

FROM THE FORT NEWSLETTER

FALL & WINTER 2023



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ERIC HAAS

We have had record turnouts and weather for all of our Spring and Summer events this year. It has been wonderful to see so many residents enjoying our events around town and taking part in them. The 4th of July celebration specifically was the largest since 2017. I want to thank our city staff and boards for all the hard work and long hours to make these events amazing.

I'm looking forward to our annual Merchants and Music Festival on Saturday, September 23rd at the Tower Park Amphitheater. The 90s headliners, Sister Hazel, Tonic, and Vertical Horizon will likely be one of the best we have had to date.

City Staff and volunteers have worked over the last nine months preparing so we hope you will join in the fun. We also appreciate the community sponsors who help make Merchants a success for 19 years now.

We are blessed to have so many great events within the City and we have so many still remaining this year. Please check the events calendar on the Fort Thomas App to ensure you don't miss out on all the fun. I hope you have a great start to the fall season and I look forward to seeing you all at our remaining 2023 events!

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

As usual, it's been a very busy year. Our Public Works crews have been preparing our streets for repaving with curb and sidewalk repair. The streets being repaved by the city this year are Tremont Ave, Chalfonte Ct, Waterworks Rd, Miami Pkwy, Burney Ln, and Kyles Ln. Additionally, the state repaved Fort Thomas Ave and will finish the last section next month. I appreciate the patience that the community has shown to the road crews during all the disruption.

We are conducting a detailed city-wide road analysis this year to provide more data to determine which roads will be selected for next year and beyond. It will be a great tool for the staff to utilize for many years. As we finish out summer and move into fall and winter, please remind your friends and family to operate bikes and scooters in a safe manner.

It's important to pay attention to pedestrians and motorists as they both may have trouble seeing or hearing you pass them.

We will also be sending information out to golf cart owners reminding them of the rules for legally and safely operating golf carts on city roads. One recent concern was ensuring the use of child seats for infants and toddlers. Make sure you are keeping your family and friends safe as you travel around town and enjoy all the amenities we have available.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the remaining events we have this year, especially at the Merchants and Music Festival. As always, please reach out to me with suggestions or comments regarding city operations (mkremer@ftthomas.org).



POLICE DEPARTMENT

FTPD is hiring! Lieutenant Adam Noe has retired after 22 years of service. We wish him well in his future endeavors. His departure has given us a vacancy within the police department, and we are now hiring for the position of police recruit. In addition to a new police recruit, we are also adding an SRO.

The end of summer marks the return of our school year, and the accompanying traffic flow changes. This is always a good time to remind everyone to watch out for one another. We have a wide variety of transportation devices here in Fort Thomas, in addition to pedestrian traffic. Please always use common sense, drive safely, follow all traffic laws, and look out for other people.

Please keep your valuables safe. Our region has been experiencing vehicle thefts, and thefts from vehicles for the past few months. Do not leave valuables in your car if possible.

Lock your doors. If you must leave something in your car, lock it in the trunk or stow it under a seat out of sight. If you see something suspicious or witness a crime, please call dispatch right away. Dispatch is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Campbell County Dispatch: 911 for emergencies, 859.292.3622 for non-emergencies.

Finally, the police department has completed our 4-year re-accreditation process, including an onsite inspection. Everything went very well with the reaccreditation. Some of the benefits of accreditation include an independent evaluation, promoting accountability, reducing liability, staying current with best practices, and ensuring all policies and procedures are up to date with state and federal laws. Lieutenant Nathan Day, Lieutenant Adam Noe, and Officer Sean Donelan made up our accreditation team. This will be our 29th year as a state accredited law enforcement agency.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lithium-ion batteries and other types of batteries present fire dangers if community residents don't follow product instructions when using, storing, or disposing of them. You should store Lithium-ion batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32 degrees F or above 105 degrees F.

Stop using lithium-ion batteries if you notice an odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking,

or odd noises. Don't put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycle them at a local battery recycling location. Store spare lithium-ion batteries away from anything that can burn. Don't put lithium-ion batteries in direct sunlight or keep them in hot cars. This is a fire risk.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the Fort Thomas FD at 859-441-8393.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Pumpkin Walk returns this year on Friday, October 27 at 6pm. Starting at the Shelter 3 Basketball courts, come and walk among hundreds and hundreds of illuminated jack-o-lanterns in Tower Park. Interested in helping or to submit a pumpkin for the contest? Contact Kat Disney at kdisney@ftthomas.org.



Veterans Day will be taking place on Saturday, November 11 at 11am at the Charters of Freedom. This year, we will be honoring everyone who has participated in the veteran banner program and be handing the banners back to the veterans and their families.



Our annual Holiday Walk in the Cultural Arts District will be happening on Sunday, December 3! The event will start with a bike ride from the midway district at 4pm and end with our tree lighting at 7:30pm. Come with the whole Family for this Fort Thomas tradition!



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

2023 MERCHANTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

We are excited to be kicking off our 19th season of Merchants & Music this coming September 23 with the songs from the 90s including Sister Hazel, Tonic, and Vertical Horizon headlining our 2023 festival. This will be one of the biggest music festivals to take place in Northern Kentucky.

Our outdoor FREE festival has celebrated the merchants of Northern Kentucky and pairs them with nationally acclaimed recording artists. Shop, eat, and drink your way through our large selection of food trucks, local businesses, and our beer sponsor, West Sixth Brewing. Check out our Merchant Roster tab to see who is coming to party starting at 2pm.

Enjoy fun activities for the entire family in the Kids Zone from 2-7pm at the main Tower Park playground. Featured vendors such as Cincinnati Circus (silks performances), Gabbard Entertainment (face painting), Sheer Perfections (Glitter hair), Maxwell Jumps (Bouncy Houses), and Looney Ballooney (balloon animals) will be offering free entertainment.

Parking for this event is sponsored by KLH Engineering, Highland Plaza, Fort Thomas Plaza, South Hill Professional Center, and Executive Transportation. For more information, check out the Q&A tab at the top of the page.

**CITY OF
FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY**

CITY BUILDING
130 NORTH FORT THOMAS AVENUE
FORT THOMAS, KY 41075

HOURS
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8AM-4:30PM

SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER 8AM-12PM

VISIT FORTTHOMASKY.ORG FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

FOLLOW THE CITY ON INSTAGRAM,
TWITTER, AND FACEBOOK FOR MORE
COMMUNITY UPDATES.

**2023 TAX BILLS DUE
OCTOBER 31ST**

The City Building will be open from 8am to 12pm every Saturday in October for your convenience. We also have a new drop box for payments when we are closed!

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".

**FALL LEAF SCHEDULE
POSTED/ SNOW
REMOVAL INFO**

The 2023 Leaf schedule has been posted to the website.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

The Fort Thomas Farmers' Market will host their holiday markets on November 29, December 6, and 13 from 3pm-7pm in the Mess Hall. Interested in participating as a maker at the Holiday Market? Contact fortthomasfarmersmarket@gmail.com for the application and rules. Christmas will be right around the corner, so start thinking about shopping local this holiday season!

