

Shaker Village to host 5K race and provide free admission for Mercer County residents

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is offering free admission to all Mercer County residents from July 6-12, 2026. The annual Mercer County Week at Shaker Village was established as a way to thank local residents for their support and encourage them to come out to visit to see what's new at the Village.

Mercer County residents with a valid ID demonstrating residency within the county will be able to attend daily programs and exhibits at no cost. All guests must receive their complimentary passes at the Welcome Center upon arrival. Children under 18 who are accompanied by a qualifying adult will also be extended free admission. Visitors can join a Daily Adventure Tour between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are a variety of programs to experience including historic Village tours, Shaker music, broom making demonstrations and farm experiences. Exhibits are located throughout the historic buildings that line the turn-

pike. A new exhibit, Shakers Stirred, recently opened in Centre Family Dwelling and features the artwork of Louisville artist Tom Cannady.

A new addition to this year's Mercer County Week is the Roots of Mercer County 5K and One-Mile Fun Run held on Saturday, July 11. This inaugural race brings together runners, families and local businesses for a day of connection and pride in the community. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. and has a \$40 registration fee. The One-Mile Fun Run begins at 8:45 a.m. and is for kids under 14 with a registration fee of \$25. Runners can regis-

ter online at shakervillageky.org/events.

In addition to the race, attendees will have the opportunity to explore community vendor booths. All proceeds from the event will support the work of We Are Mercer County, a community organization dedicated to protecting and strengthening local resources and agriculture.



While at the Village visitors can dine at the seed-to-table restaurant, the Trustees' Table, for a meal featuring seasonal produce from the certified-organic garden. The Garden Bar and Grill is also open

for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday-Sunday. The Grill offers casual fare including hot dogs and panini pressed sandwiches in an outdoor setting. Grab-and-go options are also available from the Post Office gift shop which stocks sandwiches, chips, drinks and treats perfect for picnicking anywhere on the 3,000-acre property.

To plan your visit to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, or to learn more, visit shakervillageky.org or call 859-734-5411.

About Shaker Village Of Pleasant Hill
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. With 34 original Shaker structures, the site is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Onsite services include overnight accommodations, din-

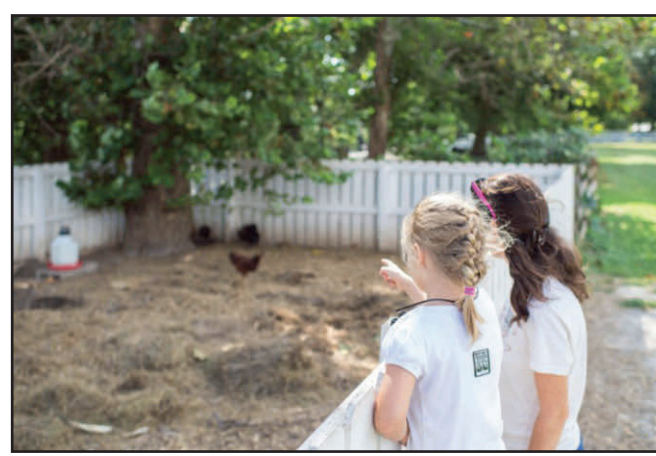


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Shaker Village is hosting Mercer County week July 6-12. Residents with Mercer County driver's license will have free admission and can participate in the daily adventures.

ing, catering services, craft restored native prairie. For shops, exhibits, a farm and more information, please visit shakervillageky.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION

The Mercer County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for a Full-Time Road Worker. A complete list of qualifications and job description are available upon request at the Mercer County Judge Executive's Office. Applications are being accepted through July 1, 2026 at 4:00pm. Applications should be delivered to Mercer County Fiscal Court, Human Resources, Samantha Peyton at 207 W. Lexington Street, Harrodsburg, KY or submitted online at <https://mercercounty.ky.gov/departments/Pages/Human-Resources.aspx>

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trained with his father three or four times a week for the last year.

"He loves the work. He takes the approach if you want to be the best you have got to train. He's really taken that to heart," Torino Brown said. "I think he's really glad he has made his college choice. Now he can do his workouts, eat the proper food and get in extra training. He can focus on all that and not take a flight or travel (to other schools).

"I told coach Stein he was getting a great player. My high school won a national championship. I know how far sports can take you and what you can accomplish and achieve. Malachi has always said he wanted to go to the NFL. Millions of kids say that. He has taken that to heart and he believes Kentucky is the school that can help develop him to get there."

Kentucky defensive line coach Anwar Stewart came highly recommended.

"A guy I played with in college played in the Canadian Football League with him. He said he was a tre-

mendous guy who really coaches kids up," Torino Brown said. "Malachi fell in love with him. He gained relationships with a lot of coaches but coach Stewart

means business. We know he can help Malachi get to where he wants to be."

What is new Kentucky men's basketball coach Mo

Williams like?

He is a 13-year NBA veteran who was the head coach at Jackson State the previous four years before joining

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Chamber Host Ribbon Cutting for Mercer Humane Society
The Mercer Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the Mercer Humane Society's (MHS) new location. The facility at 532 South College Street has doubled their space. The chamber held this in conjunction with the monthly Perk Up! meeting. The Humane Society spoke on their updates, discussed many partnerships, and gave tours of the facility and had breakfast for all the guests. Pictured holding the ribbon, left to right, MHS volunteer Linda Honnold, MHS volunteer Dawn Wicker, MHS Board Vice-President Jeanna Berdecia, MHS Board President Suzanne VanArsdall, MHS Office Coordinator Kayla Satterly, Mercer Chamber member Shirley Stamper and MHS board member Kathy Carr.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

LOCATION: PHA COMMUNITY ROOM

DATE & TIME: 13th day of August, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of Harrodsburg will conduct a public hearing, at the time and date shown above, to discuss and receive comments and suggestions on its recently funded 501(26) Capital Fund Program, which will include and annual "Budget" as well as the 5-Year Action Plan.

This public hearing will also cover the current status of construction projects and the plans for future modernization.

All PHA residents are invited and urged to attend and participate in this process. A copy of the Annual "Budget" may be reviewed at the Main Office of the PHA at any time prior to the meeting.

Please contact the PHA staff if you have any questions on this matter.

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