

ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE

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Mondays 12 pm at the Hilton
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2019

11:45 Buffet Opens (\$14 for Buffet, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert)
 12:15 President Frank Schneider Presiding
Team 3 Greeting, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
 12:30 Tri State Honor Flight Cheryl Popp (Froelicher)
 1:00 Meeting Adjourned



Whalen, Diane	5-Nov
Gutzeit, Pat	10-Nov
Palmer, Greg	16-Nov
Schulkers, Shona	20-Nov
Sample, Leon	22-Nov
Mader, Doug	22-Nov
Salyers, John	24-Nov

PROGRAMS

Date	Program	Presenter	T
11/11	75th Club Anniversary	Gray Griesser (Stewart)	4
	International Festival 03/14/2020	(Schneider)	
18	Minority Floor Leader	Morgan McGarvey, (Schickel)	5
25	Kentucky Pension Reform	Chris Tobe, CFA (Froelicher)	6
12/02	NKY Economic Development	Lee Crume (Froelicher)	7
6 p.m.	Christmas Concert at Lakeside	(Carroll/Stewart) Buttermilk Pike	
9	Club Assembly and goal planning for 2020		8
16	Year End Review	President Frank	9
23	Christmas Eve	No Meeting	
30	New Year's Eve	No Meeting	
01/06	Meet NKY	Eric Sume (Froelicher)	1
13	Prichard Committee, Bridgitte Ramsey (Froelicher)		2
20	Martin Luther King Day	No Meeting	
27	Hebron Library Offsite meeting 1863 North Bend Road, Hebron, (Herman)		3
02/03	Triple Crown Winner	Steve Cauthen (Froelicher)	4
10	William Howard Taft Historical Society	(Froelicher)	5

People of Action

DEC 2 6PM CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN ON BUTTERMILK PIKE
MAR 14 NKY INT. FESTIVAL N.K. Convention Center 1 W Rivercenter Blvd, Covington, KY
 * **OUR 4TH QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNER:** Welcome House, Tattoo Removal and Steinford Toy Foundation are 4th Quarter CSPs. Financial donations will be split between Welcome House and Tattoo Removal. Donations of new toys for STF will be accepted on November 18 and 25 as well as December 2 and 9. You may sign up your business as a drop off location for toys between November 18 and December 6. We need help with volunteers to distribute signs and boxes the week of November 18. And, we need volunteers to pick up toys at businesses on December 9, 10 and 11 to deliver them to SD1. Please contact Roger Babik to sign up to volunteer - roger@masterprovisions.org. To volunteer at Welcome House - please call or email Sara Kahmann at 859.431.8717 or skahmann@welcomehouseky.org.
 * **OUR \$100/YR.** Meal Ad \$100/quarter & Patron Ad is \$100/year
 * **4 PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:** (1) GROW +20; (2) RAISE 20K; (3) DEV. 20K; (4) DIVERSITY
 * **OUR \$100/YR. PARTON ADS BUTTON FEES ARE DUE. SEE JOY.** Meal Ad \$100/quarter & runs weekly. Patron Ad is \$100/year runs every 3rd week.
 * **ROTARY BUSINESS CARD:**

Emcee Gary Stewart
 Recognizing
 Gary Griesser & Family
 \$10 Offering Appreciated
 Make Checks Payable to:
 Florence Rotary Foundation
 for tax deduction



Other Performances by
 Sophia & Isabella Santos
 Rusty Bird, Evan Dallas
 Trio Stage Singers
 Trio Vocal Band, By Faith
 David & Whitney Campbell



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Boone County Road Projects on Faster Track

Written By: Patrick Moynahan on October 23



The bad news/good news conundrum in the economic and residential growth picture in Boone County centers on the need for hundreds of millions of dollars of highway improvements to avert severe traffic congestion.

The good news lies in funding support from the commonwealth and new design and contract provisions that speed up the process of road construction.

That's the assessment of Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore. "We haven't been told "no" yet on any of the new projects and the (future) needs that we have," Moore said.

In a recent question/answer session with the Rotary Club of Florence, Moore provided an update on county highway improvements, the police department radio system and the fee for Public Safety Communications Center operations.

Moore said \$200 million in road construction projects are underway across the county and \$100 million more is needed to prevent traffic congestion around the Amazon Prime Air hub and other developments.

The \$1.5 billion air transport hub will employ 2,700 people and occupy 900 acres between the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and Aero Parkway when it reaches full operation in 2021. The county's traffic study predicts the hub will attract other companies that will want to locate near Amazon and bring another 2,700 workers, according to Moore.

Among the projects under construction or proposed are the following:

- Graves Road diamond interchange just west of Hebron.
- Reconstruction of the Mt. Zion Road and Richmond Road interchanges on Interstate 71/75.
- Widening of Pleasant Valley - Camp Ernst Road.
- Widening and realignment of Donaldson Road from the airport east to Interstate 71/75.
- Widening and realignment of Mineola Pike from the airport north to Interstate 275.

The contract for the Graves Road project was awarded recently to Eaton Asphalt, which also won the contract for the I-71/75 interchanges at Mt. Zion Road and Richwood Road.

"It's a win-win when these projects are built by local contractors," Moore said.

It's also a win-win if new contract specifications speed up construction as Moore expects. He said the Graves Road project is the first design/build contract in Northern Kentucky, if not the first in Kentucky.

In the past, highway construction occurred in phases. Design had to be completed before the environmental assessment; the environmental work completed before the purchase of right-of-way; and the purchase of right-of-way before the contract to build, etc. The design-build team will work on those components simultaneously, and Moore has been advised the improvements will be completed by the end of next year.

"Projects have just not moved at that kind of light speed before," Moore said.

He pointed to the multi-phase Mt. Zion Road improvement project as "the poster child for how not to do a project." That contract enabled the construction company to add rain dates and weather delays to the timetable, extending the completion date.

None of the projects Moore mentioned permit adjustment to the timetable, and all offer incentives for early completion. For example, if all lanes of Graves Road are drivable by the end of next year, the contractor will receive a \$2 million bonus, according to Moore.

On the new radio system, Moore said the radio towers are complete, the equipment on the towers is ready and the county will move into the testing phase in a couple of weeks. The system upgrade is a joint project sponsored by Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties to improve communication among the three departments.

"To do this project collectively with the other two counties allowed us to find a lot of savings and efficiencies," Moore said.

The county initiated an annual fee of \$75 per residence last year to fund operation and maintenance of the Public Safety Communications Center. The revenue for the first year came in slightly higher than projections, according to Moore. He expects the fee to decrease in coming years because of growth in the county.

"911 is one of those things that you don't want to get a no answer or a hang-up," Moore said.

"When you call and you have an emergency, it needs to be dependable ... it needs to be efficient. That's the way we've built it."



L-R: Louis Kelly, Duane Froelicher, Mayor Diane Whalen, Greg Palmer, Diane, Duane, & President Frank Schneider.