

# City of Fort Thomas, From the Fountain Newsletter

## 2018 Fall/Winter Edition

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### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK.....

You may have heard me say this before, "We are truly blessed in the City of Fort Thomas"! *Cincy Magazine* has named Highlands High School as the best in Northern Kentucky in its 2018 August/September issue. Fort Thomas was named the most educated city in Kentucky by Insurify, and we were named the Safest City in Kentucky by the National Council for Home Safety and Security and by Safelife.

It is exciting to see work being done on the VA Homes. It has been a long process but we will be seeing results soon. I know it's disappointing that we can no longer walk back there during construction, but it's a small inconvenience for the benefits of the project.

We are wrapping up our Visioning Committees and I'm looking forward to reviewing the potential for implementation of some of the exciting ideas that were generated through the process. Many thanks to all the dedicated citizens who shared their ideas.

Enjoy all of the activities and events that the city has to offer and remember to patronize our Fort Thomas businesses.

### A NOTE FROM RENAISSANCE: DEBBIE BUCKLEY

Fort Thomas Renaissance has plenty of activities to prolong the summer for you. Tuesday, September 4, the Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra will perform at Tower Park at 7:00 p.m. This will end our summer concert series.

The next week on Tuesday, September 11th, we are privileged to host a simulcast of the USO concert benefiting our veterans. Deemed "The World's Biggest USO Tour," this will be held at the Mess Hall. You can get in at 7:15 p.m. and listen to some great local music. The televised concert begins at 8:00 p.m. There will be cookies and drinks.

Don't forget that the Farmers Market continues until the end of October in Tower Park. It begins at 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

The Fort Thomas Military and Community Museum has a whole new look. You can visit Thursday through Saturday noon until 4:00 p.m. If your group wants a special showing, please contact us at 859-572-1225 or [fortthomas@gmail.com](mailto:fortthomas@gmail.com)

Merchants & Music, our biggest music festival of the year, features our local businesses, food trucks, and lots of drinks. Sponsored by Braxton Brewery and Jim Beam, this year will be another great time. The bands include *Shut Up & Drive*, *The Tillers*, *Element 3*, *Scott Miller and the Commonwealth*, and *10,000 Maniacs*. *The Leftovers will end the evening*. If you would like to participate, please contact Debbie Buckley at 859-572-1225 or [dbuckley@ftthomas.org](mailto:dbuckley@ftthomas.org). We also welcome all volunteers.

October 13th will be the Tweed Bike Ride beginning at Best Furniture Gallery, 1123 S. Ft. Thomas Avenue from 2-6 p.m. Pull out your tweed clothing and join us for the fun.

Our annual Veterans Day celebration will be November 10 at the Charters of Freedom located in Tower Park at noon.

Renaissance is designing more banners for our city. This time, Cathy Sonnett has designed a template to honor all our veterans. For \$200 you can feature your favorite veteran on a banner. All we need is the photo (if it's color, we will turn it into a b/w). We need the name of the soldier and the branch of service. For the form, please see the city's website ([ftthomas.org](http://ftthomas.org)) or our Facebook page. They are also available at the Finance Department of the City Building.

## Happenings in the Fire Department: Chief Mark K. Bailey

This summer remains very busy at the Fort Thomas Fire Department. As we head into another school year, we look forward to assisting the schools wherever we can throughout the year. Please be safe as we start a new year.

Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Stuart retired from the department on July 31<sup>st</sup> after 17.5 years of service with the FTFD and twenty overall years in the fire service. We wish Matt well with his retirement and future endeavors. Currently we are in the hiring process to replace Matt and hopefully will have that person on staff by mid to late September.

Should you need any help from the Fire Department please don't hesitate to contact us at 859-441-8393.

### GET YOUR FREE RUMPKE RECYCLING CART

Residents of Fort Thomas can obtain a FREE Rumpke Recycling cart by calling Rumpke at 1-877-786-7537 or by contacting City Clerk, Melissa Beckett at 859-572-1202. If you already have a cart you will not be able to get another free one. Please allow up to two weeks for delivery to your home. Residents can typically recycle the following items:



- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans and lids
- Paperboard (like cereal boxes)
- Cardboard and cartons
- Office paper
- Envelopes and junk mail
- Newspapers, magazines and inserts, telephone books and catalogs

### 2018 TAX BILLS ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 31ST

**The City Building will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Saturday in October for your convenience.**

If you have received your tax bill and have an escrow account, please forward your tax bill to your mortgage company for payment. Please bring the entire bill when paying in person. Make checks payable to "City of Fort Thomas".

### FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.....

The cold of winter is coming, and with it the possibility of snow. The General Services Department would like to remind everyone that the main arterial routes within the City are the first to be cleared of snow, and then the connector streets, followed by the side streets, and are prioritized by the traffic volume they endure. Keep in mind that heavy snowfall may cause snow plows to leave leftover snow behind at the entrances of private drives/walk ways and cannot be helped. If you have to drive in such conditions, you can help us efficiently remove snow from the roads by staying least 200 feet behind snowplow equipment, and by using off street parking whenever available.

If the cold has made you consider taking on some indoor projects such as finishing your basement or replacing your furnace, the project more than likely requires a permit. **Even if you are doing the work yourself!** Projects like remodeling a kitchen or removing a wall, almost always require a permit to assure that the job is done correctly, and in a safe manner. If you are not sure if you need a permit for your project, please give our office a call.

You can reach the General Services Department at (859)572-1210, stop by our office at 130 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue between the hours of 8 and 4:30, or visit the City of Ft. Thomas website at [www.ftthomas.org](http://www.ftthomas.org) to obtain the information you will need to safely tackle any home project you have in mind this season.

### Please Keep this in Mind.....

**Section 97.08 SWEEPINGS AND LITTER ON SIDEWALKS: BURNING PROHIBITED of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fort Thomas states the following:**

It shall be unlawful to sweep, throw, or otherwise deposit sweepings, litter, or other matter from private property onto a sidewalk; or from a sidewalk onto a roadway or into the gutter or catch basin, or ignite or burn the same or leave on a street pavement or to cause the same to be done.

## **FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT.....**

Congratulations to our summer league participants and tournament winners! The KangaRuwes, are the Sand Volleyball League winners of the season! Jolly Plumbing was the winner of the Men's Wednesday Night Softball League. (*Monday night Men's Church Softball League in progress—Check website for league standings*). Leagues are now forming for: Tennis (men's, women's, and mixed doubles), Flag Football, Fall Softball (competitive, rec. and coed), Pickleball, and Volleyball (men's, women's, and coed). Registration can be found on our website [www.ftthomas.org/recreation](http://www.ftthomas.org/recreation) or follow us on Facebook! You may also email us at [kspicer@ftthomas.org](mailto:kspicer@ftthomas.org).

A special thanks to everyone who helped to make our 2018 Summer Programs a success! We appreciate each of you and look forward to an amazing summer in 2019! If you are interested in partnering with the Recreation Department Summer Programs, please reach out to us at [kdisney@ftthomas.org](mailto:kdisney@ftthomas.org) or 859-781-1700.

## **RECREATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 5th:** Teeter Tots presented by Stretch-n-Grow: Stretch-n-Grow Fitness is Imaginative, Engaging and FUN! *This program follows a nationally recognized and age-appropriate scope and sequence to insure educational and physical milestones are met. This weekly early childhood physical education, nutrition and wellness program improves the level of fitness in our children and teaches them the importance of a healthy lifestyle and the perils of inactivity. We assist parents and childcare providers in developing good health and fitness habits!* The Recreation Department will be hosting 4- 5 week sessions (*Wednesday & Fridays 10-1*). We look forward to working with you and your child (2 year olds and up). Class size will be limited to 20 parent/child pairings. Registration for the first session is open now! 859-781-1700. Check our website for more details.

**September 10th: Fall Open Gym Hours:** Monday & Wednesday 3-8 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday & Friday 3-6 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 12-4 p.m.

**September 17th:** Outdoor Campfire Cooking class—presented by Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI).

**September 27th: Dog Days of Summer with Braxton Brewery** – at the Highland Hills Dog Park.

**September 30th: Great Outdoor Weekend** – Come join us for a walking tour through historic Tower Park from 10-noon! Join us after for a children's craft at the Museum.

**October 5th: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tower Park Campout-** A new collaboration with REI, families can campout at Tower Park!

**October 12th: World's Largest Storytime with the Campbell County Library** – <https://www.cc-pl.org/>

**October 19th: Teen Zombie Party presented by the Campbell County Library** – at the Armory

**October 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Touch-A-Truck:** Come on up to the Stables Parking Lot in Tower Park and bring the entire family to experience life size vehicles and interact with community support leaders.

**October 24th: Pizza & Pumpkin party:** Pizza, pumpkins, and carving tools provided by Ft. Thomas Recreation! Creativity provided by you! Come and carve a Halloween pumpkin to be placed on our Pumpkin Walk! Participants under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

**October 26th: Pumpkin Walk from 6 to 9 p.m.:** Join us in Tower Park for this fun event! Carve your own unique pumpkin to be entered in our contest. If you are a student or organization looking for service hours, please contact our office on how you can earn hours by carving pumpkins! New this year following the Pumpkin Walk we will be showing a fall themed family movie!

**November 21st: Family Movie Night 7 p.m.:** The Recreation Department will be hosting a movie night on November 21st in the Mess Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event open to all families. Concessions will be available for sale.

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City Building Open  
Monday through  
Friday  
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Open Saturdays in  
October from 8 a.m. to noon  
for tax payments

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**FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: CHIEF CASEY KILGORE**



The month of July marked the end of an era. After 27 years of service, Chief Michael Daly retired from the Fort Thomas Police Department. Chief Daly served the citizens of Fort Thomas in many different roles during his career, including Dare Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Chief of Police. He served as Chief of Police for 13 years. During his tenure as Chief, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration, completely remodeled the police department, and served as the president of several professional associations. Chief Daly earned the respect of his peers by constantly showing a deep passion for the citizens of Fort Thomas, and always making decisions that were in the best interest of our community. He will always be remembered as a great leader, mentor, and friend.

August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of school in Fort Thomas. We would like to remind everyone that traffic tends to be heavy before and after school. We would also ask that all drivers be mindful of children walking to school, especially at all of our crosswalks.



**TRICK OR TREAT**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6-8 P.M.**



**December 2nd: HOLIDAY WALK**

On December 2nd from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The rain date for this event will be Monday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.