

# FROM THE FORT NEWSLETTER

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*Pictured: rendering for the  
Vietnam Veteran memorial  
in Tower Park.*

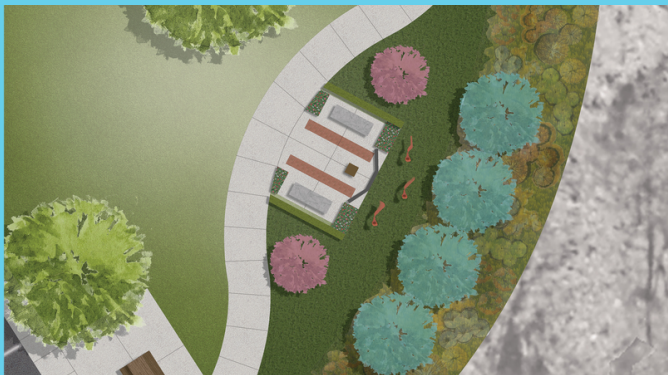
# CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

We are grateful for our community partners, the schools, and community members for their support as we continue to make Fort Thomas a better place to live. There are plenty of changes happening this season with upcoming project dedications and new projects starting as early as next week.

The Campbell County Vietnam Veteran Memorial which is located in Tower Park will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 27th at noon. This was a project started by Ron Allari who is the President of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 88 and partnered with the City of Fort Thomas. This memorial has been constructed to honor and remember the Campbell County Veterans who gave their lives during the Vietnam War. There are 36 names of fallen Campbell County veterans on the memorial. Please join us for the ribbon cutting and contact Ron Allari [ron.allari@gmail.com](mailto:ron.allari@gmail.com) to find out ways to support the memorial project.

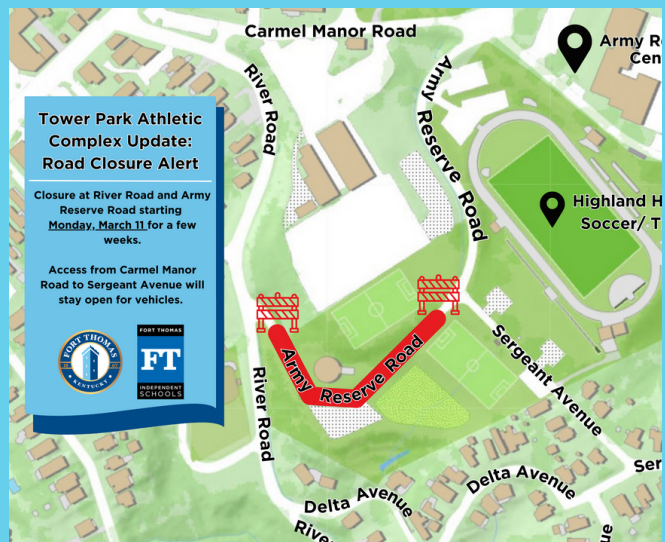
The City of Fort Thomas has been awarded the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the proposed Highland Hills Park Skate Park. The LWCF grant was awarded for \$125,000 and the project was estimated at \$250,000 when we applied for the grant on May 31 2023. We were asked to present on November 29, 2023 to the grant board along with 30 other cities who made a final cut. Tom Meyn was instrumental in this process and our joint presentation really set this project and the city apart from others around the state.

*Pictured: Aerial rendering of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial.*



Our work with Fort Thomas Independent Schools to renovate the Tower Park Athletic Complex is off to a very positive start. Beginning Monday, March 11th, access to Army Reserve Road from River Road will be closed for several weeks. To access Sergeant Avenue, please use Carmel Manor Road by the Army Reserve Center, as it will be open the entire time that access from River Road is closed.

We will continue providing information and updates on the city's website and our social media platforms along with the school district. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [mkremer@ftthomas.org](mailto:mkremer@ftthomas.org)





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

As nature wakes up and spring blossoms bloom, let's not forget to keep our homes and surroundings safe from fire hazards. Here are some essential tips to ensure a fire-safe spring season:

**Check Your Smoke Alarms:** Test smoke alarms to ensure they're working properly. Replace batteries if needed, and make sure you have alarms installed on every level of your home, including inside and outside sleeping areas.

**Clear Out Dry Brush and Debris:** Spring often brings gusty winds and dry conditions. Clear dry leaves, brush, and debris from around your home, creating a defensible space to prevent the spread of fire.

**Properly Dispose of Yard Waste:** Don't burn yard waste during windy or dry conditions. Instead, compost or dispose of it properly according to local regulations. Burning yard waste can quickly escalate into a dangerous wildfire.

**Be Cautious with Outdoor Fires:** If you plan to have a fire pit or grill outdoors, ensure it's placed on a non-flammable surface and away from any structures or overhanging branches.

Always have a water source nearby, and never leave the fire unattended.

**Stay Vigilant When Cooking:** With springtime comes more outdoor cooking. Whether you're grilling or cooking indoors, never leave cooking unattended, and keep flammable items away from heat sources.

**Educate Your Family:** Teach your loved ones about fire safety, including how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Make sure everyone knows the escape routes and designated meeting points.

**Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Assemble an emergency kit with essentials like water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, flashlights, and batteries. Keep it easily accessible in case of evacuation.

**Stay Informed:** Stay updated on local fire conditions and regulations. Follow guidelines provided by fire departments and authorities, especially during high fire-risk periods.

Let's embrace the beauty of spring while keeping our homes and communities safe from the threat of fire. Together, we can ensure a brighter and safer season for all! #SpringSafety #FirePrevention

# GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In an effort to make City of Fort Thomas streets safe from overhanging limbs and shrubs, the City has begun an effort to trim impediments adversely affecting pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

The City has been made aware of a number of incidents of delivery vehicles, box trucks, construction vehicles and the like, hitting branches overhanging roadways and parking areas. We have also seen areas that impede pedestrian traffic on sidewalks.

Therefore, City crews will trim at approx. 15 ft high for roadways and 96 – 120 inches for sidewalks. The height and width will be determined by sizes of trees/shrubs as well as overall growth, so some areas may be slightly higher.

Residents that own trees that are not in the ROW but have branches that extend into the ROW and cause this type of interference with vehicles and pedestrians are certainly urged to cut themselves or hire contractor if they so desire.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 23**



The Easter Egg hunt returns on March 23 at Tower Park. Get there early for pictures with the Easter bunny at 10:30am followed by the hunt at noon. It is all taking place at the Mess Hall in Tower Park.

**April 5**



The highly anticipated book release of "From Peach Orchard to Park" will be available for sale starting April 5. This weekend will also be the season opening of the Fort Thomas Museum

**April 21**



Earth Day is taking place on April 21 from 12-4pm at the Fort Thomas Mess Hall. Check all the amazing activities taking place and learn more about our amazing planet. Additional information can be found at [FTFC.org](http://FTFC.org) and on the Fort Thomas Forest Conservancy Facebook page.

**May 19**



The Sam Scott Celebration of life Slow Ride will be kicking into gear on May 19. Help us in remembering Sam and his love for biking. We will be kicking off from Tower Park shelter 1 and will bike through town.



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN

## FORT THOMAS FLORIST CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

Congratulations to our very own Fort Thomas Florist who will be celebrating 90 years of serving the Fort Thomas and NKY Community this year! They are the longest serving Fort Thomas based business and has stuck to their "roots" right on South Grand Avenue.

We are blessed to have you as a community partner and to have such an amazing group of individuals who work to make Fort Thomas a beautiful place to live!

