

Annual Report

1959 ACTIVITIES

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THE CITY OF
FORT THOMAS
KENTUCKY

AN ACCOUNTING FOR YOUR MUNICIPAL FINANCES

RECEIPTS

TAXES (City Portion 43.29%)*		
	\$	%
Real Estate	\$348,389	78.86
Auto	23,000	5.21
Franchise	21,027	4.76
Insurance	8,886	2.01
Business Stock & Fixtures ..	4,395	.99
**Delinquent	12,547	2.84
TOTAL TAXES	\$418,244	94.67

*(School Portion \$519,412 - 56.71%)

** (School Portion \$16,438)

OTHER INCOME

Police Court Fines & Costs .. \$	8,860	2.00
Garbage & Radio Contracts ..	3,628	.82
Building Permits	3,175	.72
Licenses	2,365	.54
Rentals	740	.17
Bus Mileage Tax	258	.06
Phone Booth Commission	353	.08
Miscellaneous	4,166	.94
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 23,545	5.33
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME..	\$441,789	100.00
Reserve from 1958	54,944	
GRAND TOTAL	\$496,733	

EXPENSES

OPERATING

	\$	%
Police Dept.	\$ 88,011	18.93
Waste Collect'n & Disposal..	73,552	15.82
Fire Dept.	57,439	12.36
Street Maintenance	45,070	9.70
General Expense	39,489	8.50
Street Lighting	18,498	3.98
Parks & Playgrounds	12,400	2.67
Sanitary Sewer Mainten'ce ..	8,079	1.74
Engineering	7,017	1.51
City Building Maintenance ..	5,640	1.21
Civil Defense	605	.13
Welfare	500	.11
TOTAL OPERATING	\$356,300	76.66

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Highland Hills Park	\$ 25,528	5.49
North Park	8,877	1.91
South Park—V. A. Land	500	.11
Moyer Field Lights	2,135	.46
Fire Truck	21,022	4.52
Police Ad'dn. City Bldg.	17,749	3.82
Public Works Equipment	6,800	1.46
Sanitary Sewer Constr.	19,929	4.29
Storm Sewer Constr.	5,927	1.28
TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$108,467	23.34
TOTAL 1959 EXPENSE	464,767	100.00
Reserves for Improvements	31,966	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$496,733	

TAX POLICY

It is the Policy of the Board of Council to assess all property in the City on April 1 subject to taxation. The County Tax Commissioner and City Assessor make a joint appraisal, which is a scientific calculation of the value of land and improvements, based on size, classification, age and construction. Then levy the lowest tax rate which will produce the funds necessary to provide the services which we believe the majority of our citizens want and expect.

We collect these taxes as near to 100% as possible, using every legal means at our command. This we believe to be our obligation in all fairness.

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION

This addition was completed in 1959. The cafeteria, kitchen, and manual training wing was ready for occupancy when school opened in the fall. The north wing, comprising the new Home Economics Dept., Library addition, laboratories, and class rooms, was ready for occupancy after the Christmas holidays. The total cost was \$382,570.

GROWTH IN 1959

57 New Lots Platted.
82 New Families in new homes and apartments.
1553 Lin. Ft. new Street Constructed.
928 Lin. Ft. new Storm Sewers Con.
4532 Lin. Ft. new Sanitary Sewers Constructed.
3 Fire Hydrants added.
10 Street Lights added.
Zoning Ordinance revised in October. "Performance Standards" added.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

11 cases—8 granted—3 denied.

"Pay As You Go . . . No Bonded Debt"

PROTECTION FROM FIRE

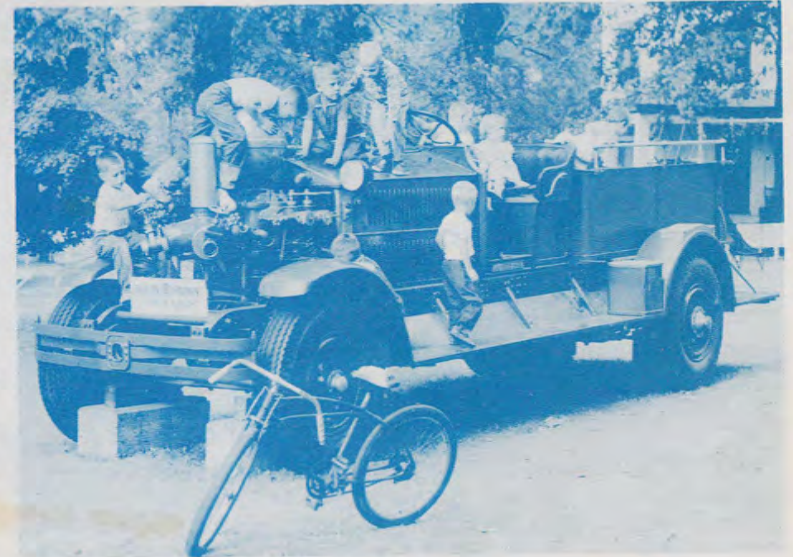
9 Regulars — 20 Volunteers — \$57,439 — \$3.66 per capita
 2 Fire Trucks — 1 Ambulance



New Peter Pirsch Fire Truck Delivered July, 1959
 750 gallon pumper—hose & ladder truck
 Cost \$21,022

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 Regular Fireman was added to the Department, new equipment was purchased to maintain our present favorable insurance rating. The City hired two men (1 addition—1 replacement) formerly with the Cincinnati Salvage Corps which was disbanded in July, 1959.



Old 1929 Ahrens-Fox — "Retired to pasture."
 Placed in the City Building yard with a sign on it:
 "HOP ON, JUNIOR FIREMEN" . . . and they DID.

FIRE ALARMS

	1958	1959
Automotive	22	11
Buildings	76	62
Grass etc.	21	13
False Alarms	1	9
Lock Outs	12	11
Miscellaneous	7	9
TOTAL:	139	115
Loss on Buildings	\$22,200	\$25,930
Loss on Contents	16,078	12,181
Loss on Automotive	2,040	415
TOTAL LOSS	\$40,318	\$38,526
Inspections	456	313
Ambulance Runs	192	196

FIRE PREVENTION

A representative of an Insurance Company cooperated with the Fire Department in conducting the annual fire prevention campaign in the schools in October.

We have been expanding our fire prevention activities in recent years. More inspections are made. 17 Fire Escapes have been added this year and 5 more are on order. 6 unsafe apartments have been vacated.

TRAINING

Three Regular Firemen attended the Annual State Fire Training School in Lexington and there have been six sessions of "In Service" Training for all regulars and volunteers. An intensive course is scheduled for January, 1960.

"The Protection of Life and Property"

PROTECTION BY LAW

13 Regular — 10 Special Police — \$88,011 — \$5.58 per capita
 3 Radio-Radar Equipped Cruisers — 154,084 miles

The new Police Department addition to the City Building provided much needed facilities for this growing and important part of City Government—Cost \$17,749.



Ft. Thomas Police attended an In-Service training school in Southgate and Chief Quehl attended a Traffic Court Conference at the University of Louisville.



ACTIVITIES

	1958	1959
Arrests	242	253
Trials	192	195
Convictions	181	171
Continuations	40	33
Dismissed	5	8
Juvenile Court	38	45
Grand Jury	5	2
Open Docket	6	16
Other Disposition	4	9
Fines & Costs	\$7429	\$8205
Traffic Tags	627	476
Auto Accidents	163	164
Traffic Deaths	1	0
Traffic Injuries	69	63
Prisoners' Meals	424	394



Chief of Police Richard H. Quehl finger prints a solicitor before issuing a permit. This is to protect the citizens of Fort Thomas from solicitors with bad records.

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS

	1958	1959
Homicide	1	0
Robbery	1	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1
Other Assault	0	1
Burglary	0	1
Auto Larceny	9	6
Other Larceny	4	4
Stolen Property	2	6
Weapons—Possession	1	0
Sex Offenses	1	2
Drunkenness	31	31
Drunk Driving	32	33
Disorderly Conduct	12	6
Vagrancy	3	1
Road Laws	236	218
Parking	274	177
Motor Vehicle Laws	26	37
Other Offenses	19	44
Breach of Peace	6	19
TOTAL:	658	587



The newest in portable tape recorders just purchased for interviews. An investigator talks with the Chief in his new office. The recorder can be taken out to the scene of an accident or crime.

“Preservation of Law and Order”

PUBLIC WORKS

22 MEN — TOTAL COST \$138,567

Waste Collection and Disposal \$73,552 - \$4.66 per capita — Street Maintenance \$45,070 - \$2.86 per capita
Sanitary Sewer Maintenance \$8,079 - \$0.51 per capita — Park & Playground & Bldg. Maintenance \$11,886

The Public Works Department is responsible for street maintenance and cleaning (42.99 miles), sanitary and storm sewer maintenance (80.168 miles), Waste Collection and Disposal (1573 loads), Traffic Signs, Park and Playground Maintenance (107.4 acres), and City Building maintenance. All are under one foreman and are assigned to duties each day according to need, season and weather conditions. Waste collection and disposal is the only operation which is carried on 5 days a week—52 weeks a year. Sanitary Sewer stoppages have top priority for obvious sanitary and health reasons. In the winter time, slippery streets have the next priority. In the summer, parks, playgrounds and street maintenance are principal activities. Leaf collection, with two vacuum units, is a heavy task for October and November. These men have to be "Jacks of all trades," oft times doing several things in one day.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

KNEELING: Wm. Fuller, D. Caywood, A. Purnell, G. Wickemeyer, F. Kammerer, Jr., Wm. Cunningham, J. McFeena.
STANDING: W. H. McLane, Foreman; A. DeWald, B. Strange, F. Kammerer, Sr., A. DeJarnette, C. Johnson, H. Purnell, Sr., B. Fuller, C. Boden, H. Purnell, R. Groh, Wm. Risch, D. Detisch, Wm. Kemper, E. Merrill, J. C. Deinlein, Foreman.

SIDEWALK INSPECTION - CURBS

The city wide systematic sidewalk inspection started in 1958, was continued in 1959. We hope to complete this program in 1960-61. Trees which have to be removed because they are damaging walks and curbs are removed by the city. Stumps are removed with the new stump cutter. Curbs should be rebuilt on many of the older streets. This can be done by assessment or by private contract. Such improvements greatly enhance the appearance of the neighborhood.

GRAND AVENUE

Carothers Road, Newport to S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Federal-State project — four lane—center line divider—sidewalks—plans completed in May. Right of way easements to be acquired by Cities. Court action required. Project expected to start in 1960.



NEW PAN SCRAPER - TRACTOR ATTACHMENT
Added to Sanitary Land Fill Garbage Disposal

NEW LEAF VACUUM
Built by City as an attachment to brush chipper.

WASTE COLLECTION CREWS

"Service Is Our Most Important Product"

RECREATION - PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Maintenance \$12,400 - \$0.79 per capita
Improvements \$37,040 - \$2.34 per capita

HIGHLAND HILLS PARK

Recreation in Ft. Thomas moved forward in 1959 with the construction of a three tennis court, multi-purpose paved, lighted and fenced play area in Highland Hills Park. It was opened Aug. 11 with an exhibition tennis match, square dance and dancing, to the music of Deke Mofett's orchestra. The courts were used extensively the remainder of the season for tennis, except for two nights a week when it was used for dances. It will be flooded for ice skating in winter.

SWIM CLUB

The Fort Thomas Swim Club Inc. was formed by a group of citizens interested in providing this long needed recreation in our city. The Board of Council granted an option to sell about 4 acres of unimproved land on James Ave., adjoining the Moyer School, as a site for the pool. The Club will share the cost of a roadway from Highland Ave., which will provide a previously planned second entrance to Highland Hills Park; into the valley area at the new tennis courts. It is good planning to have the pool centrally located adjoining the Park and School. This site has the advantage of plenty of room for off street parking and will not be close to residences.



Opening of New Tennis Courts, Aug. 11, 1959.

NORTH PARK

North Park was improved with a comfort station, drinking fountain and hydrant. The playfield is the largest in the city. Two back stops and fencing were erected so two ball diamonds could be played on simultaneously. Two more may be installed next year. A beautification program was started by planting shade and ornamental trees around the perimeter of the playfield. Similar planting was done in Highland Hills Park.

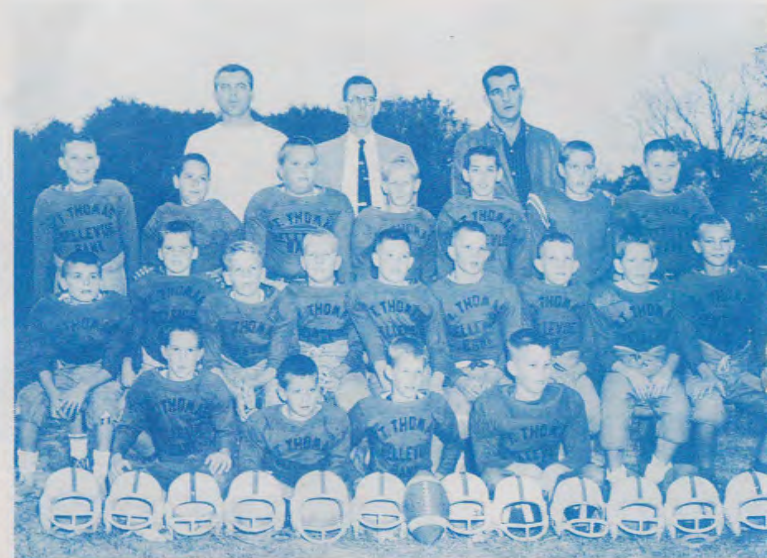
PLAYGROUNDS—CANTEEN

The usual 9 week summer playground program was conducted at the 3 public elementary schools. The Teen-Age Canteen, under the direction of Gordon Jackson, continues to be an important part of the City Recreation program. It is one of the finest anywhere and is self supporting. The Fort Thomas Teen-Age Canteen had a membership of 600, total attendance 27,581—an average of 373.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Junior Baseball League was changed to the "Junior League." It was expanded to include football. A girl's league, the "Powder Puff" and "Lipstick" divisions, was formed for girls of 7th, 8th and 9th grades. There were 215 girls playing on 14 teams. The Football League was made up of 150 boys on 8 teams in two divisions; "A" Division 7th and 8th grade—"B" Division 5th and 6th grade, who played on Saturday mornings. A total of 750 boys played baseball on 48 teams. Approximately 200 adults assisted these boys and girls in this recreation. This volunteer program is financed by public subscription with fields provided by the City and Board of Education, and City maintained.

The Moyer Field flood lights were improved by adding 12 outfield floods at a cost of \$2,123. The field was used on 55 nights for Junior League games.



"B" Division Football Champs



New Girls Division In Parade

"For Your Health and Pleasure"

A DECADE OF PROGRESS 1950 - 1960

A Look Backward, Then — "Go Like 60!"

	10 Years Ago	Change	%	Today
Population	10,970	4,800	43.7	15,770
Number Families	3,195	1,369	42.8	4,564
School Enrollment	1,667	1,221	73.2	2,888
Area - Square Miles.....	5.02	0.41	8.1	5.43
Streets - Miles.....	30.72	12.27	39.9	42.99
Sanitary Sewers - Miles.....	55.81	11.47	20.5	67.28
Fire Hydrants	235	50	21.2	285
Street Lights	420	149	35.4	569
Assessed Valuation	\$20,287,964	\$19,701,491	97.1	\$39,989,455
Budget - Operating	\$ 172,771	\$ 194,029	112.3	\$ 366,800
Tax Rate	\$ 2.17	\$ 0.14	6.4	\$ 2.31
Bonded Debt	\$ 34,000			None



1950

New Johnson School..... \$163,064
 New Mack Fire Truck..... \$ 17,294
 Community Chest - started

1951

Fort Thomas - Newport Highway opened as gravel surface, Inverness to Park Avenue.

1952

Police Radar purchased.
 Scientific Tax Reassessment.
 Memorial Parkway extended, Inverness to Elmwood Place.

1953

Memorial Parkway completed \$685,000
 Incinerator closed - landfill started.
 City Bonded Debt paid.
 Annexation of 171.8 acres.
 Model Traffic Ordinance adopted.
 U. L. H. & P. sells water system.

1954

Moyer School Addition..... \$ 110,235
 St. Luke Hospital opened..... \$2,500,000
 New High School Gym built..... \$ 390,746
 Sanitation District Sewage Disposal.

1955

Woodfill School Addition..... \$170,365
 Campbell County Water District organized.

1956

Cadillac Ambulance purchased..... \$8,000
 Highland Hills Park - Picnic facilities expanded by Lions Club.

1957

North Pk.-Rossford Ave. purchased.... \$41,000
 Highland Hills Park drive extended.... 7,834

1958

North Pk. Playfield graded, seeded.... \$14,653
 Public Works Garage 40x50 built..... \$ 8,532
 Storrs Tract 9.68 Ac. donated to City.
 300,000 gallon water tank - North End.

1959

Police addition to City Building constructed \$ 17,749
 North Park comfort station - ball field, back stops and trees..... 8,877
 Moyer Field Flood Light - Outfield Addition 2,123
 Highland Hills Park Tennis Court Multi-purpose play area..... 25,528
 V. A. Excess Land - 3.4 Ac. acquired.. 500
 Ft. Thomas Swim Club organized.
 Highlands High School Addition..... 382,570
 Moock Road - 18" Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction \$ 18,770

"Our Goal — Conservative Progress with Clean, Honest, Efficient, Economical, Government"

GOVERNMENT

"OUR CITY"



CITY BUILDING - 130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue

BOARD OF COUNCIL

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 M. D. Thomas.....Public Works Inspector
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 Richard H. Quehl.....Police Chief
 Ray W. Tatman.....Fire Chief
 B. X. Sadosky.....Playground Superintendent
 Clem R. Fennell.....Civil Defense Director

Incorporated (District of Highlands) February 1867
 Named after Army Post Now Fort Thomas V. A. Hospital
 Area 5.43 sq. miles Elevation (sea level datum) 450 - 850
 Estimated Population December 31, 1959 - 15,770 - 4,564 families
 Fifth Largest City in Cincinnati Metropolitan Area.
 Streets - Miles improved 42.99 Number of Streets 180
 Sanitary Sewers 67.285 miles Storm Sewers 12.883 miles
 Park and Playgrounds 108 acres - 8 ball fields - 3 tennis courts.
 School - Public 3 Elementary - 1 High School - 21.91 Ac.
 Schools - Parochial 2 Elementary - 1 High School - 11.78 Ac.
 Churches - Protestant 7 Roman Catholic 2

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