

Rent a County Building

Planning an event on a shoestring budget? **Renting a county building could be an excellent option.** "Partly because they're so affordable, and partly because they are just the right combination of beautiful and accessible, the county-owned facilities are hot spots for events," Jessamine County Judge/Executive Secretary Tiffany Shewmaker said.

Shewmaker's tips:

- 1 You must be a Jessamine County resident and 21 years or older to rent a county-owned building.
- 2 Choose the facility that best suits your needs. Popular options are:

- **Blue Building at City/County Park, Nicholasville:** Handicapped accessible and able to comfortably hold approximately 100 people, this facility offers a microwave, sink area, refrigerator, oven (no stove top), 28 tables, 177 chairs, and restrooms. City/County Park's playground area and basketball courts are nearby (not included in reservation).

- **Old Jail on Main Street, Nicholasville:** Formerly a fully functioning county jail, the beautifully restored Old Jail is handicapped accessible and offers a unisex restroom, full kitchen, tables and chairs. Holds 25-30 people.

- **High Bridge Pavilion:** Once the setting for dances and social events in the early 1900's, this reconstructed pavilion overlooks High Bridge, once the highest railroad trestle in the world, from nearby lookout points. Holds approximately 100 people and offers restrooms, a kitchen area with an icebox, fridge with freezer, microwave, and buffet serving area (no stove or oven). The park's picnic facilities and playground are not included in reservations.

- **Keene Community Center/Good Samaritan Lodge:** Offers a gathering space for 50, a full kitchen, restrooms, and a playground and basketball court (included in reservation). Handicapped accessible.

- 3 **Apply in person (required)** at the offices of Jessamine County Judge/Executive David West in the Courthouse. Rental fees vary from \$25-\$100, but you must have the required \$200 security deposit in the form of check or money order to reserve any Jessamine County Fiscal Court rental facility. **No alcoholic beverages are permitted on county property.* Reservations for 2018 begin on January 3.

Email tshewmaker@jessamineco.com or call 859-885-4500 for more info.

Add an Extra Layer of "Cool" to Events!

One way to up the "cool factor" for a wedding reception, corporate meeting or get together is to hold it in a really special setting. Here are two local favorites—both available for \$100 with a \$200 refundable deposit.

White House at Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park

For those who want the period furniture and elegant look of a Southern antebellum wedding or event, this could be just the ticket. Constructed circa 1859, the White House is part of Camp Nelson, a former Civil War supply depot, training center, hospital facility and African American refugee camp. It was known at the Oliver Perry House before it was confiscated by the Union Army to serve as an officer's quarters. If desired, a tent may be used on the lawn outside the house (placement must be pre-approved) to accommodate larger events.

Hickman Creek Nature & Conference Center/Aline Ludwig Meeting House:

With outstanding views of the Hickman Creek Cliffs, this setting offers a beautiful combination of nature and history. The restored building that houses the Nature & Conference Center (above right) comfortably holds approximately 40 and offers a large lawn for tents, a kitchen for warming food, and a restroom.

Call 859-881-5716 for more information regarding rental of both facilities.

*More Cool Facts!

the keene community center/good samaritan lodge was once known as the st. john lodge of the independent order of good samaritans lodge—a base for an african american temperance society dedicated to strict codes of moral conduct.

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The Hickman Creek Nature Center/Aline Ludwig Meeting House (above) is a double pen log house with a modern addition off the rear designed so that it did not physically impact the original house. The property was originally granted to Robert Parker (Mary Todd Lincoln's grandfather) and John Shelton in 1787. During the Civil War, infantry entrenchments were constructed by the Union Army in the upland part of the present farm along with the likelihood of an encampment.

The Hickman Creek Nature Center/Aline Ludwig House can be rented for social, educational and recreational functions by calling the Camp Nelson Civil War Heritage Park at 859-881-5716.



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