



FROM THE FOUNTAIN Spring/Summer 2018
CITY OF FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY

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**CITY WIDE
YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY, MAY
19TH**

9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
**(Property Owners
Discretion)**

**This event will be held
rain or shine.**

To sign up, please email
mbeckett@ftthomas.org

or sign up at
www.ftthomas.org



FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR, ERIC HAAS

We have been honored again this year as being the Safest City in Kentucky. That doesn't happen by chance. We have a tremendous group of safety personnel in our Police and Fire Departments. We are also blessed with citizens who care about their families and their city. We are blessed with safe and excellent schools that are at the heart of the success of Fort Thomas.

I am further impressed with the talent of the people of Fort Thomas. We have a great group of folks who have been involved in the visioning of our Community Plan. If you haven't already done so, please respond to the city's Community Plan Survey. A link to the survey can be found on the city's website at www.ftthomas.org. We are in the final phases of the plan and want everyone to have an opportunity to be involved, either by participating in the various meetings or by taking the survey. I look forward to the implementation phase and am excited about the future possibilities to enhance our city even more.

As we move into the nicer spring weather, please take advantage of all of the upcoming events planned in the near future.

2018 RENAISSANCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEERSUCKER BIKE RIDE: April 29th from 2-6 p.m.
Ride begins at the Museum in Tower Park

ART AROUND TOWNE: June 15th, July 20th, August 17th
6-9 p.m. in the Central Business District

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN TOWER PARK 7-9 p.m.

June 7: Northern Kentucky Legends Hall of Fame

June 19: Naked Karate Girls (Bring a can good to benefit Brighton Center)

August 11: St. Elizabeth Cancer Benefit Concert

August 21: P&G Big Band Concert

September 4: Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra

PUB CRAWL: July 3rd 6-11 p.m.

4TH OF JULY PARADE BEGINS AT 10:30 a.m. at Highlands and runs to
Tower Park

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION IN TOWER PARK
NOON—10:30 p.m. FIREWORKS AT 10:00 p.m.

MERCHANTS AND MUSIC: September 22nd 1-12 a.m.

TWEED BIKE RIDE: October 13th 2-6 p.m. Begins at Best Furniture Gallery

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION: November 10th at Noon, Charters of
Freedom in Tower Park

HOLIDAY WALK: December 2nd 5:30 to 8 p.m.

A NOTE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The beginning of 2018 has brought some big changes to the Detective's Office at the FTPD. Long-time Detective Adam Noe was promoted to Sergeant in December. Adam had served in the role of detective for four years and has successfully investigated a large variety of cases. He will continue to be a helpful resource for our new detectives, and we wish him the best of luck in his new position as night shift Sergeant. Congratulations Adam!

Due to the departure of Adam Noe from Investigations, Derek Faught has been selected as our new detective. Derek has worked for Fort Thomas for over five years as a patrolman. He has also served as a Field Training Officer and a member of the Heroin Interdiction Team during that time. He will be a great addition to the Detective's office and available asset during this transitional period!

So far, 2018 has been a very active year for Fort Thomas Detectives Nathan Day, Derek Faught, and Micheal Rowland. Detective Rowland, who is assigned to the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force, has taken part in some high profile drug trafficking investigations. One of these investigations enlisted the efforts of multiple jurisdictions in Kentucky and Ohio, and resulted in the seizure of over 300 pounds of marijuana and nearly \$400,000 in cash. Through their investigations, the Strike Force has noted some disturbing trends. Although heroin has been the focus of most news agencies due to its often fatal side effects, there has been a disturbing uptick in the amount of methamphetamine that detectives are coming across. In fact, it appears that "Meth" will soon be the drug of choice in the tristate.

Overall crime is down so far this year, but we are still dealing with some of the same issues that have affected the city in years past. Due to a continuing problem of car break-ins, we want to remind our residents to **lock their doors, on both their vehicles and their residences**. If you have any information pertaining to crimes within the city, please contact Detective Day or Detective Faught.

A topic that is often raised in society today, as well as in law enforcement, is children's usage of social media and their electronic devices, especially their cell phones. It is important for parents to be informed about their child's social media habits, and what information they are putting out on the web. Once information or images are sent out on the internet, it is almost impossible to completely eliminate that item from the web! Parents, please speak with your children about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate behavior on their communication devices, as well as the internet.

A NOTE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Now is the time of year when our citizens enjoy the abundant recreational spaces Ft. Thomas has to offer; and many of our citizens will spend a significant amount of time outdoors both working and playing. While we hope you have a safe and relaxing summer; there are a few common sense guidelines we would like you to be aware of in regards to heat emergencies. Heat emergencies can strike quickly after intense, physical work in the heat, or may develop over a period of hours. There are many factors which can affect how quickly a heat emergency develops including; humidity, being in direct sunlight, prior health problems, age, current medications, and pre-existing dehydration. Our elderly population is especially susceptible to heat emergencies. As people age they lose some of their ability to cool their bodies, they may not even know that they are becoming overheated until they start feeling sick. This does not mean that you can't enjoy the summer, but a few tips will keep you out of the emergency room and enjoying the day. If possible plan walks and outdoor activities early in the morning, or in the evening when the sun is not as strong. Make an effort to avoid direct sunlight if possible. Check the humidity before planning a strenuous outdoor activity. Humidity prevents sweat from evaporating so the body can't properly cool itself. If you know that you will have a long day in the sun start hydrating 24 hours in advance. If you wait till you start sweating then you are already playing catch up. Last speak to your doctor about the medications you are on to ensure they will not contribute to a heat emergency. How do you know if you are having a heat emergency? We will list the types of heat emergencies and their symptoms in order of severity.

1. **Heat Cramps** – These are painful muscle cramps that occur because your body has lost a significant amount of electrolytes through sweating. Stop working, get out of the sun, and start drinking an electrolyte sports drink.
2. **Heat Exhaustion** - You have overwhelmed your body's cooling system and are starting to feel ill. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, feeling weak or unwell, looking pale, and feeling dizzy. This person should be moved to air conditioning and misted with cool water. They should not resume work for the day.
3. **Heat Stroke** – This is a life threatening medical emergency! Call 911. Your body is not longer cooling and your body temperature may already have exceeded 107 degrees F. Symptoms include altered level of consciousness, unconsciousness, hot, red skin, and vomiting. Remove as much clothing as possible from the victim and cool with water while waiting for help.

We hope you will follow these simple guidelines and have a safe and happy summer.



Sunday, April 22, 2018

Noon to 5 p.m.

Tower Park

Hosted by Harlan Hubbard Studio and Preserve.

Join us for the largest Earth Day Celebration in Northern KY with over 40 things to do, including Educational booths, Activities for Kids, Outdoor Events, Plant Swap & Sale, Artists & Vendors, Demonstrations, Trail Challenge, Food Truck, and Live Music!

PART TIME HELP WANTED at the City of Fort Thomas Recreation Department

Are you a college student looking for additional hours?

Are you retired and would like some extra cash or something to fill your time?

Looking to supplement your income with flexible hours?

Searching for reliable, detail oriented people. Please send your application to Kat Disney at the Fort Thomas Recreation Department 950 South Fort Thomas, Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY 41075 Kdisney@ftthomas.org

Please clean up after your pets!

The City of Fort Thomas has an ordinance that regulates cleaning up after your pets. **Section 91.12** of the Fort Thomas Code of Ordinances states that (A) It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any owner, keeper or walker of any animal to permit his or her animal to discharge the animal's excrement upon any public or private property (other than the property of the owner of the animal), absent the consent of the owner of the property, within the city, if the owner, keeper or walker does not immediately thereafter remove and clean up the animal's excrement from the public or private property.

(B) Any animal excrement removed from public or private property and deposited in waste removal containers for service by the city contractors shall be placed in a sealed bag or other tight fitting container suitable for collection and disposal.



BUILDING/ZONING PERMITS

We are entering spring and it's time for projects to get under way. Don't forget to stop in for your permit.

WHY GET A PERMIT?

- it's state law
- assurance your project is done safely
- protect your liability if someone gets hurt on your property
- assure you don't accidentally build in an incorrect location and ultimately have to move your project
- and many more...

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR...

- decks, sheds, pools, fences, additions, rehab, remodel, finished basements, retaining walls and more

PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR...

- shingling a roof, painting, replacing windows or siding

You can contact us at 859-572-1210, stop by our offices at 130 North Fort Thomas Avenue between the hours of 8 and 4:30, or visit our website at www.ftthomas.org. Go to the GENERAL SERVICES tab for all the information you need to complete your project. Get your application in early to beat the spring rush and assure there is no delay of your project.

***City of Fort
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Avenue
Ft. Thomas, KY
41075
Phone: 859-441-1055
Recreation:
859-781-1700
www.ftthomas.org***

***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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DATAMARK**

A NOTE FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Registration is now open for the 2018 SUMMER CAMPS here at Tower Park! The Summer Playground Program is offered to children ages 7-12 and the Tiny Tots program is for children 4-6. Each week of the programs will be centered around different themes and incorporate different games, crafts, activities, and special guests. We have extended the Tiny Tots camp an additional 5th week. The Ft. Thomas Armory will also host the Ken Shields Basketball Camp which is a free skills camp. It will take place July 2nd, 3rd, 5th, & 6th. Please visit our website for more information at www.ftthomas.org.



Our Ft. Thomas Recreation adult spring/summer leagues are forming! We offer sand volleyball, softball, and tennis. New this year, sand volleyball takes place at Tower Park in it's new location and there will be a FRIDAY night Co-ed Softball league. Registration forms are available online or call the Recreation office at 859-781-1700. We would love to have your team! Congratulations to all our athletes of the Ft. Thomas Jr. Basketball League on a great season! Special congratulations to the Blue Team for a first place finish in the season and the tournament and to the Orange Team for coming in runner-up. We can't wait to see you again next year!

