchristian.com  
Adult Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Night Small Groups Free Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 p.m.

**Williamstown Church of God**  
113 High St., Williamstown, KY, 859-824-0910, Visit us on Facebook  
Services 11 a.m. Sunday mornings and 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Williamstown United Methodist**  
Minister Rey Garcia, 859-813-0115, www.williamstownumc.org, pastorreyywumc@gmail.com  
Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. Service starts at 10 a.m.

**WPHC Hilltop**  
749 S. Main St., Williamstown, 859-393-7298  
Sunday Service 11 a.m., Thursday Bible study 6 p.m.

**Zion Baptist**  
(859) 824-6568



# LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS

**PENDLETON COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
PENDLETON COUNTY ATHLETIC PARK – TENNIS COURT RENOVATION PROJECT**  
The Pendleton County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the renovation and potential reconfiguration of the existing outdoor court area at the Pendleton County Athletic Park.

The project may include tennis, pickleball, basketball, multi-use courts, or a combination of recreational court uses. Qualified contractors are invited to provide recommendations and pricing based upon existing site conditions.

The complete Scope of Work with details and bid requirements are available at [www.pendletoncounty.ky.gov](http://www.pendletoncounty.ky.gov).

Sealed bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at:

Pendleton County Fiscal Court  
Office of the County Judge/Executive  
233 Main Street  
Falmouth, KY 41040

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

“SEALED BID – PENDLETON COUNTY ATHLETIC PARK – TENNIS COURT RENOVATION PROJECT”

Bids will be publicly opened at or about 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2026, during the caucus meeting of the Pendleton County Fiscal Court at 233 Main Street, Falmouth, Kentucky.

The Pendleton County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities or irregularities, and accept the bid determined to be in the best interest of Pendleton County.

For additional information, visit [www.pendletoncounty.ky.gov](http://www.pendletoncounty.ky.gov) or contact the Economic & Tourism Development Office at 859-654-4567 or [economicdev@pendletoncountyky.gov](mailto:economicdev@pendletoncountyky.gov).

Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission is seeking vendors for the upcoming Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program’s (LIHEAP) Subsidy and Crisis components which includes all bulk fuel vendors (propane, kerosene, fuel oil, wood, and coal), metered utilities, and any landlord who provides heat as an undesignated portion of the rent to their tenants. For more information or to request a vendor application, contact Ingrid Washington at NKCAC 717 Madison Avenue Covington, KY 41011; iwashington@nkcac.org; or call 859-581-6607. NKCAC serves Gallatin, Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Kenton, Owen, and Pendleton Counties. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability.