



CITY OF FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY

From the City Administrator's Desk: Ron Dill



At the city council meeting on August 15th, Mayor Haas presented a proclamation declaring that date as "Clara Ann Klocke Day." Clara Ann was honored that evening for her 25 years of service on the City's Board of Adjustment. If we stop and think about that for a minute, Clara Ann took time from her family and other obligations every month for twenty-five years to provide service to her community and her only reward was in knowing she was contributing to making her city a better place to live and raise her family.

Our City is fortunate to have individuals as dedicated as Clara Ann and the many others appointed to our local Boards and Commissions.

Local governments are required by state statute to have an active community base to serve in these roles. The City of Fort Thomas has been blessed to have many talented and willing residents to serve in this capacity but our volunteers go well above just "service".

Did you know that Dan Fehler and Jim Beineke are chairmen of our Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission respectively and have given their time for over thirty years! In my tenure with the City, I have personally worked with the many citizens that devote their time and talent and have witnessed the impact that they have on our community. Their dedication and service should be recognized and appreciated by us all.

As we move toward the Fall season, the city staff will be working with Mayor Haas and the Board of Council on planning the future of our city. At the September council meeting, members of council began working with a consultant on designing the process for conducting comprehensive visioning and planning for our community. This process will involve active participation from city civic groups, our business community, local school district, and many other community partners. Additionally, and most importantly, it will include input and participation from our residents. The contribution from residents can be in various forms, from responding to surveys, active engagement in forums with committees or volunteering to serve on committees. I believe we have a great resource in our residents and I am confident our community will respond to council's efforts in planning our future. Details of how to engage in this process will be forthcoming soon.

The city is also currently in the planning stages for the "Sesquicentennial Celebration" that will highlight our 150 years of history and achievement. This celebration will take place throughout 2017 and culminate with a week long series of community events leading into the 4th of July. Debbie Buckley is spearheading this effort and already has volunteers and committees forming and meeting monthly. If you would like to be involved in this process, please contact Debbie at DBuckley@ftthomas.org.

It is an exciting time to live in Fort Thomas as we consider our future and work toward making our community better every step and every day. We value our residents and our community partnerships that provide us with the ability to continue to strive for excellence in every facet of local government. It has always been my experience that we have great resource in our volunteers and we have great opportunities for our residents to become those volunteers. So to Clara Ann Klocke and to all of those that help us work to achieve at the highest level, I say Thank You!

Mayor:

Eric Haas

Councilmembers:

Roger L. Peterman

Lisa C. Kelly

Ken Bowman

John Muller

Jeff Bezold

Chuck Thompson

City

Administrator:

Ronald J. Dill

City Clerk:

Melissa K. Kelly

Website:

www.ftthomas.org



**JACK-O-LANTERN WALK:
OCTOBER 27TH
FROM 7 TO 9 P.M.**

**TRICK OR TREAT:
OCTOBER 31ST
FROM 6-8 P.M.**

HAPPENINGS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Capt. Jeff Parker



Lt. Steve Rath

Captain Jeff Parker retired on July 31st after 25 years of service to our community. Jeff was the Captain on Shift 3 and our EMS Coordinator. Lieutenant Steve Rath retired on July 31st after 22 years of service to our community. Steve was the Lieutenant on Shift 2. Congratulations to both gentlemen on your retirement and thank you for your years of dedication to the FTFD and the citizens of Fort Thomas.

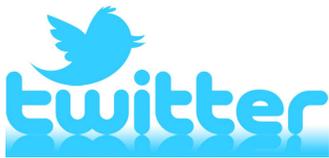


On August 29th, the Fire Department hired FF/P Michael Strady (left) from the Florence FD. and Brandon Fromeyer (right) from the Wilder FD. Michael served 9 years with the City of Florence and Brandon served 7 years with the City of Wilder. Congratulations to both gentlemen and we welcome you and look forward to many years with the FTFD.



2016 Holiday Walk

There is one event that begins our holidays beautifully each year. The Fort Thomas Holiday Walk will be Sunday, December 4 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The format will be much the same as previous years. We will begin at the Christmas Tree located in the Inverness Business District where Mayor Haas will light the tree. Our businesses from Inverness to the Towne Center will welcome you throughout the evening and there will be entertainment throughout the district. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also visit. Save the date!



The City of Fort Thomas is now on Twitter! Follow our page for updates on events within the city. Find us at [@CityofFortThomas](https://twitter.com/CityofFortThomas) or CityofFortThomas@cityclerk1234

2016 TAX BILLS ARE DUE OCTOBER 31ST.

Please note that tax bills are due no later than October 31st. We will be open from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. every Saturday in October.

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".

Rules on Trash Pickup

Please contact Rumpke at least 24 hours in advance your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up of acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. **Any mattress or upholstered furniture must be completely sealed in disposable plastic for removal.** Additional fees may apply. Appliances containing freon require special handling procedures prior to pick-up. Please complete a refrigerant recovery statement and contact Rumpke for more details. According to Federal law, Rumpke is not permitted to accept batteries, tires, liquids, combustible materials or any items identified as hazardous. Bulky materials or construction materials including drywall, concrete, bricks, dirt or rocks are not acceptable. Drums, barrels, yard and household containers are not acceptable trash containers and will be assumed trash if placed at the curb. Rumpke is not responsible for damage beyond the curb line. If you have any questions, please contact Rumpke at 1-877-786-7537.

Snow Removal Information

With winter comes snow and ice fall, and the Ft. Thomas General Services Department is ready. The department has developed a salt brine application process as well as a snow and ice control plan to keep streets safe and accessible during these events.

Area description: City streets are divided into 4 separate quadrants, North, South, Central, and small truck route. The small truck route is designed for those streets that have limited width and narrow cul-de-sacs that limit the ability to maneuver the large snowplows in.

Snow removal priority system: **Priority one** streets are the main arterial routes within the City. These streets are cleared first. They are designated based upon traffic volume, access to emergency facilities and schools, and overall public safety. **Priority two** streets are arterial links, connector streets and then side streets. These streets are cleared after all priority one streets.

State Roads: Streets that are the responsibility of the State of Kentucky to clear that are located in and around the City are U.S. 27, I-471, Memorial Parkway, and North Grand Avenue. In emergencies and as time permits the City will help clear these roads.

What you can do to help: Travel a minimum of 200 feet behind snowplow equipment to allow for salting and abrupt movement to avoid obstacles such as parked cars and signs. Use extreme caution when passing snow removal equipment. Do not park in cul-de-sac and along primary routes; use off-street parking whenever available. Limit and restrict travel, this allows snowplow operators to clear roads more effectively.

Snow Emergency: The City of Fort Thomas does not declare a "snow emergency" that would require vehicles to be removed from specified streets. Although "snow emergencies" are an effective tool to assist snow/ice removal, the City recognized that the demand for on-street parking is necessary. However, utilizing off-street parking whenever possible will facilitate efficient snow removal efforts.

PLEASE NOTE: Snow-plowing operations will cause accumulated snow to often times be left at the entrances to private drive/walkways. This condition is a product of heavy snowfall and cannot be avoided.

WINTER PROJECTS

As winter approaches and it's time for those inside projects such as finished basements or major remodeling; don't forget to stop in for your permit. "I DON'T NEED A PERMIT" many will say "PERMITS ARE JUST MORE MONEY OUT OF MY POCKET." Well let me try to convince you...

Building code requirements are changing all of the time, do you or your contractor know...

- the proper insulation levels for various parts of your house; improper installation can lead to mold growth or busted water lines?
- the TRUE concept of firestopping; this can help prevent the spread of fire?
- the proper volume of return air your room needs so your furnace can perform efficiently?
- the proper ventilation of gas appliances, which, if not done properly, can lead to carbon monoxide build-up causing possible ignition by an electrical spark or even carbon monoxide poisoning?

upon selling your house, many lending agencies will ask for copies of any permits for projects done at your home. It's a lot easier to get a permit upfront rather than tearing out drywall to prove you've done your project properly. The small cost of a permit can add up to lots of energy savings, not to mention that you can be assured your project is done properly and safe. You can contact the General Services Department at 859-571-1210, stop by our offices at 130 N. Ft. Thomas Avenue between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or visit our website at www.ftthomas.org for all the information you need to complete your project. Also, don't forget those spring projects such as decks, sheds, fences or pools require permits as well. Get your application in early to beat the spring rush and assure there is no delay of your project.

Campbell County Fall Clean-Up

This is a free dump day event for Campbell County residents. NO paint or liquids are accepted.

Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Pendery Park, 4051 Mary Ingles Highway, Melbourne (trash only)
- Campbell County Police Station, 8774 Constable Drive, Alexandria (trash only)
- Campbell County Transportation Center, 1175 Racetrack Road, Alexandria (accepts all items below)

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Trash, furniture, scrap metal, car batteries, appliances, electronics (except televisions), tires, and propane tanks. Please call 859-547-1866 in advance for excessively large items so arrangements can be made.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

The Solid Waste Offices of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties will host a free household hazardous waste collection event for residents of all three counties.

Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

U.C. Health Stadium, 7950 Freedom Way, Florence, KY

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Electronics (including televisions), chemicals, pesticides, corrosives, flammables, waste oil, light bulbs, batteries, ink/toner cartridges, and anti-freeze.

**City of Fort Thomas,
Kentucky**

**130 N. Ft. Thomas
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**

**PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
DATAMARK**



2016 LEAF COLLECTION

The City of Ft. Thomas Annual Leaf Collection Program is scheduled to begin on October 17th and run thru December 9th. Please note the following leaf collection guidelines:

- Loose leaves can only be collected during the regularly scheduled leaf collection period.
- Please remove all sticks and yard debris from the piles.
- Please do not bag leaves for collection. Bagged leaves will be picked up on your regularly scheduled trash day by Rumpke.
- Do not wet down leaves, as the leaf machine will not be able to pick them up.
- Whenever possible, do not park your vehicle in front of or on top of a large leaf pile as this will make it difficult for collection crews to pick up the leaves. Skipped leaf piles will not be collected until the next scheduled pickup date.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS OF YOUR NEIGHBORS AS WELL.

There may be days when we run ahead of schedule. Should this be the case, we will go ahead and start the next area scheduled. Do not be alarmed, we will return again on the scheduled date. Please be aware that the schedule may vary depending on weather conditions and volume of leaves. For a complete copy of the *2016 Fall Leaf Pickup Schedule* please visit the City of Ft. Thomas website at www.ftthomas.org.

TOUCH A TRUCK



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016 FROM NOON TO 3 P.M.
STABLES PARKING LOT/TOWER PARK**

Bring the kids up to interact with trucks that they would normally not get to touch. They can honk the horns and sit in the drivers seat! It's a fun day for the whole family!