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**Reflecting on the past, embracing the future.**

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# WELCOME

## Welcome to the City of Florence, where a bustling big city meets small-town charm!

**Established in 1830 and incorporated in 1860, Florence is home to 32,618 residents — the 8th largest city in the Commonwealth.**

Florence is a connected community that provides a variety of services and experiences to our residents, 2,400 businesses, thousands of annual visitors, and approximately 250 dedicated employees.

Whether you are a newcomer or a long-time resident, this guide will help you discover the best our community has to offer. From local events to hidden gems, we have you covered.

This guide is full of great ideas and helpful information for Florence residents. Read about places to go and things to do and get all the details about our popular annual events, including the Easter Event, Independence Day Celebration, Halloween Night Out, and Christmas Tree Lighting — just to name a few.

Find information on our city departments, amenities, and services we offer. Discover opportunities to participate and become involved in your community.

**There is truly something for everyone, and we hope you enjoy all the information contained herein.**

# A Word from Mayor Aubuchon



Mayor Julie M. Aubuchon & Family

Be sure to check out the events pages for city programs and events. We are excited about all the new events we have added this year!

**As Mayor of Northern Kentucky's leading city for shopping, entertainment, business, and diverse housing options, it is my pleasure to share with you the 2024 Florence Community Guide. Reflecting on my first year as your Mayor, it has been a remarkable journey.**

As you read through this publication, I encourage you to reflect our achievements and events of the past year, along with the dedication of our city departments, and appreciate why I have always called Florence my home.

As a mother, I love our family-friendly community. I enjoy the amenities our city has to offer including nearly 170 acres of green space and parks, a professional baseball team in the Florence Y'all, World of Golf, and our Florence Aquatic Center. There is something for everyone in Florence. Spending 24 years as a public servant, first as a city council member and now as your Mayor, I am proud of our top-notch services, including police and fire protection, snow removal, street maintenance, and leaf collection.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, I am excited about the possibilities that lie before us. Florence City Council and I will continue to prioritize the well-being of our residents, focus on initiatives to strengthen our local businesses, and provide a sense of safety and security. This community guide serves as a roadmap for the year ahead, providing you with valuable information and resources to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of our community. I encourage you to actively engage, share your ideas, and work together to make Florence an even better place to live.

**I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Mayor. It is an honor and I look forward to continuing to serve our great community.**

**I appreciate each one of you for being the heart and soul of our community, and wish you a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.**

Sincerely,

**Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Mayor**

# FLORENCE AT A GLANCE

Nestled in the heart of Northern Kentucky, the City of Florence is a vibrant and dynamic community that has much to offer. Whether you're a resident, a visitor, or considering making Florence your home, this snapshot of our city will give you a glimpse into what makes us unique.



## Location and Accessibility

Florence is strategically positioned at the intersection of major highways, including I-75 and I-71, making it a hub for transportation and commerce in the region. With Cincinnati, Ohio, just a short drive away and the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport nearby, we enjoy easy access to major metropolitan areas.



## Economic Prosperity

Our city is thriving with a robust economy. We are committed to fostering economic growth, and Florence boasts high occupancy rates across all business sectors – with numerous new projects fueling capital investment. Our quarterly development reports provide insights into our ongoing economic success.



## Community Spirit

The community spirit in Florence is truly special. Residents come together throughout the year to celebrate our city's rich history and bright future with a variety of events, including festivals, parades, and cultural gatherings. Our Administration and Public Services Departments play pivotal roles in making sure these events run smoothly.



## Safety and Security

The Florence Police Department has been dedicated to serving and protecting our community since 1958. We've had a remarkable year of community engagement, growth, and significant achievement, ensuring Florence remains a safe and secure place to live and work. In addition, the Florence Fire/EMS Department plays a crucial role in safeguarding our community, responding to emergencies, and providing essential fire prevention services.



## Full-Service city

Florence is proud to be a full-service city, offering its residents a comprehensive range of municipal services. Our Public Services Department is responsible for managing water, sewer, and storm sewer utilities, street maintenance, snow plowing, fleet maintenance, parks management, code enforcement, and project oversight. Being one of the few remaining full-service cities, we are dedicated to delivering top-notch services to our residents.



## Quality of Life

With a focus on providing excellent human services and preserving public peace, Florence offers a high quality of life to its residents. We are committed to enhancing the well-being of our community members, and we look forward to a future filled with prosperity and growth.



## EXPLORE FLORENCE!

Florence is a city of opportunities and a place where community and commerce thrive. Explore and experience the warmth and vibrancy that make Florence a unique and welcoming place to call home.

# Meet Your Elected Officials

The Mayor serves as the city's chief executive officer, while the Florence City Council acts as the legislative body. Together, their duty involves formulating and modifying city policies through the enactment of Ordinances, Municipal Orders and Resolutions.

The Mayor and Florence City Council are elected on a non-partisan basis. The Mayor is elected every four years and city council is elected every two years.

For information pertaining to Ordinances, Municipal Orders, Resolutions, Florence City Council Agendas and Minutes, Open Records, Boards, Commissions, and advisory committees, contact Melissa Kramer, City Clerk, at [melissa.kramer@florence-ky.gov](mailto:melissa.kramer@florence-ky.gov)

## AGENDAS & MINUTES



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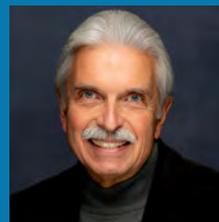
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# CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Florence operates under a Mayor/Council form of government, with the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer and six council members serving as the legislative body.

**Regular meetings provide a unique opportunity for community members to stay informed and engaged in the decisions that shape our city. Special meetings may be called as needed and will be announced as prescribed by law within twenty-four hours. All council meetings are open to the public.**

Regular meetings of the Florence City Council occur on the first and third Tuesdays (Caucus Meetings) and the second and fourth Tuesdays (Business Meetings) of each month. Regular meetings begin at 6:00pm at the Florence Government Center Council Chamber, 8100 Ewing Blvd., Florence, Kentucky.

Agendas and Minutes of the Florence City Council meetings are posted via the City of Florence website under City Council – Agendas & Minutes. Meeting minutes for business and special meetings are posted once the minutes are approved by Florence City Council. Agendas are posted twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

Those who cannot make it to Florence City Council meetings in person can still stay connected with the proceedings. Council meetings are live-streamed on the city's official YouTube channel, allowing you to tune in from the comfort of your home. Additionally, Spectrum Cable Subscribers can watch on Channel 422, and Altafiber subscribers on Channel 822.

**Mark your calendar for every Tuesday at 6:00pm and stay informed.**



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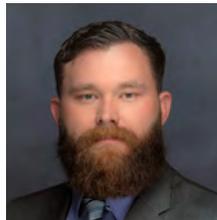


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# 2023 RECAP

## What a year!

From Presidents' Day to Christmas, 2023 was packed with memorable events bringing our community together to celebrate, honor, and remember. We have provided a few highlights of our events this year through stunning photos.



Independence Day Celebration



Saluting our Veterans



Christmas Tree Lighting



Presidents' Day Display



Arbor Day



Easter Event



Spooky Halloween Night Out



National Night Out



Youth in Government



Sweet Christmas!

We can't wait to see what 2024 has in store!



Summer Sounds Concert Series



Revving Up at the Car Show



Honoring Heroes on Memorial Day



Remembering 9/11

# Economic development is the cornerstone of any growing and active community.

**The City of Florence is committed to developing economic growth, creating opportunities, and enhancing the quality of life for our residents. As we look back on 2023 and ahead to 2024, our economic development activities have been nothing short of noteworthy.**

In the past year, the City of Florence hosted 19 ribbon-cutting ceremonies, marking the culmination of projects that represent over \$300 million in new capital investment. This is a testament to the active business community we have developed within our city. Additionally, we currently have over \$400 million in new capital investment either under construction or in the pipeline, promising a future of continued economic growth and prosperity.

The City of Florence boasts some of the highest occupancy rates in the region across all business sectors, including commercial, office, and industrial. This remarkable achievement reflects the robust and dynamic business climate within our community, making Florence an ideal destination for entrepreneurs, investors, and businesses looking for growth opportunities.

In 2023, we achieved significant milestones, and we are poised to continue this momentum into 2024. Our commitment to economic development is not just a promise; it is the driving force that ensures the well-being and progress of the City of Florence. We invite you to explore the economic vitality and opportunities that our community has to offer, and we look forward to a future filled with prosperity and growth.

**Dig deeper by scanning the QR code below to review our Quarterly Development Report, published each quarter.**



Stay tuned for more updates on economic development accomplishments and activities in the coming year!



**"Groundbreaking  
2023 Moments"**  
for a few of Florence's  
newest businesses.

# Pawsitively Perfect

## SALON & BOUTIQUE



Pawsitively Perfect Salon & Boutique



Freddy's



Easterseals Redwood



Shelter Insurance



Hilton Garden Inn



DunkinGo



Freedom Brewery



Boot Barn



Ford's Garage



The Administration Department is dedicated to our community's growth and well-being. The department is a pillar of support for the city, overseeing critical responsibilities that contribute to our city's prosperity and smooth operation.

## DEPARTMENT STATS

**DIRECTOR:** Joshua J. Hunt

**CAREER PERSONNEL:** 7

### STATS:

- City Events Held - 21
- Ribbon Cuttings - 19
- Number of Rentals - 339
- Risk Management Claims - 98
- Open Records Request – 493
- Legislation Passed - 75
- Annual Documents Destruction – 148.82 cubic feet paper files/ 45.5 gb digital

## CONTACT US



Throughout the year, our department showcased its ongoing commitment to the city's economic development, official record-keeping, risk management, and numerous other key functions.

As the main support division for the Mayor and Florence City Council, the department plays a pivotal role in ensuring the city's day-to-day operations run seamlessly. Scope of responsibilities include:

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Working diligently to advance economic growth within our community, nurture local businesses, and promote economic opportunities that benefit our residents.
- **CITY CLERK:** Serving as the official custodian of records, managing open records requests, and ensuring compliance with all city records, which are vital to maintaining transparency and accountability.





Administration Department Group

- **CITY EVENTS:** Playing a crucial role in the planning and execution of city events that bring our community together and enrich the lives of our residents.
- **RISK MANAGEMENT:** Safeguarding the city against potential risks and ensuring the well-being of our community is a top priority.
- **HUMAN SERVICES:** The department recently added a Human Services Administrator, underscoring the city's commitment to the welfare of our residents and their quality of life.

**The Administration Department is committed to the well-being and prosperity of the city. As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to preserve public relations, promote economic growth, and protect the well-being of our community.**

# ADMINISTRATION





In 2023, the City of Florence Finance Department once again achieved the remarkable milestone of recognition for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association and received distinguished budget awards from the same organization for the eighteenth consecutive year.

## DEPARTMENT STATS

**DIRECTOR:** Linda Chapman, CFO/HR

**CAREER PERSONNEL:** 7

### STATS:

- 2023 ABC Licenses – 150 renewals/new
- 2023 New Occupational Licenses – 700
- Short Term Rental Licenses – 4

## CONTACT US



**This impressive achievement is a testament to the department's unwavering commitment to excellence and its pivotal role in ensuring the financial stability and prosperity of the city.**

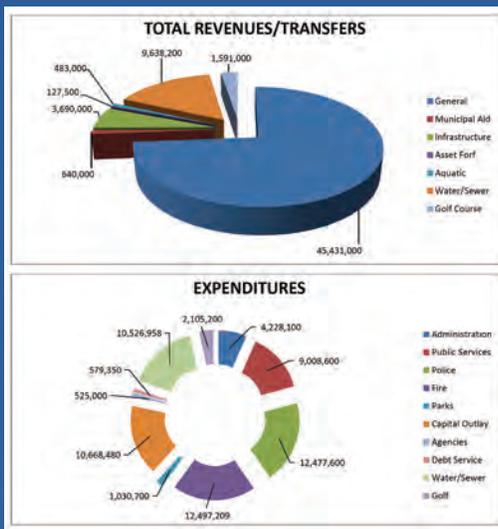
The mission of the Finance Department is to provide timely and accurate accounting and financial support to all city departments and the elected officials of the City of Florence in an efficient and economical manner. This mission serves as the bedrock for the efficient and economical management of the city's finances and plays a critical role in Florence's fiscal health. In turn, this has created a vibrant and prosperous city that continues to attract residents and businesses alike.





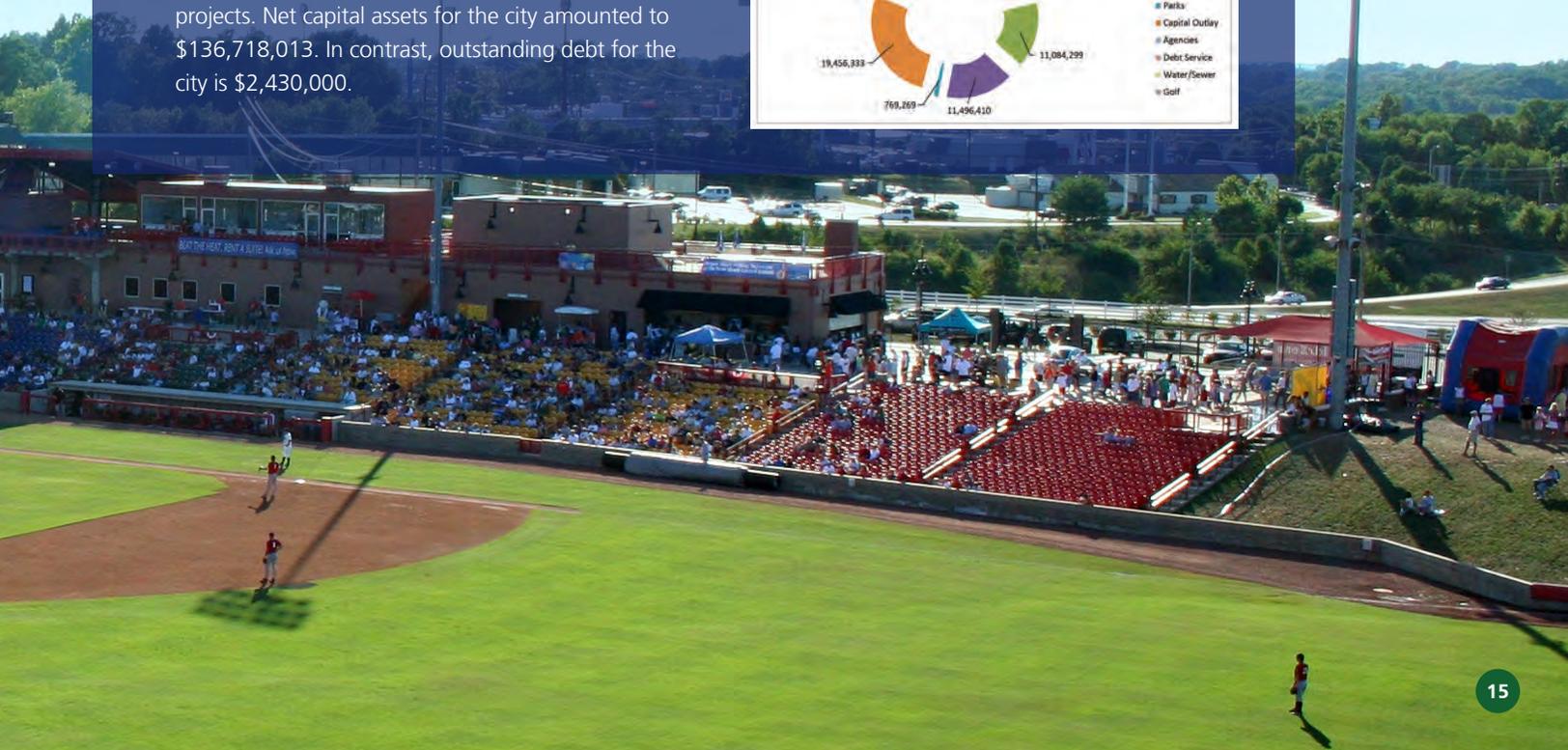
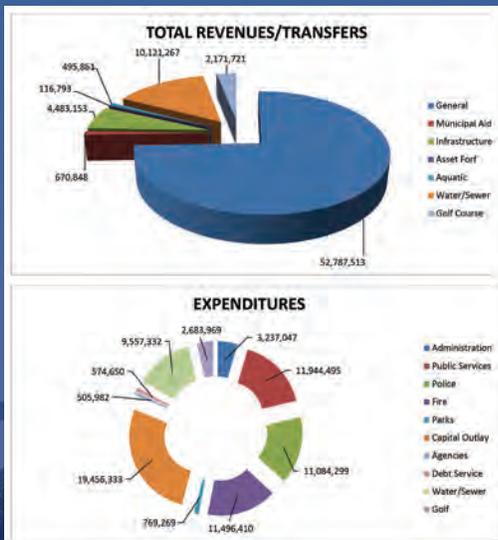
## FY 2023-2024 BUDGET

The projected revenues for FY 2024 represent a 7% decrease under the prior FY 2023 amended revenues. This is mainly due to the decrease in ARPA grant funds. However, the city is still projecting increases in its core revenues. The projected expenditures/expenses represents a 36% decrease under the amended FY 2023 budget. The overall decrease is a result of the reduction of capital outlay in the General fund for city projects. Departmental capital outlay is still budgeted as anticipated. Inflationary concerns continue to top the list of issues facing the city. Staffing issues, as far as attraction and retention, continue to be a major concern. The city has been successful in dealing with budget realities in a positive manner to remain fiscally sound.



## FY 2022-2023 ACTUAL

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the city's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$112,966,349. This was a decrease of \$3,314,285 in comparison to the prior year and mostly contributed to capital outlay expenditures in the General fund. The city's proprietary funds reported a combined ending net position of \$39,868,893. This was an increase of \$7,024,256 in comparison to the prior year. The increases in both funds were due to transfers/capital contributions for various projects. Net capital assets for the city amounted to \$136,718,013. In contrast, outstanding debt for the city is \$2,430,000.





## DEPARTMENT STATS

**FIRE/EMS CHIEF:** Rodney Wren

**CAREER PERSONNEL:** 72

**CIVILIAN ADMIN:** 2

**PART-TIME INSPECTOR:** 1

**FIRE STATIONS:** 3

### RESPONSES:

- Fire Responses – 1,957
- Medical Responses – 8,343
- Total Incidents – 10,300

### CODE ENFORCEMENT/ PUBLIC EDUCATION:

- Fire Inspections – 1,500
- Public Education Events – 50
- Formal Fire Investigations – 15
- Occupational License Inspections – 85

## CONTACT US



Since its founding in 1936, the Florence Fire/EMS Department has been dedicated to the safety and well-being of the Florence community and the Florence Fire Protection District. 2023 marked a year filled with accomplishments, recognition, expansion, and dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

**This year, our firefighters and EMS personnel received well-deserved recognition for their exceptional dedication and bravery.**

At the Northern Kentucky Firefighter's Association Awards Banquet, the department was presented with the Fire Department of the Year Rescue Award for C-Shift's actions at a fire and received the Monica Rath Emergency Medical Services Award to B-Shift Engine 32 and Squad 32 for their treatment of a medical emergency. Members of Florence Fire/EMS were recognized multiple times by St. Elizabeth



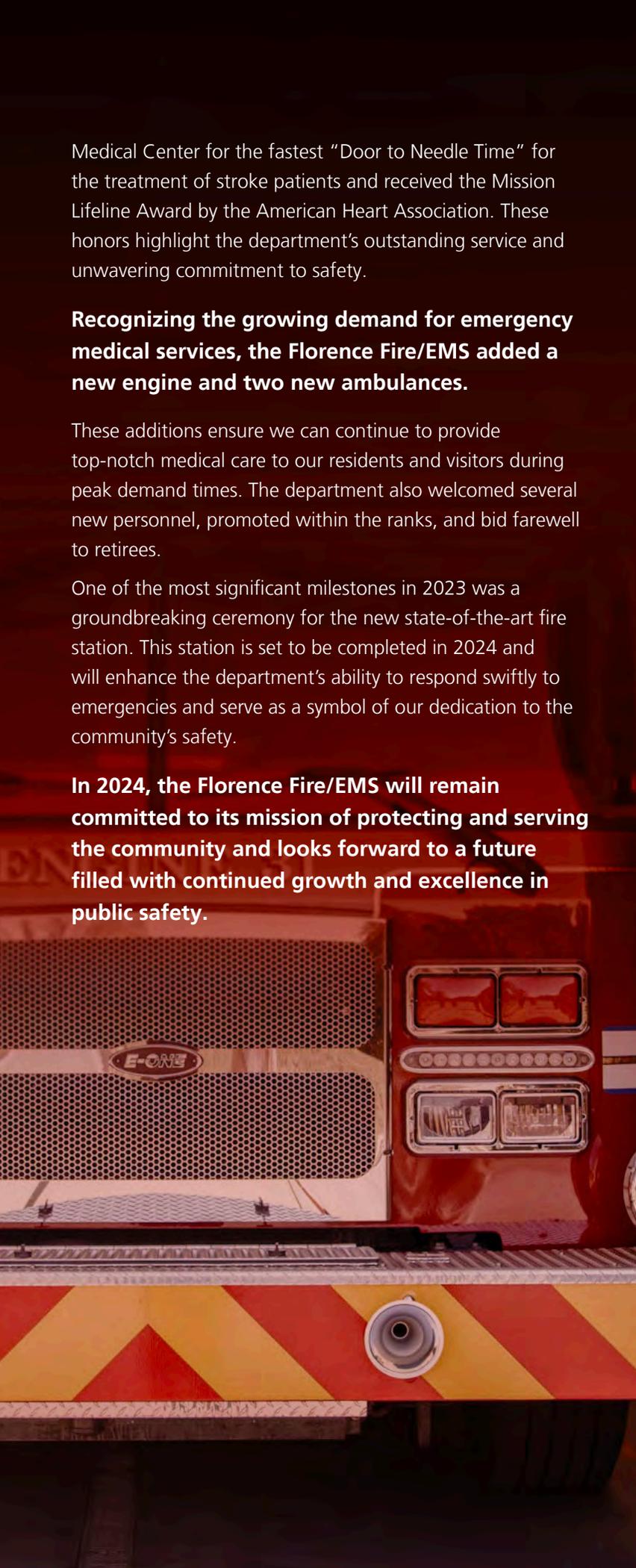
Medical Center for the fastest “Door to Needle Time” for the treatment of stroke patients and received the Mission Lifeline Award by the American Heart Association. These honors highlight the department’s outstanding service and unwavering commitment to safety.

**Recognizing the growing demand for emergency medical services, the Florence Fire/EMS added a new engine and two new ambulances.**

These additions ensure we can continue to provide top-notch medical care to our residents and visitors during peak demand times. The department also welcomed several new personnel, promoted within the ranks, and bid farewell to retirees.

One of the most significant milestones in 2023 was a groundbreaking ceremony for the new state-of-the-art fire station. This station is set to be completed in 2024 and will enhance the department’s ability to respond swiftly to emergencies and serve as a symbol of our dedication to the community’s safety.

**In 2024, the Florence Fire/EMS will remain committed to its mission of protecting and serving the community and looks forward to a future filled with continued growth and excellence in public safety.**



# FIRE/EMS



The Florence Police Department had an exceptional year filled with community engagement, growth, and significant achievement. We have been committed to serving and protecting our community since 1958.

## DEPARTMENT STATS

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Tom Grau

**SWORN OFFICERS:** 73

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL:** 3

**K9 TEAMS:** 4

### SPECIALIZED UNITS:

- K9
- Negotiators
- Evidence
- Fatal Crash Reconstruction Team
- SWAT
- Aviation
- Arson
- Honor Guard

**In 2023, the department not only showcased our commitment to law enforcement but also our dedication to building strong community bonds.**

The Florence Police Department is deeply committed to our community's safety and well-being. To put that commitment into action, the department actively engages in various community events and programs, including Home Depot Safety Days, Stuff the Cruiser charity events, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. A citizen academy is held each spring to provide valuable opportunities for residents to gain insight

## CONTACT US



into the daily operations of our department. Moreover, we are committed to engaging with students, and teaching programs such as DARE each year in our city elementary schools.

**In response to the growing needs of our community, the Florence Police Department expanded its ranks by welcoming several new officers and a K9.**

Their dedication to upholding our values and protecting the citizens of Florence is truly commendable. Our officers continue to improve their skills through rigorous training programs such as hosting the Tri-Tech Forensic Classes and Department of Criminal Justice Training In-Service Class to ensure they remain at the forefront of law enforcement practices.

**We look forward to the future and will remain steadfast in our mission to preserve the public peace and protect the well-being of our community.**



# POLICE



The Florence Public Service Department, comprising of 67 dedicated professionals, is deeply committed to improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors. Guided by the vision of “Better Services, Better Community,” the department is organized into nine key divisions responsible for city infrastructure and services.

## DEPARTMENT STATS

**DIRECTOR:** Eric Hall

**FULL-TIME POSITIONS:** 71

**MAINTAINING:**

- Street Lane Miles: 182
- City Owned Streets: 380
- Street Signs Maintained: 4,423
- Miles of Pedestrian/Bike Paths: 185
- Miles of Water Main: 167
- Water Meters: 9,180
- Miles of Sanitary Sewer Main: 137
- Miles of Storm Sewer Main: 66
- Pump Stations: 6
- Acres by Grounds: 211
- Sq. Ft. of Landscape Beds: 308,535
- Trees: 6,551
- Buildings: 26
- Active Neighborhood Parks : 6
- Sq. Ft. of Buildings: 240,703
- Vehicles Maintained: 204

## CONTACT US



The City of Florence Infrastructure Support Services (I.S.S.) consists of four areas: capital improvement projects, regulatory compliance, asset management, and technology. These components work together to manage the city’s transportation, parks, facilities, water distribution, sewer systems, and stormwater conveyance.

The Community Support Services Division administers city ordinances, property maintenance code, and zoning regulations, handling over 4,000 complaints annually. They also remove over 3,000 illegal signs and conduct about 10 post-site plan reviews, utilizing code enforcement and GIS mapping software.

Public Services Operations is comprised of six divisions, responsible for maintaining city vehicles, properties, roads, parks, sanitary sewer mains, and water mains. They operate a 24/7 on-call system for emergencies such as water main breaks, sewer issues, and snow events, ensuring efficient responses.

**The core values of the Public Services Department include exceptional customer service, professionalism, clean environments, efficient infrastructure management, rapid emergency response, and superior community amenities. Their dedication makes our community a better place to live, work, and play.**



# PUBLIC SERVICES

# ENJOY NATURE!

## From frisbee golf to tranquil walks, our parks have it all!

**Florence is known for its commitment to preserving natural beauty and providing residents with ample opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Whether you are a sports enthusiast or simply love to enjoy the tranquility of nature, our parks have you covered.**

Our parks are beloved community spaces where families can gather and play or simply enjoy the fresh air. They offer an excellent backdrop for socializing and creating lasting memories. As you explore these parks, you will discover that they are places to enjoy nature and hubs for community and recreation, making Florence a fantastic place to live and play.

**All Florence city parks are open daily from dawn to dusk.**



### **Florence/Boone County Skate Park**

**8100 EWING BOULEVARD**

The Florence/Boone County Skate Park is an impressive 22,000-square-foot park designed for in-line skates, rollerblades, and skateboards. One of the most appealing aspects of the Florence/Boone County Skate Park is its thoughtful design, catering to a range of skill levels. The park has areas for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skaters with various challenging elements. Beyond the terrain, the park has a shelter and spectator area for friends and family to watch their favorite skater. There is no fee to enter, so grab your skates or board, invite your friends, and experience the thrill of the only concrete skate park in our area.



### **Florence Community Plaza**

**8100 MALL ROAD**

The Florence Community Plaza Park is dedicated to the public servants who have worked for the citizens of the City of Florence. The land was donated by Tom Green in 2016 for the sole purpose of

servicing the community. As you explore the park, you will find statues paying homage to our Police, Fire/EMS, Public Service, and Administration Departments, each a testament to their selfless service to our city. The brick pavers encircling the park bear the names of retiring public employees, forever etching their legacy into the foundation of our community.



### **Florence Nature Park: A Natural Oasis**

**7200 NATURE PARK DRIVE**

With 15 acres, Florence Nature Park stands out with its picturesque walking trails and the Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House and Nature Park Event Center located off Banklick Street. Acquired by the city in 1986, this park is not only a nature lover's dream, it is also a perfect place for hosting indoor events. The Florence Nature Park has paved walking trails for exploring nature with over 2,800 linear feet of asphalt walkways. The granite animals in the park were donated by the Florence Mall when the park was under construction.

**For indoor events, the Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House and Nature Park Event Center offer a cozy setting for events and rentals, making it an excellent choice for weddings, meetings, and special occasions.** Tours of the facility are conducted by appointment.



## Kentaboo Park

**418 KENTABOO DRIVE**

Opened in 2020, Kentaboo Park is the city's newest active park, boasting a tropical theme. Located on Kentaboo Avenue, the three-acre park features open green space to unwind, a playground for little ones, and a basketball court so you can challenge your friends to a game or test your agility in a four-square match.



## Lincoln Woods Park

**1 CITY PARK DRIVE**

Sports enthusiasts can head to Lincoln Woods Park, where you will find baseball fields, tennis courts, and a basketball court. The land for this park was acquired by the city in 1959 as part of the water treatment plant land acquisition. The 15-acre park was developed in 1972 and is perfect for both organized sports events and casual pick-up games. Additionally, a colorful playground ensures the kids have a blast while you enjoy your favorite sports, and a wooded area with dirt trails keeps you connected to nature.

## Niblack Memorial Park

**7431 U.S. ROUTE 42**

Niblack Memorial Park is a 4.5-acre neighborhood park on the site of the former city building. Providing a large green space and walking trail, the park is conveniently located next to the Deanna and Hugh Skees Senior Activity Center.



## Orleans Park

**8400 ST. LOUIS BOULEVARD**

Acquired in 2002, Fischer Development donated 9.5 acres, and the city purchased an adjoining 1.5 acres to create this active 11-acre park. Situated in the Orleans North subdivision on the west side of the city, the park features a playground, basketball court, green open space for an athletic field, sand volleyball court, asphalt paved walking trail, and walking bridge leading to a sled hill for those winter months! For fishing enthusiasts, bring your pole and catch a few fish in the stocked lake, following the catch-and-release rule.



## South Fork Park

**9200 SOUTH FORK PARK DRIVE**

If you are looking for some outdoor adventure and recreation, South Fork Park is the place to be. South Fork Park is our largest city park, encompassing 42 acres, and is home to our nine-hole disc golf course. The beautifully landscaped sand volleyball courts and well-maintained concrete basketball courts are sure to fill your day with plenty of exercise. For those seeking a more peaceful experience, the walking path features natural wooded and meadow areas. Our pedestrian bridge, which crosses over Gunpowder Creek, is a favorite for family photos. The calm,

picturesque scene, punctuated by the sounds of nature, creates a haven for relaxation and meditation. The mounded earthen sculpture along the walking path is constructed of topsoil and ideal for sledding on snow days!



## Stringtown Park

**7340 BURLINGTON PIKE**

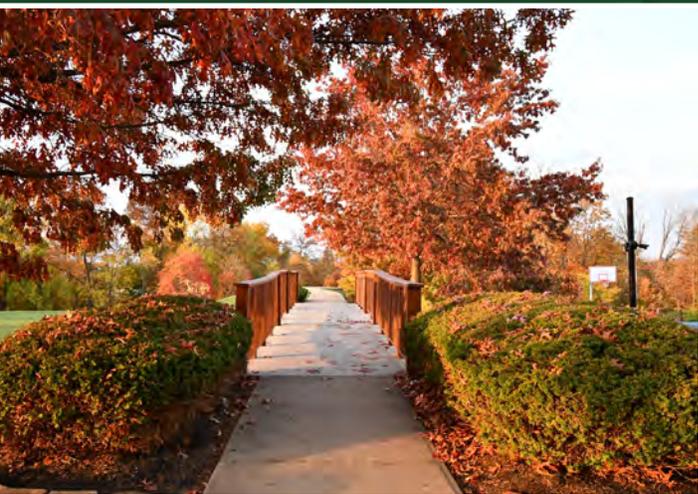
Acquired by the city in 2001, Stringtown Park is a city favorite, featuring basketball courts for shooting hoops, as well as a playground area where kids can burn off energy and parents can relax. The park features an open green space, sand volleyball court, asphalt paved trail, and two concrete cornhole sets.



## Shelter Rentals

The parks in Florence offer park shelter rentals, which can be reserved from March 1 to October 31. With picnic tables, grills, and a beautiful natural backdrop, they're ideal venues for birthday parties, family reunions, and community events. You can host a fantastic outdoor gathering at one of our city's beautiful parks.

**Please call (859) 647-5441 to reserve a park shelter.**

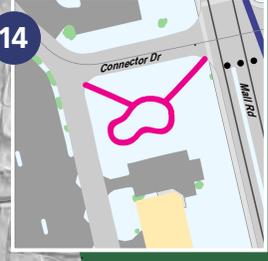
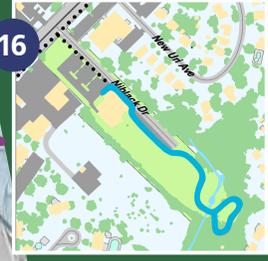
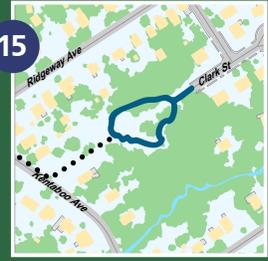
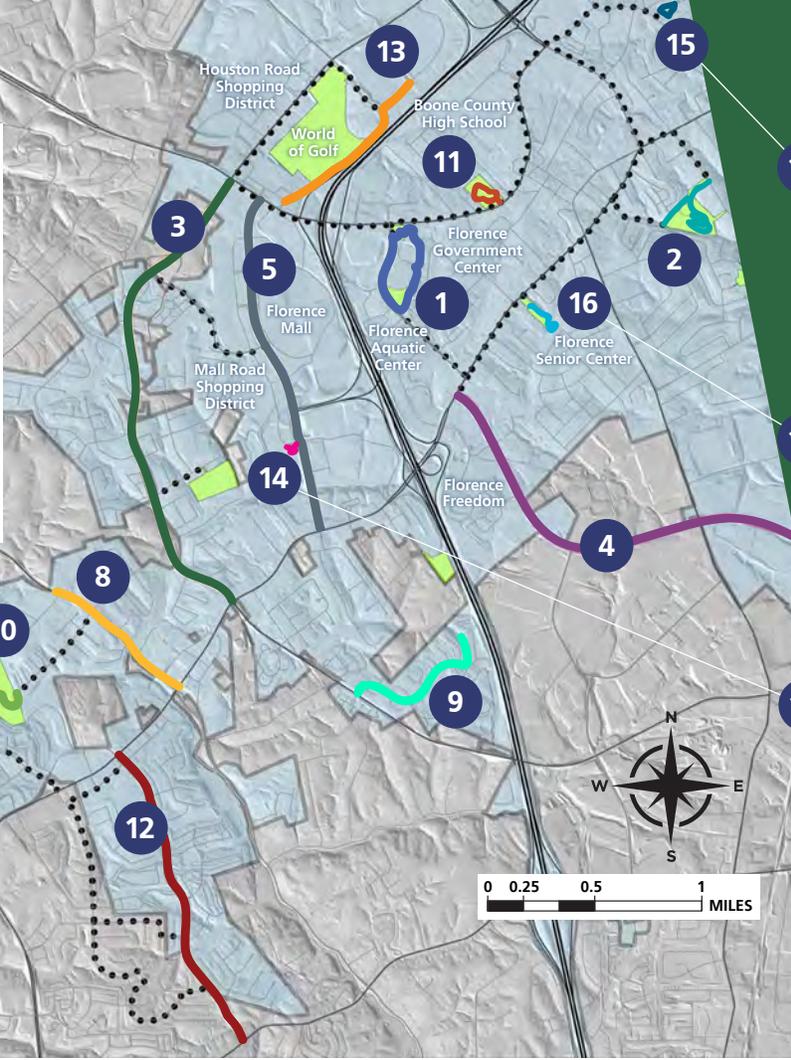


## Explore the 16 Park Trails on our City of Florence Recreational Trail System

In the hustle and bustle of your daily routine, step out and immerse yourself in the natural beauty that surrounds you. Explore one of our sixteen park trails. From the tranquil Florence Government Center Trail to the charming Niblack Memorial Park, our city offers a variety of outdoor experiences. Lace up your shoes and immerse yourself!

Whether you are seeking a brisk walk or a leisurely exploration, Florence's recreational trails offer a breath of fresh air for everyone. So, put on your walking shoes and discover the city's natural wonders. Scan the QR code on page 23 for an overall map of the trail system.

- Florence Community Plaza
- Florence Government Center Trail
- Florence Nature Park Trail
- Hopeful Church Road Trail
- Industrial Road Trail
- Kentaboo Park Trail
- Mall Road Path
- Niblack Memorial Trail
- Orleans Bike/Hike Trail A
- Orleans Bike/Hike Trail B
- Pleasant Valley Road Path
- Saddlebrook Farms Nature Trail
- Southfork Park Trail
- Stringtown Park Trail
- Wetherington Blvd. Bike Trail
- Woodspoint Trail
- ... Connector Trails
- Florence Parks



### 1 Government Ctr. Trail

- Connector: KY 18 / Ewing Blvd
- .90 miles (loop)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 2 Nature Park Trail

- Connector: Goodridge / Banklick
- .70 miles (loop)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 3 Hopeful Church Road Trail

- Connector: Goodridge / Banklick
- .70 miles (loop)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 4 Industrial Road Trail

- Connector: Goodridge / Banklick
- .70 miles (loop)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 5 Mall Road Trail

- Connector: Hopeful Church Road
- 1.5 Miles (each way)
- Sidewalk (10 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 6 Orleans Park Trail (A)

- Connector: Antoinette Way
- 1.5 Miles (each way)
- Sidewalk (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 7 Orleans Park Trail (B)

- Connector: Antoinette Way / Running Creek Drive
- 1 Mile (each way)
- Sidewalk (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 8 Pleasant Valley Trail

- Connector: Wellington Drive
- .60 Miles (each way)
- Asphalt (10 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 9 Saddlebrook Trail

- Connector: None
- .68 Miles (each way)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 10 South Fork Park Trail

- Connector: Farmview Drive
- .65 Miles (each way)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 11 Stringtown Park Trail

- Connector: KY18
- .30 Miles (loop)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 12 Wetherington Blvd Trail

- Connector: Calvary Drive / Lancaster Drive
- 1.35 Miles (each way)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 13 Woodspoint Drive Trail

- Connector: Spiral Drive
- .75 Miles (each way)
- Asphalt (6 feet wide)
- Level: Easy

### 14 Community Plaza

- Connector: Mall Road
- 300 Feet (loop)
- Level: Easy

### 15 Kentaboo Park

- Connector: Kentaboo / Clark
- 600 Feet (loop)
- Level: Easy

### 16 Niblack Memorial Park

- Connector: US42
- .22 Miles (each way)
- Level: Easy



# DIVE INTO FUN!



## FLORENCE FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

As the temperature rises and summer approaches, residents of Florence and water enthusiasts alike eagerly anticipate the opening of the Florence Aquatic Center for the 2024 season.

With the addition of new features including the Timmy Tiger Shark slide, exciting events, and the return of the award-winning Florence Hammerheads Swim & Dive Team, this promises to be the best season yet!

The Florence Aquatic Center will host a series of special events throughout the season, including poolside movie nights, Christmas in July, and fun for the whole family. Before you dive into the 2024 season at the Florence Aquatic Center, be sure to check our website for hours of operation and admission details.

**Whether you are a local resident or visiting from out of town, make a splash and create lasting memories this summer!**



# TEE OFF!

## WORLD OF GOLF: YOUR ULTIMATE GOLF EXPERIENCE

**Whether you are a seasoned pro or a novice looking to have some fun, World of Golf has something for everyone.**

World of Golf has been a staple in our community for more than 50 years. For the non-golfer, casual golfer, or avid golfer, it features a full 18-hole executive golf course, as well as 18 full holes of minigolf, 9 holes of footgolf, a driving range, full-time instructors, and more.

Experience the latest in golf technology with our Toptracer Range and Golfzon Golf Simulators. Sharpen your skills and analyze your swings like the pros. Play over 300 courses including Pebble Beach and Mission Hills.

After a round of golf, treat yourself to some mouthwatering cuisine at our restaurant, The Tin Cup. Indulge in delectable dishes while overlooking stunning views of the golf course. The PourMyBeer wall hosts twenty self-serving beer taps. It is the perfect place to unwind, share stories of your game, and savor delicious meals with friends and family.

World of Golf is located at 7400 Woodspoint Drive, Florence, Kentucky, 41042. Visit the website at [worldgolfky.com](http://worldgolfky.com) or call (859) 371-8255 for more information.

**Whether you are looking for a fun day out with friends and family or aiming to refine your golf skills, we have it all under one roof!**



# STAY ACTIVE!

## DEANNA AND HUGH SKEES SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Deanna and Hugh Skees Senior Activity Center serves as a vital hub for our senior community, providing a wide array of activities, a daily Kentucky Hot Menu, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The center is a vital part of our community, offering a welcoming space for our seniors to connect, engage, and enjoy. The staff creates a dynamic schedule of monthly activities that cater to a variety of interests and abilities. These activities are designed to promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Some of the regular activities you can expect to find are Silver Sneakers, Chair Volleyball, Bridge Class, and Mah-Jong.

The Activity Center is located at 7431 U.S. 42, Florence, KY 41042. Doors are open to the community Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2:30pm.

This vibrant center enriches the lives of our seniors, making every day an opportunity for new experiences and cherished connections. Check the city website at [florence-ky.gov](http://florence-ky.gov) for the monthly Kentucky Hot Menu and calendar of events.



**Mark  
your calendars!**

Skees Senior Activity  
Center will host their

**Spring Fling  
May 17, 2024**

at Thomas More  
Stadium.

Deanna and Hugh Skees  
Senior Activity Center

The Florence Community Band and Florence Community Chorus are groups of community members with a love of music! Both the band and chorus welcome musicians and singers of all skill levels.

### FLORENCE COMMUNITY BAND

The Florence Community Band is a sixty-member concert band featuring flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, tubas, percussion, and more.

The band performs various genres of music, including patriotic, holiday, popular, and traditional band literature, performing at numerous locales throughout Northern Kentucky. Performances include City of Florence-sponsored events and ceremonies, Boone Woods Creekside Concert Series, Concerts at the Government Center, Gateway Community and Technical College Graduations, Boone and Kenton County libraries, and neighboring community, school, and church events.

Membership represents a broad range of musicians, from professionals to former high school “bandies” who continued playing their instruments after graduation. The band rehearses Monday evenings on the lower level of the Florence Government Center. Membership is open to the public. No auditions are required.

Email the band at [florencebandky@gmail.com](mailto:florencebandky@gmail.com) or visit our website at [florencekycommunityband.com](http://florencekycommunityband.com). Follow the band on Facebook.

### FLORENCE COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Florence Community Chorus is a group of about 40 people who love to sing, and you are invited to join! The chorus is an SATB group, meaning they sing four-part (sometimes more) harmony.

Shows contain a variety of music, from show tunes and popular music to religious, classical, and patriotic works. Interested singers are simply asked that they can carry a tune, and for regular participation in rehearsals and performance at concerts.

Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:00pm at the Florence Government Center.

Follow the Florence Community Chorus on Facebook by searching “Florence Community Chorus” for more information or to have the chorus come sing for you!



# BAND & CHORUS

# 2024 EVENTS

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

There's always something exciting going on in Florence!

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p> <p><b>8-24</b> <b>Valentine's for Troops</b></p> <p><b>2-7</b> <b>Christmas Tree Recycling</b> Jan. 3 - Curbside Pick Up Jan. 2-7 Stringtown Park Drop Off</p> <p><b>15</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day Jr.</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p> <p><b>20</b> <b>Safe Sitter</b> Gathering House</p>	<p><b>19-23</b> <b>President's Day Display</b> Florence Government Center Lobby</p> <p><b>23-24</b> <b>Book and Literacy Festival</b> Florence Government Center Community Rooms</p>	<p><b>9-17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Scavenger Hunt</b></p> <p><b>19-21</b> <b>Youth in Government</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>23</b> <b>Florence Easter Egg Hunt</b> Thomas More Stadium</p> <p><b>29</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p><b>6</b> <b>Safe Sitter</b> Gathering House</p> <p><b>8</b> <b>Tennis Clinics Begin</b> Lincoln Woods Park</p> <p><b>22-28</b> <b>Spring Clean Up Week</b></p> <p><b>27</b> <b>Great American Cleanup</b></p> <p><b>29</b> <b>SkyHawks Youth Sports Camp Begins</b> Orleans Park (April 29-May 20)</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Public Services Night Out</b> Florence Mall Parking Lot</p> <p><b>25</b> <b>Florence Family Aquatic Center Opens</b></p> <p><b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day Parade &amp; Program</b></p> <p><b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p>	<p><b>3-10</b> <b>Community Photo Contest</b></p> <p><b>14</b> <b>Flag Day Display</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>14</b> <b>Friday Night Movie in the Park</b> Florence Nature Park</p> <p><b>21</b> <b>Friday Night Movie in the Park</b> Florence Nature Park</p> <p><b>22</b> <b>Community Mini Golf Tournament</b> World of Golf</p> <p><b>28</b> <b>Friday Night Movie in the Park</b> Florence Nature Park</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><b>3</b> <b>Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Celebration</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>4</b> <b>Independence Day Rain Date</b> (Fireworks only)</p> <p><b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p> <p><b>13</b> <b>Safe Sitter</b> Gathering House</p> <p><b>20</b> <b>Art Festival and Vendor Market</b> Historic Main Street</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>National Night Out</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>3</b> <b>End of Summer Concert and Car Show</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>10</b> <b>Gus Macker Tournament</b> Thomas More Stadium</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p> <p><b>11</b> <b>City of Florence Day of Service</b></p> <p><b>21</b> <b>Arbor Day Celebration</b> Stringtown Park</p> <p><b>24</b> <b>Neighborhood Night Out</b></p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p><b>12</b> <b>Safe Sitter</b> Gathering House</p> <p><b>14-20</b> <b>Fall Clean Up Week</b></p> <p><b>21-25</b> <b>International Art Day</b> Community Children's Art Contest</p> <p><b>29</b> <b>Halloween Night Out</b> Thomas More Stadium</p>	<p><b>1-11</b> <b>Witness Tree</b> Veterans Memorial at Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>9</b> <b>Veterans Day Program</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>10</b> <b>Honor Run – 5K and Half Marathon</b></p> <p><b>28-29</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Christmas Tree Lighting Event</b> Florence Government Center</p> <p><b>24-25</b> <b>Christmas</b> Florence Government Center Closed</p>

Mark your calendars and join in a year of fun and festivities!

Event details can change.

Scan the QR code for the most up-to-date information.



As we step into a brand-new year, the calendar of events for 2024 is brimming with excitement, showcasing a blend of fresh events and cherished traditions that we have all come to know and enjoy. This year promises something for everyone in our community!

## President's Day Display

**FEBRUARY 19-23**

Stop by the Florence Government Center between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm.

View the display of U.S. Presidents, Vice Presidents, and First Ladies and answer trivia questions.

## Book & Literacy Festival

**FEBRUARY 23-24**

Explore the magic of words and imagination at our first Book and Literacy Festival.

This event will bring together authors, avid readers, and literary enthusiasts for a celebration of literature in all its forms.

## St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

**MARCH 9-17**

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt, and who knows? Maybe you will find a pot of gold!

A series of clues will lead you around the city, getting you to perform physical and mental challenges along the way.

Once you have completed all the clues and found our pot of gold, you will be added to a pot, and we will draw for a winner!

*(Please note that you will be required to take photos with your phone and send them to the City of Florence Administration.)*

## Easter Egg Hunt

**MARCH 23**

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at Thomas More Stadium, home of the Florence Y'all's.

The event will feature games, local vendors, and free photos with the Easter Bunny.

## Great American Cleanup

**APRIL 27**

Here's your chance to keep Florence beautiful!

Join us in this national program that provides an opportunity to clean up litter along designated roadsides within the City of Florence from 8:30am-12:00pm. Receive a t-shirt and lunch for participating in this community service project.

## Public Services Night Out

**MAY 21**

The City of Florence Public Services Department will hold its annual Public Services Night Out on Tuesday, May 21 from 4:00-6:30pm at the Florence Mall parking area.

This event is hosted in conjunction with National Public Works Week, and it is an opportunity to raise awareness and recognize the impact Public Works staff have on improving the quality of life within the community.

Bring family and friends to enjoy free ballpark-style food, live demonstrations, and see the equipment the Public Services Department uses every day.



## Florence Aquatic Center Opening Day Kickoff Event

MAY 25

Kick off the unofficial start of summer with us at the Florence Aquatic Center.

Dive into fun and join us for our thrilling kick-off event May 25!

## Memorial Day Parade & Program

MAY 27

The City of Florence memorializes and honors American service personnel past and present who fought to defend our country with a commemorative parade and program.

The parade begins at 10:00am at Boone County High School and ends at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located on the campus of the Florence Government Center. Parade registration forms are available at the Florence Government Center or on the city's web site at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov).

Memorial services begin immediately following the parade at the Boone County Veteran's Memorial, featuring a tribute to our military personnel.

## Community Photo Contest

JUNE 3-10

Capture the essence of Florence through your lens in our Community Photo Contest!

This is your chance to showcase the beauty and unique moments that make our

community special. Enter your best shots and let your creativity shine. Prizes and recognition await the most captivating images that reflect the heart and soul of our community.

## Friday Night Movies in the Park

JUNE 14, 21, 28

Looking for a family event before the weekend begins? Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the Florence Nature Park for an evening at the movies.

This event is a great way for families to become aware of and enjoy our recreational facilities, experience nature, and view a great movie. Movies begin at dusk. Concessions will be available for purchase.

## Flag Day Display

JUNE 14

Celebrate our nation's history at our Flag Day Display on campus at the Florence Government Center.

This display is a tribute to the unity and freedom our flag represents.

## Community Mini Golf Tournament

JUNE 22

Get ready to putt your way to victory in our Community Miniature Golf Tournament at World of Golf!

This day of family-friendly fun brings residents of all ages together for a thrilling mini-golf competition.

## Independence Day Concert and Celebration

JULY 3  
(RAIN DATE: JULY 4)

Families, friends, and fellow citizens are invited to gather and commemorate the nation's independence with a concert and fireworks display at the Florence Government Center.

Bring your chairs and blankets, and settle in for an evening of unforgettable entertainment.

## Art Festival & Vendor Market – Historic Main Street

JULY 20

Step into a world of creativity on Historic Main Street as we bring you an unforgettable Art Festival and Vendor Market!

This festival celebrates culture, creativity, and community, and it's your chance to support local artists and businesses.

## National Night Out

AUGUST 1

All residents are invited to come together and connect with city officials, council members, and fellow Florence residents at the Florence Government Center.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view equipment used by the city's police, fire, and public service departments, along with food and community vendors.

## End of Summer Concert & Car Show

AUGUST 3

Bid farewell to summer in style! Join us as we host our second annual car show and concert to mark the end of summer.

Whether you own a classic beauty or a modern marvel, all cars are welcome. After the car show, enjoy an evening of live music and fun for the little ones.

## Gus Macker Tournament

AUGUST 10

Whether you are a player, a spectator, or a basketball enthusiast, the Gus Macker Tournament brings the spirit of the game to Florence.

Lace up your sneakers and get ready for this must-attend event – an unforgettable experience of basketball action!

## City of Florence Day of Service

SEPTEMBER 11

Embrace the spirit of giving back on our Day of Service.

This special day is a chance for our city to come together and make a positive impact.

## Arbor Day Celebration

SEPTEMBER 21

Celebrate Arbor Day with us at our city parks!

This year's event is scheduled from 10:00am-12:00pm,

and will include a brief history of Arbor Day and a reading of the city's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree-planting activities and lunch!

## Neighborhood Night Out

SEPTEMBER 24

This program provides our neighbors with an opportunity to meet city officials.

Join city officials from 5:00-7:00pm for refreshments, displays, and information on current city projects.

## International Art Day – Community Children's Art Contest

OCTOBER 21-25

Unleash your child's creativity in our Community Children's Art Contest!

This exciting new event is a canvas for young artists to showcase their talents and encourage their creativity.

## Halloween Night Out

OCTOBER 29

Bring the children for an entertaining evening of tricks and treats with city staff, local organizations, and businesses at Thomas More Stadium, home of the Florence Y'alls.

The program is free and will be held rain or shine.

## Witness Tree

NOVEMBER 1-11

The Witness Tree program is designed to raise awareness of the invisible wounds veterans battle after they return to civilian life.

Each day, participants will gather, place 22 dog tags on a tree, and engage in readings, meditative thought, and reflection. At the end of the eleven days, 242 dog tags will hang in honor of those veterans.

## Veterans Day

NOVEMBER 9

Join the city as we honor the Veterans of all wars in a ceremony at the Florence Government Center.

The program will feature a speaker, patriotic music, and recognition of local Veterans.

## Christmas Tree Lighting Event

DECEMBER 3

Bring your family as we celebrate the holiday season and welcome Santa Claus at the annual Community Tree Lighting Program.

Civic organizations and local businesses will provide holiday activities while the children await their visit with Santa Claus.



Keep an eye on our website, [florence-ky.gov](http://florence-ky.gov) for more information & additional event details!

# 2024 EVENTS

## Safe Sitter (Babysitting) Class

**JANUARY 20, APRIL 6, JULY 13, OCTOBER 12**  
 EVELYN M. KALB  
 GATHERING HOUSE



**The Safe Sitter Class provides an opportunity for teens ages 11 to 15 to develop leadership skills, learn how to work with younger children, and care for infants – while earning some spending money.**

The Safe Sitter curriculum, a 6-hour class, teaches infant rescue breathing and choking, childcare essentials, behavior management, and babysitting as a business. Students will not become certified in first aid or CPR after completing this course but will be better prepared as a Safe Sitter.

The fee is \$40 per student, and students receive a course completion card and a Safe Sitter handbook. Students must bring a sack lunch and drink. Classes are limited to 12 teens and are held at the Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House, 7200 Nature Park Drive, from 9:00am-4:00pm on the following dates: January 20, April 6, July 13, and October 12. Call (859) 647-5441 for details.

Download the registration form from the city's web page at [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov) and return via email to Victoria Riley, [victoria.riley@florence-ky.gov](mailto:victoria.riley@florence-ky.gov), or mail to the City of Florence, Administration Department, Florence Government Center, 8100 Ewing Boulevard, Florence, KY 41042.

## Valentines for Troops

**JANUARY 4-24**

**Send some love to our adopted unit, Renegade Company! Store-bought or handmade Valentine's cards are a great way to lift our troops' spirits.**

Individually wrapped candy can be included if it is attached to a card. Senders are welcome to include a return address, but it is not necessary to include personal information.

## Citizens Police Academy

**SPRING**  
 FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
 LOWER-LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOMS

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Police Academy for participants to learn firsthand from police officers and guest speakers about traffic violations, building searches, interviewing suspects, and many other topics. For additional information, call (859) 647-5420.



## Youth in Government

**MARCH 19-21**  
 FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
 LOWER-LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOMS

**The City of Florence, in cooperation with Boone County Public Schools, will host their annual Youth in Government Program March 19-21 at the Florence Government Center.**

Provides an opportunity for elementary school students to learn about the role local government plays in their community. city departments will provide presentations of their role in the local government process, and students learn the legislative duties of the Mayor and city Council.

Youth in Government Night will be held on Tuesday, March 19, from 4:00pm-5:30pm. The public is invited to attend the event, which will include demonstrations and displays by the city's Fire/EMS Department, Police Department, and Public Services Department. The demonstrations and

displays will be held in the Community Rooms downstairs and will be followed by the regularly scheduled meeting of the Florence City Council at 6:00pm. Mayor Julie M. Aubuchon will recognize those in attendance during the meeting.



## Skyhawks Sports Camps

**APRIL & MAY**  
 ORLEANS PARK

**Skyhawks Inc. conducts one-week instructional sports camps for ages 3-12 in April and May at Orleans Park.**

Contact Skyhawks for details at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com). Registration forms are available in the Administration Department of the Florence Government Center.



## Tennis Clinics

**BEGINNING APRIL 8**  
 LINCOLN WOODS PARK

**Learn basic tennis skills or improve your game with the help of certified USTPA instructor Tom Kolenich.**

Registration forms will be available on the city's website at [florence-ky.gov](http://florence-ky.gov). Register for clinics directly through tennis professional Tom Kolenich at [atkbtennis@gmail.com](mailto:atkbtennis@gmail.com) or (724) 988-9454.

# PROGRAMS SCHEDULE



## Florence Hammerheads Swim Team

SEASON BEGINS IN MAY  
FLORENCE AQUATIC CENTER

The Florence Hammerheads compete in the Northern Kentucky Swim League (NKSL) as swimmers and divers. The Florence Hammerheads program is open for membership for youth up to the age of 18. Participants must be a member of the Florence Family Aquatic Center, a Northern Kentucky resident, and able to swim the length of a 25-meter pool. New members must provide a birth certificate with their registration form. The season begins in May and includes All-Star and Championship meets.

## Spring Cleanup

APRIL 22 – APRIL 28

Is it time to get rid of the clutter from the winter months? During the cleanup week, Florence residents (must show proof of residency) may bring their unwanted trash and debris (excluding hazardous waste) to the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane for disposal. Facility hours are 7:00am-7:00pm Monday through Friday and 9:00am-7:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.



## Arbor Day

SEPTEMBER 21

The City of Florence will hold its Arbor Day 2023 Celebration on September 21 from 10:00am-12:00pm. The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and a reading of the city's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree-planting activities and lunch for all participants.

The National Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Florence "Tree city USA" for the thirty-first consecutive year in September 2023. The city has met the four requirements for this distinction:

1. Established a tree board.
2. Developed a tree care ordinance.
3. Organized a comprehensive community forestry program.
4. Implemented an Arbor Day observance.

This event is open to the public, so friends, family, and neighbors are all welcome to attend.

## Fall Cleanup Week

OCTOBER 14-20

The Florence Public Services Department offers a Fall Cleanup Program to the residents in October. The program lasts one week and is an opportunity for Florence residents (must show proof of residency) to bring unwanted debris for disposal at the Public Services Maintenance Facility located at 7850 Tanners Lane. Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid

For additional information and updates regarding these programs, please contact **859.647.8177** or visit our website at **florence-ky.gov**

form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides, and fungicides (hazardous waste). Proof of residency required. Facility hours are 7:00am-7:00pm Monday through Friday and 9:00am-7:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.



## Annual Leaf Collection

MID-OCTOBER THRU  
MID-DECEMBER

Our annual leaf collection schedule for city residents can be found on our website. Just look up your street name, and there will be three dates for pickup.

## Christmas Tree Pickup & Recycling

CURBSIDE & STRINGTOWN PARK

After the holidays, the city offers curbside tree pickup, or residents can bring their tree to Stringtown Park for mulching.



Scan the QR code for tree recycling dates to access the most current information.



# Florence Community Connect

Together, Building a Safer Community Through Prevention, Preparedness & Response

Create or Update Your Profile Today!

1

## Create an account.

Sign in for free and get started — it just takes your email, phone number and address.

2

## Enter info that matters most.

Enter valuable information that can help us assist more effectively during an emergency.

3

## Help your Fire/EMS Department when seconds count.

That's it. Just keep us updated when things change over time so we can always be prepared.

### WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION CAN I PROVIDE?

Any information you provide through Community Connect is completely voluntary and based on what you are comfortable sharing. We have made it easy for you to know what may be important by organizing your secure portal into buckets of information you can enter.



### HOW SECURE IS MY DATA AND HOW IS IT USED?

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# C I V I C I N V O L V E M E N T



## **AVIATION NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE**

A regional advisory committee to the Kenton County Airport Board working to mitigate aviation-related noises and other quality-of-life issues within the city.



## **BOONE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

The City of Florence appoints six members of the commission and plays a crucial role in local land-use planning, zoning regulations, and subdivision regulations.



## **BOONE-FLORENCE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND APPEALS**

The City of Florence appoints one member to the board that considers appeals of property owners disagreeing with the assessment of their property.



## **BOONE-FLORENCE WATER COMMISSION**

The city appoints one member of the commission, which operates, improves, extends, supervises, manages, and controls sources of water supply to the City of Florence and Boone County Water District.



## **NORTHERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The city is a part of the Northern Kentucky Regional Ethics Authority, which was created through an Interlocal Agreement and promotes ethical practices in local government.



## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND ZONING APPEALS**

Empowered to grant condition use permits and dimensional variances from zoning regulations within the City of Florence.



## **URBAN FOREST COMMISSION**

Focuses on the preservation, maintenance, and expansion of our urban green spaces.



## **CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

The board hears appeals such as property maintenance violations, zoning violations, and parking citations, enforcing local codes and regulations to maintain community standards.



## **VETERANS COMMISSION**

Our newest commission, dedicated to addressing issues that affect our local veterans.

# Your Guide to the City of Florence Boards & Commissions

**Citizen participation is a vital element of good government. Florence boasts nine diverse boards and commissions, each focused on various aspects of community life.**

These boards and commissions provide opportunities for you to directly influence our community's direction. If you are interested, we encourage you to apply.

**Learn more at [www.Florence-ky.gov/our-government/boards-commissions](http://www.Florence-ky.gov/our-government/boards-commissions).  
Your civic involvement can make a difference!**

# FLORENCE'S ESSENTIAL SERVICES

**Florence stands as a shining example of a community that values its residents' well-being.**

**With efficient snow removal, a top-notch recycling center, biannual cleanups, and cost-effective garbage rates through Rumpke, Florence ensures its residents have access to essential services that make daily life easier and more enjoyable. In Florence, quality living is not just a slogan; it is a way of life.**

## SNOW REMOVAL ON CITY STREETS

**When winter blankets Florence in a layer of snow, residents and businesses can rest easy knowing the city has their back!**

The Florence Public Services Department works diligently to ensure the city's roads are clear and safe. During a snow emergency, the City of Florence asks its residents for assistance during the snow removal operation by moving parked vehicles off the streets when snow is expected. Florence has one level of snow emergency status, and the primary radio and television stations are notified when the city has declared a snow emergency. In such instances, all on-street parking is prohibited for a period of 24 hours.

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

Rumpke, a trusted waste management company, is the authorized provider of low-cost garbage collection services in Florence. This agreement allows residents to enjoy high-quality waste removal services without breaking the bank. Affordable garbage rates make it easier for families to maintain a clean and healthy living environment. Call Rumpke at (877) 786-7537 to initiate service at your residence or business.

### RECYCLING PICK-UP

The City of Florence offers a voluntary subscription recycling program for residents, also through Rumpke. Residents are billed directly from Rumpke for this service, and residential curbside pickup occurs on the same day as trash pickup.

Our contract does not include commercial and industrial recycling, but Rumpke does offer such service. Please contact Rumpke at (877) 786-7537 for commercial and industrial rates or to set up service.

### RECYCLING DROP-OFF

Florence takes pride in its commitment to sustainability and offers a drop-off recycling program at the city's Recycling Center. Located at the Public Services Maintenance Facility, 7850 Tanners Lane, residents can drop off recyclables such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and more, making it easy to reduce waste and promote eco-friendly practices. Florence's recycling efforts contribute to a cleaner environment and a brighter future for all. Call the Public Services Department at (859) 647-5416 with any questions.

## ANNUAL SPRING AND FALL CLEAN UP

**Florence residents and businesses can take advantage of the city's Fall and Spring Clean Up events.**

This is an opportunity to declutter homes and yards by disposing of large items and excess waste. These community-wide cleanups not only keep Florence beautiful they also foster a sense of pride and cooperation among residents.

The program lasts for one week and is an opportunity for Florence residents (must show proof of residency) to bring unwanted debris for disposal at the Public Services Maintenance Facility at 7850 Tanners Lane.



# FOR RESIDENTS

Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides, and fungicides (hazardous waste). Proof of residency required.

Facility hours are 7:00am-7:00pm Monday-Friday and 9:00am-7:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Call (859) 647-5416 for details.

## ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

The Florence Public Services Department conducts its annual Leaf Collection Program for City of Florence residents from mid-October to mid-December. A sign will be placed at the subdivision/street entrances the day before leaf collection. Schedule is based on weather and equipment operation. All leaves are treated and used as compost or fertilizer.

### GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION

- Rake leaves in a row behind the curb. Do not rake into the street. Leaves must be raked to the curb by 7:00am the morning of the scheduled pick-up.
- Pick-up is on residential streets only. No state routes or commercial streets.
- Keep all debris and trash out of the leaf row. This includes tree branches.
- Homeowners may also bag leaves for pick-up by Rumpke.

## CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING

Wondering what to do with your live tree after the holidays? The city offers curbside tree pickup, during which crews from the Public Services Department drive around the city and pick up Christmas trees placed at the curbside for recycling.

Call the Public Services Department at (859) 647-5416 for the 2024 date or visit our website, [www.florence-ky.gov](http://www.florence-ky.gov), for the most up-to-date information.



# City of Florence Street Map Index

**When you hit the road in Florence, have you ever wondered if you are driving on a city, county, or state road?**

### CITY ROADS

These roads are maintained by the local city or municipality and are typically found within city limits. Examples of roads maintained by the City of Florence include Farmview Drive, Wellington Blvd., Bustetter Drive, and Mall Road.

### COUNTY ROADS

Managed by the county government, these roads connect areas outside city limits, serving as connectors between cities, and rural regions within the county. A few examples are Aero Parkway, Camp Ernst Road, and Cayton Road.

### STATE ROADS

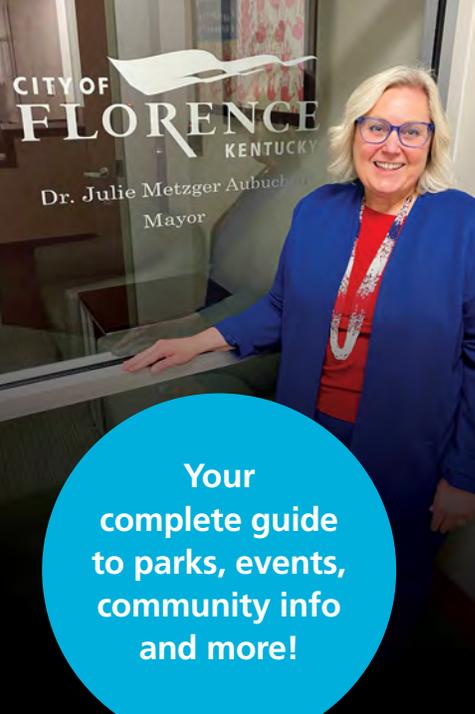
State roads, also known as highways, are under state government jurisdiction and often connect regions within the state, spanning across multiple cities and counties. Examples of state-maintained roads are KY 18, US 42, Hopeful Church Road, Houston Road, Weaver Road, Turfway Road, and Dixie Highway.

**Being able to differentiate between these road types is crucial when reporting maintenance concerns to the appropriate authorities. It ensures the right government agency is informed, leading to a more effective response and quicker resolution of road-related issues.**

## FLORENCE CITY MAP



*Scan the QR code for a listing of all city roads located in the City of Florence.*



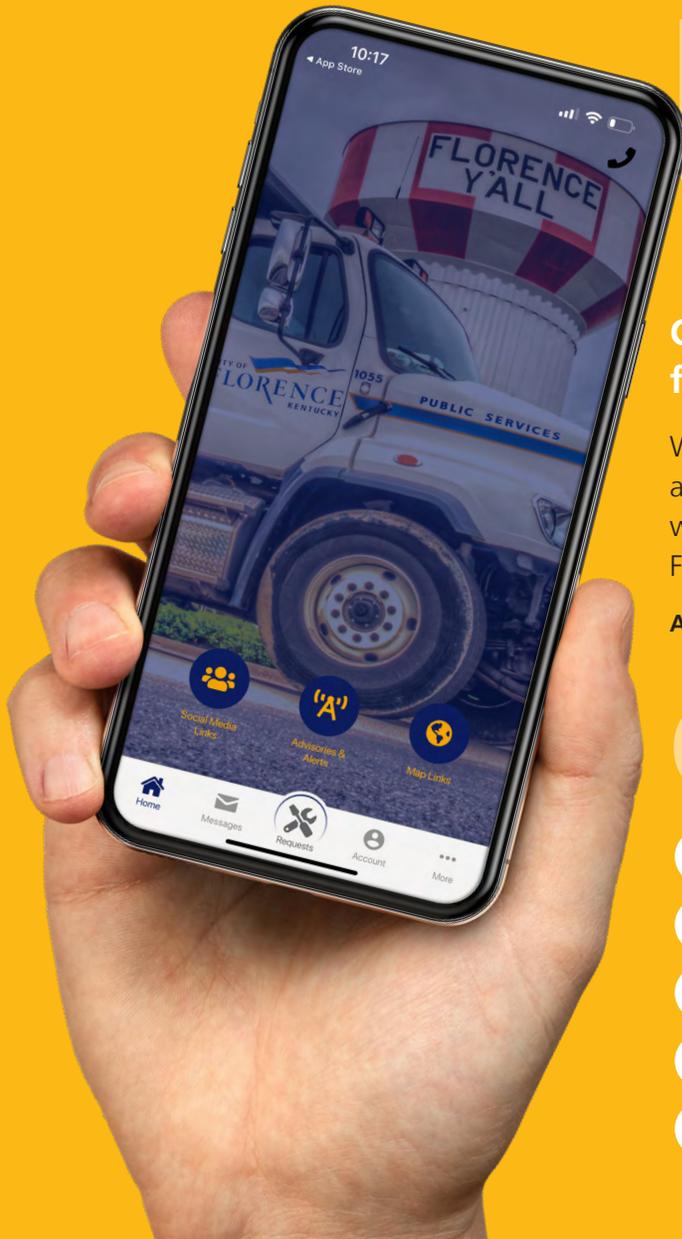
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