

## CITY OF FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY

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

Spring is fast approaching and I cannot wait for days filled with sunshine! As we anticipate better weather, there are many new and exciting things going on around our city. Our staff and volunteers are working on springtime events like the annual Easter egg hunt Tower Park, the Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration, the city-wide yard sale, Farmer's Market, Seersucker bicycle ride and so much more...we are truly blessed to have such a strong volunteer base and community involvement.

In addition to the many opportunities for participation in the community during this year, there are also exciting projects that have been initiated within the city. The Alexander Circle homes are being renovated by developers, Bloomfield/Schon and are well under way with site improvements and building renovations. This project will include the City making circulation and parking improvements in the areas in Tower Park leading to this project. Another impactful project is the reconstruction of Johnson Elementary school. The City has worked with school district officials to insure the best possible safety of our students and the traveling public during this year plus project timeline. We are working hard by enhancing the pedestrian signals around our schools but it takes recognition from everyone to create a safe environment, please do your part by managing your speeds and honoring crosswalks.

City Council has joined me in beginning the implementation phase of our newly adopted Community Plan. The details of where we have been and the progress of our activity is available on [www.ftcommunityplan.com](http://www.ftcommunityplan.com) and everyone is invited to join in the process as we continue. Important decisions are being considered on our city's future and many challenges and opportunities lie ahead. We will be looking at potential projects that may involve city-owned buildings, initiatives that capture new technologies, improvements within our parks, and requests from developers that will invest in our business districts. I am especially excited that through this process, we have formalized collaboration with some of our neighboring communities along the US 27 Corridor that has lead to exploration of many opportunities that could have regional impact. As we navigate this new landscape, I am confident that our residents and our elected officials will work toward building a future that explores all the options afforded us.

It truly is a great time for our city. We have celebrated our sesquicentennial in grand fashion and then embarked on a journey to discover and shape our future. I look forward to working with council to provide the leadership in guiding positive steps toward implementing our Community Plan. As we continue it will always be just as important to stop along the way and enjoy what we have today. Hope to see you all soon at the Art Around Town events, concert series, farmers market, other city events or just walking about town!

### CITY WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY  
18TH**

**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](mailto:mbeckett@ftthomas.org)**

**or sign up at**

**[www.ftthomas.org](http://www.ftthomas.org)**

## 2019 RENAISSANCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SEERSUCKER BIKE RIDE:** July 13th at 11 a.m. Ride begins at the Museum in Tower Park

**ART AROUND TOWNE:** June 21st, July 19th, August 16th from 6-9 p.m. in the Central Business District

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

June 6: Northern Kentucky Music Legends Hall of Fame

June 18: Naked Karate Girls (Bring a canned good to benefit Brighton Center)

July 23: My Brother's Keeper

August 6: Buffalo Wabs and Price Hill Hustle

August 20: Yacht Rock America

September 3: Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra

**JUNIOR RENAISSANCE CAMP:** June 24—28 9 a.m. to Noon at Museum

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

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

**JULY 4TH CELEBRATION IN TOWER PARK**

**3:00 p.m.—10:30 p.m. FIREWORKS AT 9:30 p.m. Colour of Rhythm will Headline!**

**MERCHANTS AND MUSIC:** September 28th 1 p.m.-12 a.m. Tower Park

**VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION:** November 9th at Noon, Charters of Freedom in Tower Park

**HOLIDAY WALK:** December 1st 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tree Lighting at Inverness Park at 5:30 p.m.



Wednesdays, June 5  
through October 30

3 to 7 p.m. Tower Park  
Tennis Courts Parking  
Lot

### **Street Construction**

The City of Fort Thomas is anticipating an aggressive street program this year. We appreciate your patience through this time. Despite minor inconveniences, the finished product is one that will be worth the wait.

### **Adult Spring/Summer Leagues Forming Soon!**

#### **SOFTBALL**

Men's  
Church League  
Co-ED

#### **TENNIS & PICKLEBALL**

Men's  
Ladies'  
Mixed doubles

#### **SAND VOLLEYBALL**

Men's  
Ladies'  
Co-ed

We also have flag football, basketball and indoor volleyball. Registrations are due in March (please see website for individual dates). Interested in forming a team? Contact Katie at 859-781-1700 or [kspicer@ftthomas.org](mailto:kspicer@ftthomas.org)



950 S. Fort Thomas Avenue  
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075  
859-781-1700



First Presbyterian Church, Fort Thomas

<p><b>DRUG TAKEBACK EVENT</b> The Department of Drug Administration will host a drug take back event at the City Building, 130 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th. No liquids, vitamins or needles will be accepted.</p>	<p><b><u>ATTENTION RUNNERS AND WALKERS</u></b> For your safety and the safety of others, please try to wear reflective clothing if you are walking/running in the darker hours of the day or night. This ensures that drivers can see you.</p>	<p><b><u>Northern Kentucky Music Legends Hall of Fame</u></b> <b><u>Thursday, June 6, 2019</u></b> Inductees include: Woodwind Steel, Steve Chuke, Gary Strong, and Rick Kinman. The Brotherhood Singers will be part of the evenings festivities. Tom Winkler from WAIF will emcee.</p>
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**SPRING/SUMMER TIPS**

As the warm weather approaches, many folks are ready to start **new projects** for their homes. A new shed, fence, deck or pool, finished basement, electrical work, driveway expansion, retaining walls and grading of your yard all require permits through the General Services Department. We issue permits to protect you, your family and your guests. The fees are minimal and it assures your project is safe. You can contact us at 859-572-1210, stop by our offices at 130 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue between the hours of 8 and 4:30, or visit our website at [www.ftthomas.org](http://www.ftthomas.org) for all the information you need to complete your project.

You may also want to contact **Call Before U Dig** at 1-800-752-6007 before you add that new tree or flower bed. This is a free service that will mark your utilities so you don't accidentally disable yours or your neighbors' vital services.

**Summer** is a wonderful time of year, but it also presents us with a number of concerns as it relates to safety. Children are getting out of school and there is a lot of activity throughout the City. We want your family to be safe so here are a couple of tips to enjoy the summer:

**Stay away from construction sites** - These are very appealing to children and adults alike, but there are a lot of dangers. New homes under construction/rehab such as the homes at Alexander Circle in Tower Park or the construction/rehab of a larger buildings such as Johnson Elementary, present many dangers. The roof system, walls or other parts of a project, might not be completely braced yet and be a hazard by a small wind or slight pressure. Construction equipment may be maneuvering on the site and operators may not see or anticipate people on a site. When stationary after hours, they can be a danger if accidentally activated. Sites are not typically graded and it's easy to make a misstep on rough dirt or rock, twisting ankles and falling in construction debris. Various construction materials such as nails or rebar can be hidden in the dirt and go right through a shoe or cut someone's leg if not noticed.

**HOMESTEAD/DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS**

To qualify for the Homestead exemption a homeowner must be or going to be 65 anytime during 2019. You must have resided at the property location on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and be listed as owner, trustee or retain life estate. Please visit the Campbell County Property Valuation Administration office located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Campbell County Fiscal Court building at 10<sup>th</sup> & Monmouth Streets in Newport. To apply, bring your driver's license or state ID that has your home address on it. You do not have to wait until your birth date to apply, you can go any time during the year you turn 65.

For the Disability exemption you must be 100% disabled thru Social Security, have resided at the property location on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and be listed as owner, trustee or retain life estate.

Please visit the Campbell County Property Valuation Administration and bring your Award letter or BPQY. You must also have your driver's license or state ID that has your home address on it. There is no age restriction on the DEX exemption.

The Homestead/Disability exemption has gone up for the 2019-2020 tax years. The new amount is \$39,300 which means that if your home is assessed for \$200,000 you would pay taxes on \$160,700. A person can only receive the Homestead or Disability Exemption on their primary residence.

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Recreation:  
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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*

PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
DATAMARK

**Upcoming Recreation  
Events**

**April 13th—Tower Park:**

**Easter Egg Hunt: Noon**

**April 27th- Fit in the Fort  
Kickoff/Weigh-in**

*Saturday, April 27th 10am-2pm*

*Join your community and local businesses  
to improve your health through a 6 week  
city wide health and wellness challenge.*

*More information to follow!*

**May 5th- Earth Day**

**Celebration/Arbor Day:**

**Noon to 5 p.m. Mess Hall**

**May 13th- NKY Senior**

**Games: Register at 9 a.m.**

**June 21st- Family Movie**

**Night (Time coming soon)**

**September 7th- Tower**

**Park: Touch-A-Truck—11  
a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**OPEN GYM  
HOURS**

**Monday 8-8**

**Tuesday 8-530**

**Wednesday 8-8**

**Thursday 8-530**

**Friday 8-530**

**Saturday 12-4**

**Sunday 12-4**



**Tiny Tots  
& Summer  
Playground  
Program/Camp**

Registration will open  
April 1st



**Mess Hall Open  
Houses**

**All at 6:00 p.m.**

April 11th & 25th

May 9th & 23rd

June 20th

July 25th

***Tower Tuesdays***



New this summer, Fort Thomas Recreation and Campbell County library are partnering with the Cooperative Extension Office, to bring entertaining and educational events to Tower Park on Tuesday mornings at 10am. This event is geared toward a wide variety of age groups.

<b><i>June</i></b>	<b><i>July</i></b>
4th	9th
11th	16th
18th	23rd
25th	