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Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future

OUR CITY'S 2024 ACHIEVEMENTS AND WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2025



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

Established in 1830 and incorporated in 1860, Florence is home to 32,618 residents, making it the 8th largest city in the Commonwealth. Our connected community offers a variety of services and experiences to our residents, 2,400 businesses, thousands of annual visitors and approximately 270 dedicated employees.

Whether you are a newcomer or have been here for years, this guide will help you uncover the best our community has to offer. From local events to hidden gems, we have you covered. Packed with great ideas and useful information, this guide is your ultimate resource for all things Florence.

Discover exciting places to go and things to do, including our annual events such as the Easter Event, Independence Day Celebration, Halloween Night Out and our Christmas Tree Lighting to name a few. You will find information on our city departments, amenities and services we provide.

Explore opportunities to participate and get involved in your community. There is something for everyone and we hope you enjoy all the valuable information contained herein.

WELCOME

A Word from Mayor Aubuchon



Mayor Julie M. Aubuchon & Family

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

As Mayor of Northern Kentucky's premiere city for shopping, entertainment, business, and diverse housing options, it is my pleasure to share with you the 2025 Florence Community Guide.

As you read through this publication, I encourage you to take pride in the achievements of the past year, the dedication of our city departments and the strong sense of community that makes Florence so special. This guide offers a glimpse into the exciting initiatives ahead in 2025. Florence City Council and I are committed to prioritizing the well-being of our residents, support our local businesses, and create a community that residents and visitors are proud to call home. I am especially proud of the high-quality services we provide, such as police and fire protection, street maintenance, and our top-notch snow removal and leaf collection efforts. These essential services ensure that our city remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Florence has always been my home, and as a mother, I cherish our family-friendly environment. With 170 acres of greenspace and parks, our professional baseball team, the Florence Y'alls, World of Golf, and our Florence Aquatic Center, there is something for everyone.

This past year, we experienced significant progress and welcomed new leadership in key city departments. We introduced several new community events and began Master Plans for our Parks and Florence Aquatic Center to ensure the needs of our community and voices of our community are heard.

As I enter my third year as Mayor, I remain dedicated to ensuring Florence is a city where every resident feels heard, supported and proud to live. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together.

We are on an incredible journey together and I embrace the opportunities for our City in the coming year. Thank you to each of you: our residents, business owners and visitors, for your continued trust and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Metzger Aubuchon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie M. Aubuchon, Mayor



In Memory of David A. Osborne (1940-2025)

Florence City Council 1976–1989, 1992–2010, 2011–2025

David A. Osborne, a Florence native and beloved member of our community passed away on January 10, 2025, following his reelection to our Florence City Council. David was a US Army Veteran and dedicated public servant. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, faith, family and leadership. For nearly 50 years, David served the city he loved and played a pivotal role in Florence's growth during his tenure on Florence City Council and beyond. A steadfast supporter of city departments and leadership, he encouraged and uplifted his fellow councilmembers, always sharing his wisdom, laughter, and support. David's faith was a cornerstone of his life. As a longtime member of First Church of Christ that has historic roots in the Historic Florence Main Street Firehouse, his devotion to service was rooted in his spirituality. He brought that same warmth to everyone he met, making instant friends with his genuine kindness and graciousness. Whether chatting over a meal at Frisch's or Cracker Barrel, or simply offering a firm handshake and a smile, David made others feel valued and respected.

A proud veteran, David showed a deep respect for those who served, honoring their sacrifices with heartfelt gestures such as handing out military lapel pins to veterans he met. His interactions with veterans touched countless lives. He understood the sacrifices made by our military, both seen and unseen, and his respect for their courage and resilience was boundless.

For David, service never ended, it was his way of life. David's impact on Florence is immeasurable. His contributions, both large and small, have left a permanent mark on the city and its people. As we honor his life, we are reminded to carry forward his legacy of kindness, service, and joy. Our Tuesday evenings in the Florence Council Chambers will never be the same without David's presence. His laughter, encouragement, and constant support will be greatly missed.



Meet Your Elected Officials

The Mayor and 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 & Minutes, Open Records, Boards, Commissions, and advisory committees, contact Melissa Kramer, City Clerk at melissa.kramer@florence-ky.gov

AGENDAS & MINUTES



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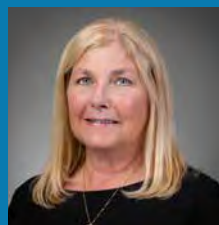
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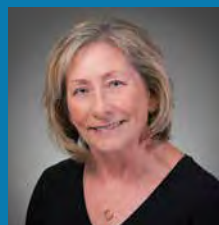
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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

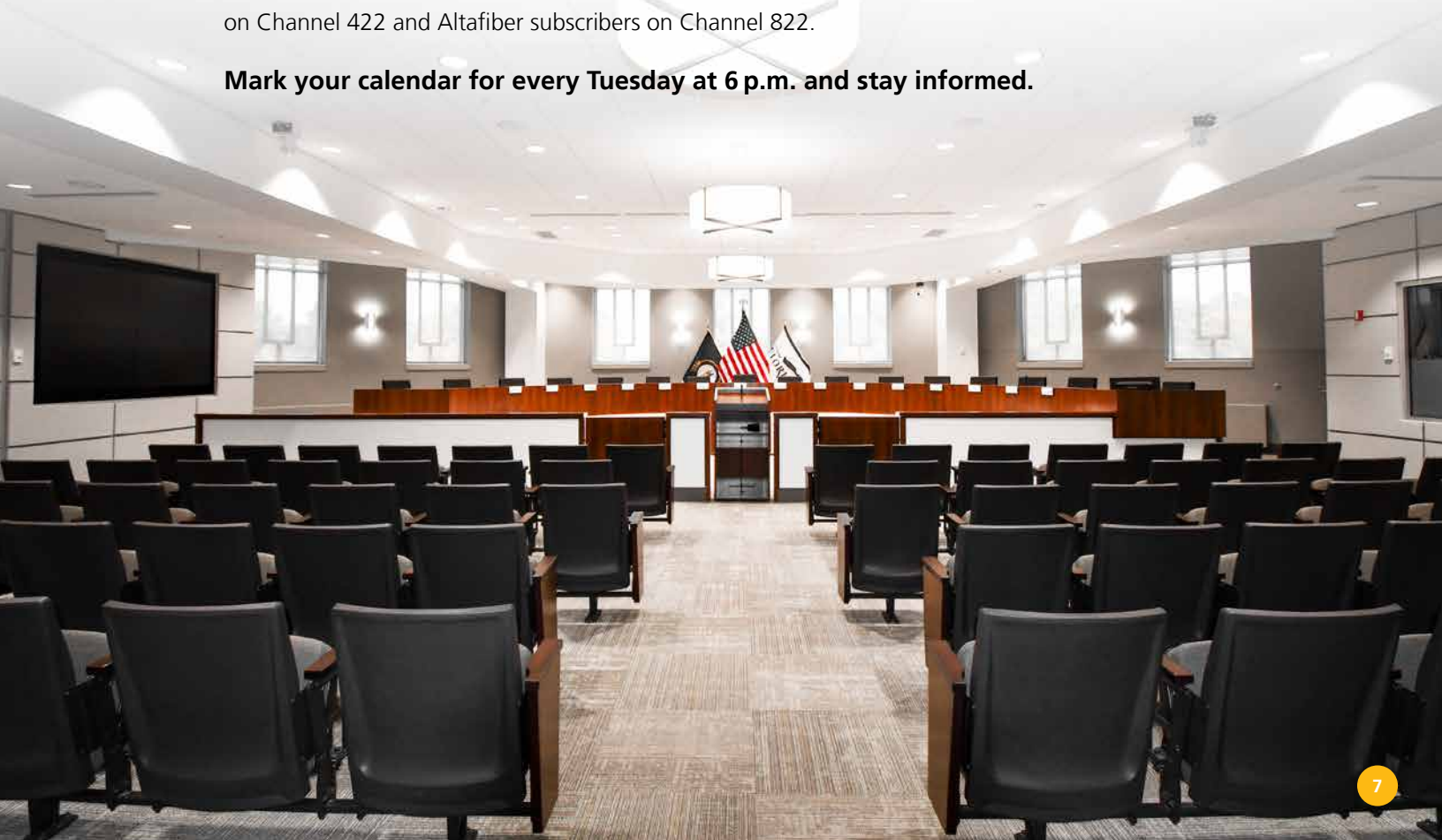
Regular meetings provide a unique opportunity for community members to stay informed and engaged in the decisions that shape our city. Special meetings may be called as needed and will be announced as prescribed by law within twenty-four hours. All council meetings are open to the public.

Florence City Council meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays (Caucus Meetings) and the second and fourth Tuesdays (Business Meetings) of each month. Regular meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Government Center, Council Chamber, 8100 Ewing Blvd., Florence, Kentucky. While meetings are typically held weekly, except for the fifth Tuesday of any month, the schedule may be adjusted for holidays, events or in the absence of legislative items. For the most current information on Florence City Council meetings, please visit the official city website.

Agendas and Minutes of the city council meetings are posted via the official 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 p.m. and stay informed.



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Administration

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Police Administration

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Public Services Department

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2024 RECAP



Veterans Day Program



Youth in Government



National Night Out



End of Summer
Concert and Car Show



Presidents' Day Display

What a year!

This year had a whirlwind of events, kicking off with our inaugural Book & Literacy Festival and ending with our Christmas celebrations. 2024 was packed with memorable events that brought our community together to celebrate, remember, and honor.

See more highlights of an amazing year on the following pages.



Memorial Day
Parade & Program



Independence Day Celebration



Valentines for Troops



Halloween Night Out



Arbor Day



Neighborhood Night Out



St. Patrick's Scavenger Hunt



Witness Tree



GAC

2024 RECAP



Easter Event



Memorial Day Program



Book & Literacy Festival



Book & Literacy Festival



Art, Music, and Vendor Festival



Movie Night in the Park



We can't wait to see what 2025 has in store!



Car Show



Christmas Tree Lighting



Capturing the Heart of Florence — Landscapes, People and Landmarks

This year's Florence Photo Contest celebrated the artistic talents of our community highlighting the beauty of our city through three distinct categories: Landscapes, People and Landmarks. Here are the stunning winners who captured our eye in 2024!



AMERICAN ROBIN
Burlington Pike
JOSE L. NEREY

Mayor's Choice



People

1st Place

**9/11 NEVER FORGET
MOBILE EXHIBIT**

Florence Government Center

LYNNE ARNOLD

Landscapes

1st Place

**ACROBATIC SQUIRREL
Florence Nature Park
Village Parke Condos
LINDA HALL**



Landmarks

1st Place

**AT THE RACES
Turfway Park
Racing & Gaming
KATHY KUHN**



PEOPLE



2nd Place

**CHILDREN PLAYING
ON LOCAL LANDMARKS**
Florence Community Plaza
KIM ASHWORTH



3rd Place

PICKING DAFFODILS
Edge of Stringtown Park
KATHY KUHN



Honorable Mention

**CHILD MESMERIZED
BY FIREWORK FRIDAY**
Thomas More Stadium
TYLER HILL

LANDSCAPES



2nd Place

PUFFY CLOUDS OVER A POND
Tara section of Plantation Point
RICK O'BRIEN



3rd Place

WINTER LANDSCAPE
Backyard looking out on snow-covered trees
surrounding Orleans Nature Trail
STEVE CODELL

LANDMARKS



2nd Place

SUNDAY SKATE
Florence Skate Park
KRIS STAVERMAN



3rd Place

CARNIVAL TIME Y'ALL
Florence Mall
WAYNE CLAUSE



Honorable Mention

**CHILDREN PLAYING
ON LOCAL LANDMARKS**
Florence Mall
TYLER HILL

H A L L O W E E N A R T C O N T E S T

Mayor's Choice

UMAIMA N.
8TH GRADE
RA Jones



Celebrating our young artists!

In celebration of International Children's Art Week, the city hosted a Halloween Art Contest, inviting Kindergarten through 8th graders to share their Halloween-inspired creations! Below, we proudly feature the winning creations!

Thank you to all the talented young artists who made this Halloween season even more festive!

EVELYN C.
4TH GRADE
Homeschool



LOGAN L.
5TH GRADE
Yealey Elementary



CARMEN G.
2ND GRADE
Yealey Elementary



MIKAYLA C.
7TH GRADE
Camp Ernst Middle



GRACELYN R.
6TH GRADE
Conner Middle



MADISON P.
1ST GRADE
Yealey Elementary



LIBBY R.
3RD GRADE
St. Paul School



GABRIELLE G.
8TH GRADE
Ockerman Middle

E C O N O M I C D E V E L O P M E N T

At the core of any vibrant community is healthy economic growth.

The City of Florence is committed to supporting this backbone of the community structure by creating opportunities for the establishment of new businesses as well as the expansion of those currently within the community. Overall, our goal is to enhance the quality of life for all of those residing in the city, as well as creating a welcoming environment for those who choose to visit. As we reflect upon the past year, and look ahead into 2025, the future of Economic Development in Florence is bright.

Over the course of the past year, Florence has noted the opening of twenty-four new businesses, along with the ongoing construction of twelve large scale projects. Additionally, there are more than eight potential developments at various stages of the planning process. The culmination of these projects represents over \$300 million in new capital investment being brought to the city, speaking to the strong business community we have created in Florence.

2024 data reflects Florence continues to maintain one of the highest occupancy rates in our region, boasting a 93% occupancy of our buildings among all business sectors, including commercial, office and industrial. This statistic highlights the robust and diverse business climate within our community, making Florence a desirable location for entrepreneurs, investors and businesses alike.

Significant achievements occurred within our community in 2024, and we are well positioned to carry this momentum forward into 2025. Our elected officials and staff remain committed to overseeing positive economic growth in Florence, bringing the best job opportunities, housing options, and services possible to our residents.

Find out more by scanning the QR code below and reviewing our Quarterly Economic Development Report published each quarter



CITY OF
FLORENCE
KENTUCKY
Mall Road District

"Groundbreaking 2024 Moments" for a few of Florence's newest businesses.



Drinkology



Community Trust Bank



Freddy's



Emerge IT



Amazon Last Mile Facility



Senior CommUnity Care



Wingstop



Fyzical



Florence Hall



Spear Ridge Cafe

Stay tuned for more updates on our Economic Development activities and accomplishments in the coming year!



Administration Department Group

DEPARTMENT STATS

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION/ CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Joshua J. Hunt

STATS:

- City Events Held — 25
- Ribbon Cuttings — 13
- Number of Rentals — 300
- Risk Management Claims — 93
- Open Records Requests — 537
- Legislation Passed — 64
- Annual Documents Destruction — 104 cubic feet paper files/ 70.17 gb digital

CONTACT US



Throughout 2024, the Administration Department continued to play a critical role in Florence's ongoing growth, ensuring smooth governance, and maintaining strong community relations.

Serving as the main support division for the Mayor and Florence City Council, the Administration Department ensures that the city operates seamlessly.

As we look ahead, the Administration Department remains dedicated to preserve strong public relations, promote economic growth, and ensure the well-being of our community. We are excited about the future initiatives and continued discussions on new developments that will shape our city's future.

Scope of responsibilities include:



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

By focusing on opportunities that benefit both businesses and residents, our economic development team plays an active role in cultivating local commerce. In 2024, economic development was a top priority, highlighted by several significant achievements: the successful opening of Emerge IT, which brought 50 new full-time jobs, and the Amazon Last Mile Facility, adding 150 new positions. New businesses including Wingstop and Drury Plaza Hotel also established locations, further strengthening Florence's business landscape. Additionally, the department oversees all zoning matters within the city, ensuring developments align with Florence's long-term vision while maintaining regulatory compliance. The department also facilitates the application process for occupational and ABC licenses, making it easier for businesses to establish and excel in our community.

CITY CLERK: As the official custodian of city records, the City Clerk ensures the proper maintenance, preservation and accessibility of all permanent records while complying with the Kentucky Open Records Act to maintain transparency and accountability in all municipal operations. Additionally, the City Clerk handles the publication of legal notices, ensuring that all public announcements comply with legal requirements and are easily accessible to our residents.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Our growing digital presence across platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter "X", and LinkedIn, provides real-time updates and information. We continue to expand our digital presence to maintain open lines of communication, promote community engagement, and commemorate Florence's continued growth and success.

CITY EVENTS MANAGEMENT: The department plays a vital role in planning and executing city events, from parades and holiday celebrations to concerts all designed to bring the community together to enrich the lives of our residents in meaningful ways.

SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT: Prioritizing the safety of the community and managing property and casualty risks, the Risk Manager safeguards the city against potential risks.

HUMAN SERVICES: Reflecting Florence's strong commitment to resident welfare and quality of life, the Human Services Administrator has introduced impactful programs, including the Good Neighbor Program, which connects volunteers with residents needing assistance. Current priorities include a close partnership with the Boone County Fiscal Court to tackle homelessness within our community and ensuring the responsible and impactful distribution of funds from the national opioid settlement. These funds are strategically directed toward addiction prevention and recovery resources, offering sustainable support for those affected by the crisis. Together, these initiatives underscore Florence's proactive commitment to fostering a healthier, more supportive environment for all residents, setting a foundation for lasting community wellness and stability.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Supporting Florence's dedicated workforce, the Human Resources Coordinator oversees recruitment, employee development, benefits administration, and policy compliance. By focusing on employee well-being, we maintain a supportive work environment that emphasizes growth and retention.





DEPARTMENT STATS

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jason Lewis

CAREER PERSONNEL: 7

STATS:

- 2024 ABC Licenses — 148
- 2024 Occupational Licenses — 768
- Short Term Rental Licenses — 3

CONTACT US



In 2024, the City of Florence Finance Department achieved a remarkable milestone, earning the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the nineteenth consecutive year. This prestigious recognition highlights the department's dedication to excellence and its crucial role in upholding the city's financial stability and prosperity.

The department is committed to delivering timely and accurate financial support to all city departments and officials, always striving for efficiency and fiscal responsibility. This foundation of sound financial management is essential to the city's fiscal health and helping create a vibrant and prosperous city that appeals to both residents and businesses.

This year also marked a significant transition within the department. After over two decades of dedicated service, the long-serving CFO/HR director retired leaving behind a legacy of financial stewardship that has greatly contributed to the city's success. Her leadership and commitment to excellence will be missed. With her retirement, the role of Finance Director has been entrusted to a new leader, Jason Lewis, whose expertise and vision ensure that the department will uphold its tradition of excellence and continue to strengthen the city's financial foundation well into the future.





FY 2023-2024 ACTUAL AMOUNTS

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$217,115,018 (net position). Of this amount, \$70,501,349 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$111,705,414. This was a decrease of \$1,260,935 in comparison to the prior year. The decrease was a combination of the City's General Fund, Municipal Aid Fund, Asset Forfeiture and Aquatic Center Fund.



FY 2024-2025 BUDGETED AMOUNTS

The projected revenues for all funds total \$72,947,500 and the projected expenditure for all funds totals \$74,988,341. The projected revenues for FY 2025 represent a .10% decrease under the amended revenues from the FY 2024 budget. Increases have been made in property tax revenue, payroll taxes, insurance premiums and interest income revenue in the general fund. The projected expenditures for FY 2025 represent a 19.99% decrease under the amended expenditures for the FY 2024 budget. The overall decrease is a result of the reduction of capital outlay expenditures in the General Fund outpacing the increase in personnel expenditures with the hiring of sixteen additional, an increase in the health and dental costs and a 3.2% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). At the end of the previous fiscal year, the City's government funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$112,966,349, a decrease of \$3,314,285 in comparison with the prior year.





DEPARTMENT STATS

FIRE/EMS CHIEF: Rodney Wren

CAREER PERSONNEL: 72

CIVILIAN ADMIN: 2

PART-TIME INSPECTOR: 1

FIRE STATIONS: 3

RESPONSES:

- Fire Responses — 1,781
- Medical Responses — 8,967
- Total Incidents — 10,748

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ PUBLIC EDUCATION:

- Fire Inspections — 1,355
- Public Education Events — 80
- Formal Fire Investigations — 20
- Occupational License Inspections — 72

CONTACT US



Since its founding in 1936, the Florence Fire/EMS Department has remained dedicated to protecting the Florence community and Florence Fire Protection District. In 2024, our team achieved new milestones in service, recognition and growth.

This year, Florence Fire/EMS personnel received several accolades, including recognition from St. Elizabeth Medical Center for record stroke response times, the Mission Lifeline Award from the American Heart Association, and the "Preceptor of the Year" award from Gateway Community and Technical College. These honors reflect our dedication to providing exceptional emergency care.

In response to the growing demand, we upgraded our fleet with two new ambulances. We also received a generous donation from Marathon Refinery in Ashland, Kentucky: a 1926 American LaFrance Fire Engine. Residents can look forward to seeing this historic fire engine in the Memorial Day Parade and various city events.

Our team saw new members joining, as well as significant promotions and retirements. With deep gratitude, we bid farewell to our Assistant Fire/EMS Chief who retired after nearly 30 years of dedicated service. At the same time, we welcomed a new Assistant Fire/EMS Chief and introduced a Battalion Chief of Emergency Medical Services and paramedic only position to our department. These changes will bolster our training programs and elevate the quality of our services..

Our administrative team focused on Incident Management Team (IMT) classes, preparing our team for major emergencies and hazardous responses. One of the most significant achievements has been the construction of the new state-of-the-art fire station on Dream Street. Set to be completed in Spring of 2025, this station will enhance our ability to respond swiftly to emergencies and symbolizes our ongoing dedication to community safety.

Looking ahead to 2025, the department remains steadfast in its mission to protect and serve the community. We are committed to continuing our tradition of excellence in public health and safety for both residents and visitors alike.



FIRE/EMS





DEPARTMENT STATS

CHIEF OF POLICE: Jeff Mallery

SWORN OFFICERS: 76

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL: 3

K9 TEAMS: 4

SPECIALIZED UNITS:

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

CONTACT US



Founded in 1958, the Florence Police Department has grown significantly and remains deeply involved in community events and outreach.

Annual activities include the DEA Drug Takeback, Stuff the Cruiser charity events, Easter Event, the Police Citizen Academy and all city events. The department also engages with young people through programs such as the Youth in Government, Senior Exit Interviews at Boone County High School and teaching D.A.R.E. to nearly all the city's elementary schools, including parochial schools.

The department's community outreach extends to participation in the Habitat for Humanity Customer Service Event, the Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Northern Kentucky, and recruiting events at both Eastern Kentucky University and University of Cincinnati. Additionally, the department offers businesses "Run, Hide, Fight" active shooter response classes and safety walk-through inspections upon request.



This year, the department hosted several Department of Criminal Justice Training (DCOJT) in-service classes, enhancing officers' skills and readiness. They welcomed 10 new hires, while 5 officers, including the Chief of Police, retired after years of dedicated service. Significant promotions have occurred, including the appointment of Florence native Chief Mallery as the new Chief of Police. Additionally, members of the department were honored for their outstanding achievements. Officer Jacobs received the 2023 MADD DUI Enforcement Award and the 2024 Governor's Impaired Driving Award, while Officer Pinkston was awarded the 2024 Occupant Safety Award.

The department received a generous donation of 20 AED units from Project Heart ReStart, further enhancing their ability to respond to medical emergencies.

The Florence Police Department remains committed to its core mission of preserving the public peace and protecting the well-being of the community, while continually adapting to meet modern needs.



POLICE





DEPARTMENT STATS

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR:
Eric Hall

FULL-TIME POSITIONS: 72

MAINTAINING:

- Street Lane Miles: 182
- City Owned Streets: 380
- Street Signs Maintained: 4,423
- Miles of Pedestrian/Bike Paths: 11
- Miles of Water Main: 149
- Water Meters: 9,187
- Miles of Sanitary Sewer Main: 138
- Miles of Storm Sewer Main: 65
- Pump Stations: 6
- Acres by Grounds: 254
- Sq. Ft. of Landscape Beds: 309,648
- Trees: 6,460
- Buildings: 26
- Active Neighborhood Parks : 6
- Sq. Ft. of Buildings: 240,703
- Vehicles Maintained: 210

CONTACT US



The Public Services Department strives to fulfill Florence's evolving needs and ensure a well-maintained, connected, and beautiful community.

The Florence Public Service Department is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Its commitment to community service, infrastructure management, and technological advancements drives their initiatives that serve Florence today and prepare us for future growth.

The Infrastructure Support Services (I.S.S.) Division, oversees capital improvement projects, regulatory compliance, asset management, automated metering infrastructure and GIS technology. This team manages the city's transportation network, parks, water and sewer systems, and stormwater infrastructure.

The Community Support Services Division (C.S.S.) administers city ordinances, property maintenance code, zoning regulations, and occupational license enforcement handling over 3,000 enforcement actions annually. Additionally, they remove over 2,500 illegal signs from public rights-of-way, conduct post-site plan reviews, and utilize GIS mapping software.



The Operations Division, comprising of six divisions, is responsible for building maintenance, fleet maintenance, transportation, grounds, sanitary sewer and water, and is the backbone of Florence's daily upkeep. Operations runs a 24/7 on-call system, enabling rapid responses to emergencies such as water main breaks and severe weather events. This division's efforts are complemented by new equipment such as a mini excavator, improving operational safety and efficiency.

The Public Services Department is community focused. The department recently developed a drinking water service line inventory and inspection for safety compliance and launched Procore for project management. Looking ahead, the department has a comprehensive plan for the coming year, prioritizing infrastructure improvements, technological upgrades and community enhancement. Community focused projects like the Boone County Veterans Memorial reconstruction, Dream Street Fire Station completion and the Aquatic Center and Parks Master Plans, the department aims to enhance public facilities and amenities.



PUBLIC SERVICES

ENJOY NATURE!

Discover Florence's Parks: Perfect for Play, Relaxation, & Community Connections!

Florence parks are cherished green spaces that offer something for everyone, from sports and tranquil walks to gathering spots for families. Open from dawn to dusk, they are ideal for creating memories, enjoying fresh air, and connecting with nature. Whether you are a resident or visiting, explore our parks and experience why Florence is a fantastic place to live and play.



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, roller blades 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 beginners, intermediate and advanced areas 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 a memorial park to recognize the public servants who have served the citizens of the City of Florence. The land was donated in 2016 by Tom Green for the sole purpose of serving the community. As you explore the park, you will find statutes paying homage to our Police, Fire/EMS, Public Services and Administration Departments, each a testament to their selfless service to our city. The brick pavers encircling the park bear the names of those 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, the 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 lovers dream, but 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 walking trails. The granite animals in the park were donated by the Florence Mall when the park was under construction.

For your 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 newest active park boasting a tropical theme. Located on Kentaboo Avenue, the three-acre park features an open green space for you to unwind, a playground for the little ones, and a basketball court for you to challenge your friends to a game or test your agility in a four-square match.

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



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. This 15-acre park was developed in 1972 into an active park and is the perfect park 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. 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 make this an 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 those looking to shoot some 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.



Stringtown Tennis Courts

7056 BURLINGTON PIKE

Located near the Boone County High School campus, these tennis courts were recently upgraded and now feature fresh tennis court striping, along with new pickleball striping added this year.



Park Shelter Rentals: Plan Your Gatherings

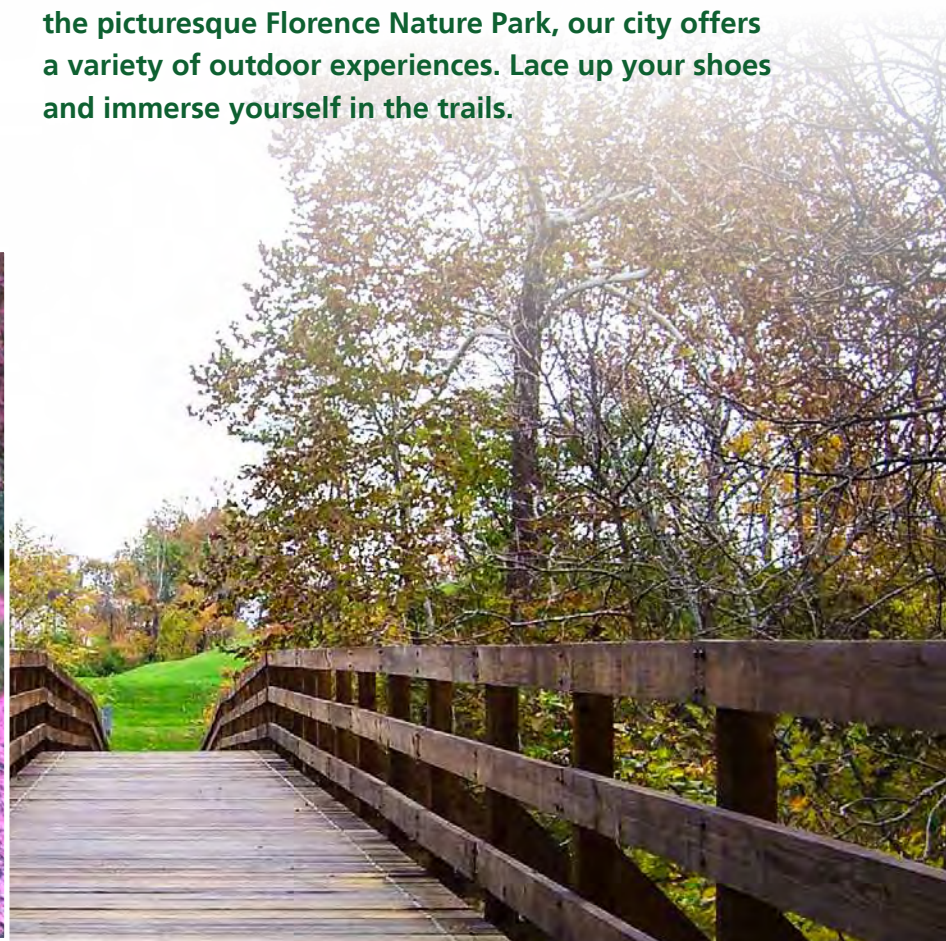
The parks in Florence offer park shelter rentals, which can be reserved from March 1 to October 31. With picnic tables, grills, and a beautiful natural backdrop, they are ideal venues for birthday parties, family reunions, and community events. You can host a fantastic outdoor gathering at one of our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

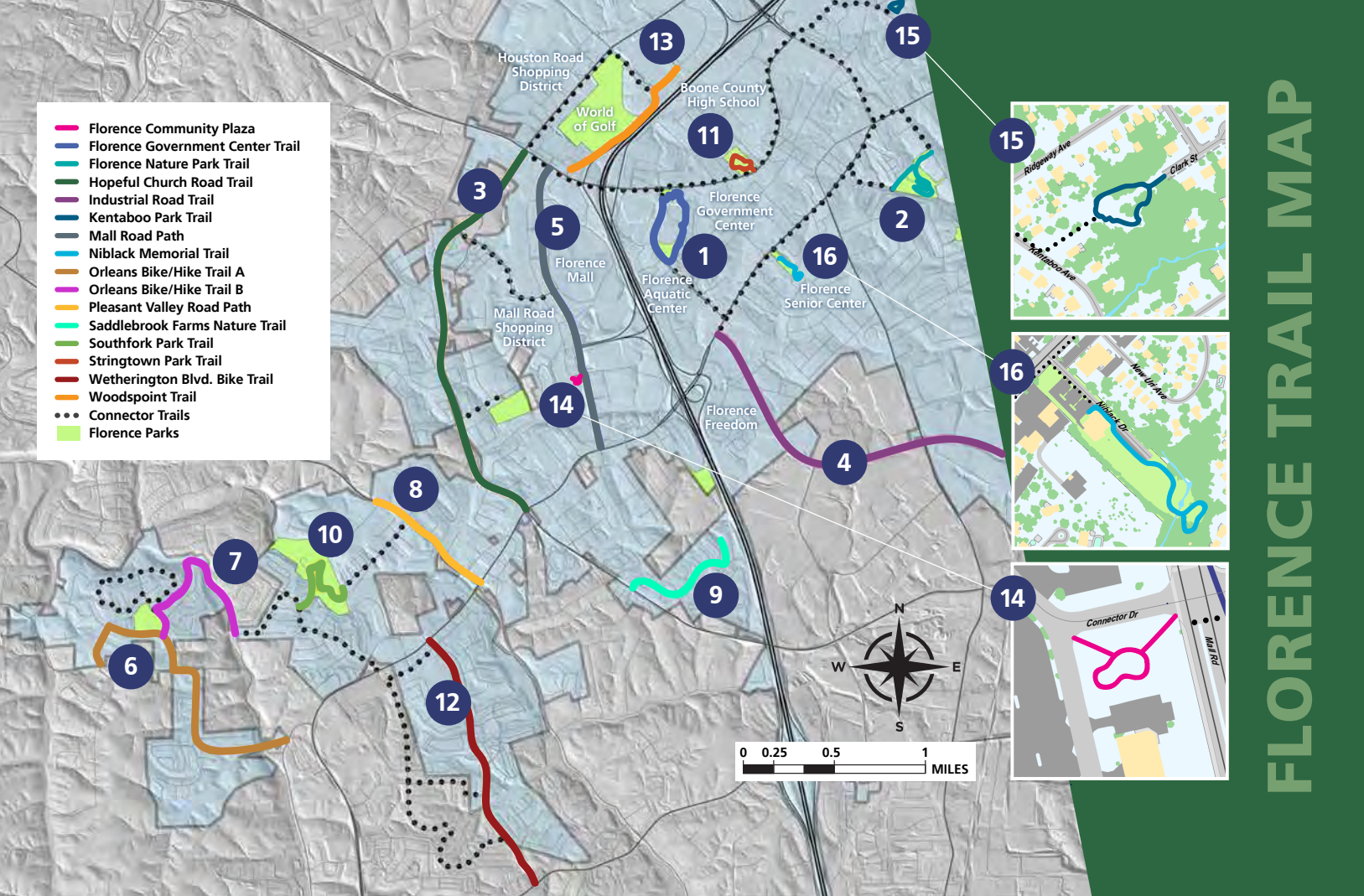
In the hustle and bustle of your daily routine, take a moment to step out and embrace the natural beauty around you. Discover one of our sixteen park trails. From the serene Florence Government Center Trail to the picturesque Florence Nature Park, our city offers a variety of outdoor experiences. Lace up your shoes and immerse yourself in the trails.



Scan the QR code for an overall map of the trail system.

TRAIL MAP





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 Florence Aquatic Center's 2025 season opening on Memorial Day Weekend. This season promises a series of exciting events, including poolside movie nights, Christmas in July, and fun for the whole family.

Exciting developments are on the horizon! We are working on a Master Plan to explore future upgrades and enhancements, adding new amenities to elevate everyone's experience. Stay tuned for updates on the official City of Florence website and official Florence Aquatic Center Facebook page.

Don't forget about our Florence Hammerheads Swim Team! Whether your child is an experienced swimmer or just starting out, the Hammerheads provide a fantastic opportunity to build skills, stay active and make lasting memories. Keep an eye out for registration information and practice schedules. Who knows, your child might be the next Olympic Swimmer who got their start with the Hammerheads!

Mark your calendars – season passes for the 2025 season will be available starting in March. The full events calendar, including special activities and programming will be posted this spring. Before diving into the season, 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 at the Florence Aquatic Center this summer! Let's make it a summer to remember!



TEE OFF!

WORLD OF GOLF: A COMMUNITY TREASURE ON THE GREENS

Owned by the City of Florence and operated by Landrum Golf Management, World of Golf has been a beloved staple in our community for more than five decades.

This family-friendly destination is designed to welcome everyone, from non-golfers to the most avid players. The unique variety of offerings include an 18-hole executive golf course, an 18 hole mini-golf course, 9 holes of Footgolf, a driving range and full time instructors — a place for everyone to enjoy.

Elevate your game with state-of-the-art Toptracer tech on the driving range, to track every shot with precision. Inside, enjoy Golfzon Golf Simulators — an immersive experience for both practice and fun.

Go beyond golf with year-round events. Enjoy summer and fall evenings with live music on the patio, cozy firepits, and a relaxing atmosphere. Highlights include Golfzon Match Play Tournaments, Chips & Sips, Ladies & Men's Bazaars, Women's Golf Day, PGA Family Golf Outing, Putt for Pink, Glow Golf, and an Adult Easter Egg Hunt.

On-site, the Tin Cup Restaurant rounds out the experience with a menu of all-American classics and a calendar of special events. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, National Burger Day, National Bourbon Day with tasty specials and do not miss the festivities of Cincinnati Burger Week and Cincinnati Wing Week.

Visit World of Golf at 7400 Woodpoint Dr., Florence, KY 41042. For more information, check out worldgolfky.com or call 859.371.8255.



STAY ACTIVE!

DEANNA AND HUGH SKEES SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The Deanna and Hugh Skees Senior Activity Center stands as a cherished space in Florence, dedicated to providing our seniors with a broad range of engaging activities, a Kentucky Hot Menu, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Here, seniors from all walks of life find camaraderie, stimulation and support as they gather to participate in activities designed to promote well-being in mind, body and spirit.

At the Skees Senior Activity Center, each day brings new opportunities for enjoyment and connection. With an active monthly schedule, the friendly staff thoughtfully creates activities that cater to a wide range of interests and abilities. Whether you are looking to stay physically active, challenge your mind, or simply enjoy time with friends, there is something for everyone. Regular activities include Silver Sneakers, Chair Volleyball, Bridge Class and Mah-Jong.

The center's wide array of activities, delicious menu, and thoughtful accommodations make it a shining example of Florence's commitment to its senior residents.

To explore upcoming activities or to view the Kentucky Hot Menu, visit the city website at Florence-ky.gov. The Deanna and Hugh Skees Senior Center Activity Center is located at 7431 US 42, Florence, KY 41042 and is open to the community Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.



The Florence Community Band and Florence Community Chorus are welcoming musicians and singers of all skill levels committed to bringing music to life in Northern Kentucky! Both groups invite musicians and singers of all skill levels to join!

FLORENCE COMMUNITY BAND

The Florence Community Band is a sixty-member concert band featuring flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, tubas and percussion. They perform a range of genres, from patriotic and holiday music to popular and traditional band literature. Performances occur at various local events including City of Florence sponsored events, 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. The band rehearses Monday evenings at the Florence Government Center and no auditions are required. Email the band at florencebandky@gmail.com or visit their website at www.florencekycommunityband.com. Follow the band on Facebook.

FLORENCE COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Florence Community Chorus is a twenty-five member non-profit SATB group singing everything from show tunes and popular music to classic and patriotic works. All they ask is that you can carry a tune and will participate in rehearsals and perform at concerts. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 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.



MUSICAL MAGIC

2025 EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

There is always something exciting happening in the city.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>1–5 Holiday Tree Recycling Drop Off Stringtown Park</p> <p>2 Holiday Tree Recycling Curbside Service</p> <p>13–17 Valentines for Troops</p> <p>25 Safe Sitter Kalb Gathering House</p>	<p>17–21 President's Day Display Florence Government Center Lobby</p> <p>28 Book and Literacy Festival – Books & Bottles Event Florence Nature Park Event Center</p>	<p>1 Children's Book Festival Florence Nature Park Event Center</p> <p>7–17 St. Patrick's Scavenger Hunt</p> <p>25–27 Youth in Government Florence Government Center</p> <p>30 Adult Easter Egg Hunt World of Golf</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>6 Tennis Clinics Begin Lincoln Woods Park</p> <p>8 Safe Sitter Kalb Gathering House</p> <p>12 Florence Easter Egg Hunt Thomas More Stadium</p> <p>21–27 Spring Clean Up</p> <p>26 Great American Cleanup</p>	<p>1–15 Community Photo Contest</p> <p>17 World of Golf Season Kickoff Party</p> <p>20 Public Services Night Out Florence Mall Parking Lot</p> <p>24 Florence Family Aquatic Center — Opening Day Kickoff Event</p> <p>26 Memorial Day Parade & Program</p>	<p>3 Women's Golf Day World of Golf</p> <p>13 Friday Night Movie in the Park Florence Nature Park</p> <p>14 Flag Day Display Ewing Boulevard</p> <p>20 Friday Night Movie in the Park Skees Senior Center</p> <p>23–27 Skyhawks Youth Sports Camp Orleans Park</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>3 Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Celebration Florence Government Center</p> <p>4 Independence Day Celebration Rain Date (Fireworks only)</p> <p>25 Christmas in July Aquatic Center</p>	<p>2 Art & Vendor Festival & Car Historic Main Street</p> <p>5 National Night Out Florence Government Center</p> <p>7 Safe Sitter Kalb Gathering House</p> <p>30 Mini Golf Tournament & End of Summer Concert World of Golf</p>	<p>9 Neighborhood Night Out</p> <p>11 City of Florence — Day of Service</p> <p>20 Arbor Day Celebration Florence Government Center</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>13–19 Fall Clean Up Week</p> <p>20 Safe Sitter Kalb Gathering House</p> <p>25 Glow Golf World of Golf</p> <p>28 Halloween Night Out Thomas More Stadium</p>	<p>1–11 Witness Tree Florence Government Center</p> <p>8 Veterans Day Program Florence Government Center</p> <p>9 Honor Run</p> <p>10–21 Holiday Card Contest</p>	<p>2 Holiday Tree Lighting Event Florence Government Center</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.



2025 will be a year filled with joy, community and endless memories! Mark your calendars and join us for a year of fun and festivities! Keep an eye out on our website, www.florence-ky.gov for more information and additional updates on events! This year promises something for everyone in our community.

President's Day Display

FEBRUARY 17-21

Visit the Florence Government Center to explore the displays of U.S. Presidents, Vice Presidents and First Ladies between the hours of 9 a.m.–4 p.m. daily.

Book & Literacy Festival

FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1

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

Join authors, avid readers and literary enthusiasts to celebrate literature in all its forms. The festivities kick off Friday evening with a Books & Bottle Event followed by a Saturday morning of author sessions and children's programming at the Florence Nature Park Event Center.

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

MARCH 7-17

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt and maybe you will find a pot of gold!

Follow clues around the city, tackling fun physical and mental challenges along the way. Capture the journey with your phone and email the photos to the City of Florence Administration Department. Complete all the clues. Find our pot of gold. Claim your treasure!

Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 12

The Florence Police Department will hold their annual easter egg hunt at Thomas More Stadium, Home of the Florence Y'alls.

There will be games, local vendors, and free photos with the Easter Bunny.

Great American Cleanup

APRIL 26

Here's your chance to keep Florence beautiful!

Join us in this national program that provides an opportunity to volunteer to clean up litter along designated roadsides within the City of Florence on a beautiful spring Saturday morning. Receive lunch for participating in this community service project.

Community Photo Contest

MAY 1-15

Snap the magic of Florence through your lens!

Showcase the stunning beauty and unique moments that make our community special. Submit your best shots and let your creativity shine to photocontest@florence-ky.gov. The most captivating shots will

receive prizes and be featured in our 2026 Community Guide.

Public Services Night Out

MAY 20

The City of Florence Public Services Department will hold its annual Public Services Night Out on Tuesday, May 20 from 4–6:30 p.m. at the Florence Mall parking lot.

This event is hosted in conjunction with National Public Works Week with an aim to raise awareness and recognize the impact Public Works staff has 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 used every day by the Public Services Department.



Florence Aquatic Center Opening Day Kickoff Event

MAY 24

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 on May 24!

Memorial Day Parade and Program

MAY 26

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

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Boone County High School and concludes at the Boone County Veterans Memorial located on the campus of the Florence Government Center. The memorial service program will follow the parade at the Boone County Veteran's Memorial, paying tribute to our military personnel.

Friday Night Movies in the Park

JUNE 13, 20

Looking for a family event before the weekend begins? Grab your lawn chairs and blankets for an evening under the stars.

Join us at the Florence Nature Park on June 13 and Skees Senior Center on June 20 for a movie night. This event offers a fantastic opportunity to explore

our recreational facilities, experience nature, and enjoy a great movie. Movies begin at dusk, with free popcorn and food vendors available for tasty treats. Do not miss out on this fun family outing!

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.

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

Art Festival, Vendor Market & Car Show — Historic Main

AUGUST 2

Join us for a day of creativity, craftsmanship and classic cars at the Florence Art Festival and Vendor Market. This family-friendly event brings together local artists, artisans, and small businesses to showcase their work in a vendor market.

Discover unique art pieces, handmade crafts, and specialty items perfect for all ages and interests. For car enthusiasts, stroll through an impressive display of vintage and custom vehicles at the car show, where you can meet proud owners and vote for your favorites.

National Night Out

AUGUST 5

Celebrate community safety at our National Night Out!

Meet and interact with City Officials, Councilmembers, Police, Fire/EMS, Public Service representatives and your neighbors at the Florence Government Center. This free event features community vendors and a grill-out style dinner for attendees.

Community Miniature Golf Tournament & End of Summer Concert

AUGUST 30

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

It will be a day of family-friendly fun where residents of all ages can come together for a thrilling mini-golf competition. Enjoy an evening of fantastic live music and delicious offerings from the Tin Cup Restaurant. Mark your calendars and get to celebrate the end of summer and beginning of Fall with us at the World of Golf.

Neighborhood Night Out

SEPTEMBER 9

This program invites our neighbors to meet city officials from 5 p.m.–7 p.m. Join us for a grill-out style dinner, explore city displays and learn about ongoing projects shaping our community.

Connect with your local leaders, enjoy some great food, and discover how our city is growing and improving.

City of Florence Day of Service

SEPTEMBER 11

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

This special day offers a unique opportunity for our city to unite and create a positive impact on our community.

Arbor Day Celebration

SEPTEMBER 20

Celebrate with us at the Florence Government Center!

This year's event will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 12 p.m. with lunch provided for participants. The program will include a brief history of Arbor Day and reading of the City's Arbor Day Proclamation, followed by various tree planting activities.

Halloween Night Out

OCTOBER 28

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 those invisible wounds that veterans are battling after they return to civilian life.

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

Veterans Day Program

NOVEMBER 8

Join the city as we honor the Veterans of all wars in a ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Florence Government Center.

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

Holiday Card Contest

NOVEMBER 10-21

Our annual Holiday Card Contest has returned, and once again, we will deliver all cards received to local seniors.

Participants are encouraged to create festive and heartwarming designs to capture the spirit of the season. Your creativity can bring joy and warmth to our community!

Holiday Tree Lighting Event

DECEMBER 2

Bring your family as we celebrate the Holiday season and welcome Santa Claus with 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
for more information
& additional event
details!



2025 EVENTS

Valentines for Troops

JANUARY 13-17

Spread love and gratitude to our troops this Valentine's Day with Hugs for Heroes! Create heartfelt Valentine's cards filled with messages of appreciation for deployed service members.

Your participation helps remind our heroes that they are loved and supported by those back home. Open to all ages. Cards can be store-bought or handmade, individually wrapped candy can be included if it is attached to the card, and you are welcome to include a return address, but it is not necessary to include personal information.

Safe Sitter (Babysitting) Class



JANUARY 25, APRIL 8, AUGUST 7, OCTOBER 20 SAFESITTER

An opportunity for teens ages 11 to 15 to develop leadership skills, work with younger children and care for infants as well as earn 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 lunch and drink. Classes are limited to 12 teens and are held at the Evelyn M. Kalb Gathering House, 7200 Nature Park Drive, Florence from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 25, April 8, Aug. 7, Oct. 20.

Citizens Police Academy

SPRING/FALL

FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER LOWER-LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOMS

The Florence Police Department will hold its annual Citizens Police Academy. Learn firsthand from officers and guest speakers about traffic violations, building searches, suspect interviews, and more. For additional information call 859.647.5420.



Youth in Government

MARCH 25-27

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 on March 25, 26 and 27 at the Florence Government Center.

This program 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 25 from 4:30-6 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event, which will include demonstrations and displays by the following City departments: 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 p.m. Mayor Julie M. Aubuchon will recognize those in attendance during the meeting.



Tennis Clinics

BEGINNING APRIL 6

LINCOLN WOODS PARK

Sharpen your tennis skills or learn the basics with certified USTA instructor Tom Kolenich at Lincoln Woods Park.

Session Dates:

Session 1: April 6 – May 31

Session 2: June 1 – July 26

Session 3: July 27 – September 20

Session 4: September 21 – October 18

Registration forms are available on the city website at www.florence-ky.gov.

Register directly with Tom Kolenich at atkbtennis@gmail.com or 724.988.9454.

You can also visit their website at www.atkbtennis.com



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. 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 the registration form. Season begins in May and includes All-Star and Championship meets.

Spring Clean Up Week

APRIL 21-27

Is it time to get rid of the clutter from the winter months? The Florence Public Services Department offers a Spring Clean Up Program to residents. 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 Ln. Debris that will not be accepted includes tires, paint (in liquid form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides, and fungicides (hazardous waste). Facility hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 9 a.m.-7p.m. Sat. and Sun.

PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

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



Skyhawks Sports Camps

JUNE 23–27

Skyhawks Sports Camps, in partnership with the city, offer a variety of sports camps. Young athletes of all skill levels to join in on the excitement.

Whether passionate about volleyball, eager to perfect soccer skills, or ready to score big in flag football, kids will find a supportive environment to grow, play, and learn. With expert coaches leading each camp, participants will build confidence, teamwork, and athletic skills through engaging drills, games, and friendly competitions.

For details, visit www.skyhawks.com and visit the city website at www.florence-ky.gov for online registration.



Public Works Academy

JUNE 9–JULY 25

The Florence Public Services Department is excited to announce the return of their Public Works Academy, a hands-on, 7 week program designed for individuals interested in exploring a career in public works. The academy offers participants valuable skills and certifications, including OSHA 10 and CPR/AED, as well as practical experience in concrete work, storm sewer installation, landscape design, and more. Additionally, the program includes resume workshops and mock interviews to help participants prepare for future job opportunities. For more information, contact the Public Services Department at 859.647.5416.



Arbor Day

SEPTEMBER 20

FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER

Join us on Sept. 20, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Florence Government Center for our Arbor Day 2025 Celebration. This program features a brief history of Arbor Day, the reading of the City's Arbor Day Proclamation and Mayor's Monarch Pledge, followed by various tree planting activities.

The National Arbor Day Foundation recognized Florence as a "Tree City USA" for the thirty-third consecutive year in September 2024. This prestigious distinction is based on the city's commitment to establish a tree board, develop a tree care ordinance, organized a comprehensive community forestry program and implement an Arbor Day observance.

This is a public event. Friends, family and neighbors are all welcome to attend.

Fall Clean Up Week

OCTOBER 13–19

In October, the Florence Public Services Department offers a Fall Clean Up Program to residents. The program lasts one week and is an opportunity for Florence residents to bring debris for disposal at the Public Services Maintenance Facility at 7850 Tanners Ln. 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: 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Mon.–Fri. and 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Call 859.647.5416 for details.



Annual Leaf Collection

**MID-OCTOBER THRU
MID-DECEMBER**

Our annual Leaf Collection Schedule for city residents will be available on our website in September. Search your street name to find your three pickup dates and the guidelines to follow.

Holiday Card Contest

NOVEMBER 10–21

Unleash your child's creativity in our Community Children's Art Contest! This exciting event is a canvas for young artists to showcase their talents and encourage their creativity.



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.

For additional information and updates regarding these programs, please contact the City of Florence Administration at 859.647.8177 or visit our website at Florence-ky.gov.



CHRISTMAS
TREE RECYCLING

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 KIND 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.



Your
Property



Your
People



Your
Needs



Your
Pets

HOW SECURE IS MY DATA AND HOW IS IT USED?

Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. Your information is never used for any other purpose. All logins are password protected with bank level encryption and security. If you're comfortable logging in to your online bank you'll be comfortable logging in to Community Connect.



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Florence Good Neighbor Program

Coordinated by our Human Services Administrator, Katie James, the Good Neighbor Program was launched this year. This innovative program is designed to connect residents in need of assistance with dedicated volunteers who can help with outdoor tasks such as mowing, shoveling, and raking with dedicated volunteers.

The program focuses on supporting elderly, disabled, or physically unable individuals, helping them maintain their homes with dignity. By cultivating volunteerism, the program will strengthen community ties and ensure an organized and efficient matching process based on resident's needs, location and availability.

How it works

FOR RESIDENTS

If you or someone you know could benefit from help with outdoor tasks, you can sign up by providing your contact information and specifying the type of assistance needed.

FOR VOLUNTEERS

Community members are invited to volunteer their time. You can specify your availability and the tasks you are most comfortable with, whether it is mowing, snow shoveling or leaf raking.

Community groups, organizations and individuals alike are encouraged to participate, helping to build a more supportive and connected community. By working together, we can make our city an even more caring place to live.

To sign up for assistance or volunteer, please visit the city website or contact Human Services Administrator, Katie James, at 859.647.8177.

Before

After

Scan the QR code to join the Good Neighbor Program today and make a difference in someone's life!



Your Guide to Boards & Commissions

Citizen participation is a vital aspect 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 in any of these boards or commissions, we encourage you to apply.

Here is a glimpse of what each one entails:



AVIATION NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE

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



BOONE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The city appoints six members to the commission which plays a crucial role in local land-use planning, zoning regulations and subdivision regulations.



BOONE-FLORENCE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND APPEALS

The city appoints one member of the board which 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.



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND ZONING APPEALS

Empowered to grant condition use permits and dimensional variances from zoning regulations within the city.



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.



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.



URBAN FOREST COMMISSION

Focuses on the preservation, maintaining and expanding of our urban green spaces.



VETERANS COMMISSION

Dedicated to addressing issues that affect our local veterans.

Learn more at www.Florence-ky.gov/our-government/boards-commissions.
Your involvement in your community can make a difference.

Promoting growth and community

The Florence Business Council, implemented by Mayor Aubuchon in partnership with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, is dedicated to supporting and promoting local businesses across our city.

This business council provides a platform for businesses to network, collaborate, and stay informed on key community and economic developments that shape Florence's future.

Each meeting, held on the third Thursday of the month, offers a unique chance to connect with fellow business leaders, as well as city officials and department representatives. Mayor Aubuchon, along with other key city officials, attend these meetings regularly, ensuring that businesses have direct access to the city's leadership and can discuss ideas, issues and opportunities that impact our local economy.

The 2025 schedule is set, and we encourage all businesses and individuals to get involved. For registration and more details, visit the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce website at <https://www.nkychamber.com/business-councils/> or contact Beth Farrer, Member Relations Specialist, at Bfarrer@nkychamber.com.

Join us as we continue to make Florence a community where businesses grow and succeed!



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 that 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 snow, the Public Services Department is ready to keep roads safe and clear.

During a snow emergency, residents can help by moving parked vehicles off streets when snow is expected. Florence has one level of snow emergency, announced via social media, radio and news outlets. During a snow emergency, all on-street parking is prohibited for 24 hours to allow crews to clear the streets efficiently.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Rumpke is the authorized provider in Florence to provide low-cost garbage collection services. 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. To initiate service at your residence or business, call Rumpke at 877.786.7537.

RECYCLING PICK-UP

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

Our contract does not include commercial and industrial recycling but Rumpke does offer this service. Please contact Rumpke at 877.786.7537 for commercial and industrial rates or to set up service.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF

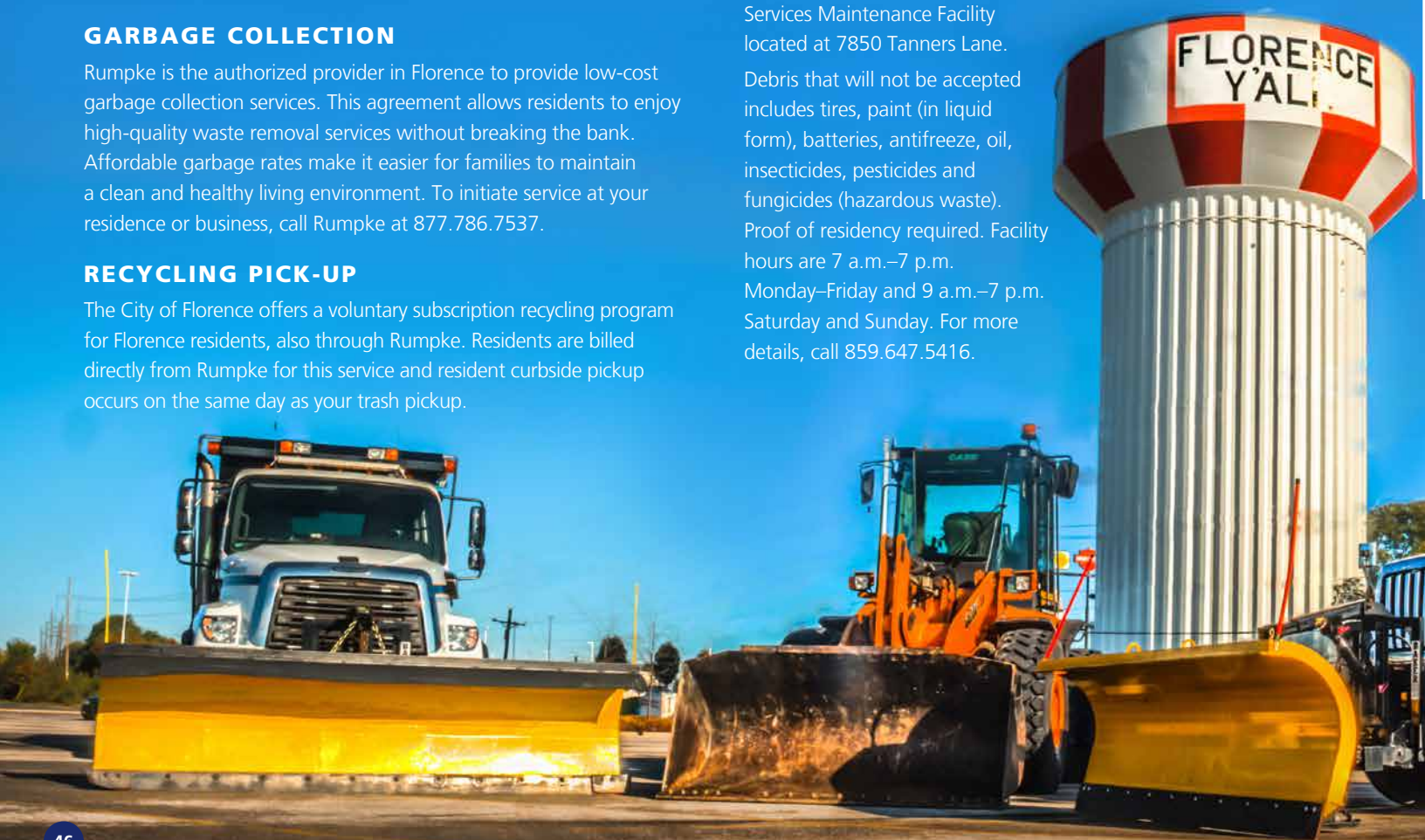
Florence takes pride in its commitment to sustainability and offers a drop-off recycling program at the city's Recycling Center. Located at the Public Services Maintenance Facility, 7850 Tanners Lane, residents can drop off recyclables such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and more, making it easy 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 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 help keep Florence beautiful but also promote a sense of pride and cooperation among residents. 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 form), batteries, antifreeze, oil, insecticides, pesticides and fungicides (hazardous waste). Proof of residency required. Facility hours are 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Monday–Friday and 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more details, call 859.647.5416.



FOR RESIDENTS

ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

The Florence Public Services Department performs their annual Leaf Collection Program from mid-October to mid-December for City of Florence residents. All leaves are treated and used as compost or fertilizer. A sign will be placed at the subdivision/street entrances at least one week prior to actual pickup day.

GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION

- Rake leaves in a row behind the curb. Do not rake in the street. Leaves need to be raked to the curb by 7 a.m. the morning of the scheduled pickup listed on the schedule.
- Pickup is on residential streets only and not on state routes or commercial streets.
- Keep all debris and trash out of the leaf row. This includes tree branches, tomato plants, and landscape debris.
- Homeowners may still also leave bags for pickup by Rumpke.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

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 will drive around the city and pick up Christmas trees curbside for recycling.

Call the Public Services Department at 859.647.5416 for the date or visit our website 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? Understanding these distinctions can be especially helpful when reporting maintenance issues. Here's a brief overview:

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 that the right government agency is informed, leading to a more effective response and quicker resolution of road-related issues.

FLORENCE CITY MAP



A listing of all city roads is located on the City of Florence website and can be found by scanning the QR code.



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