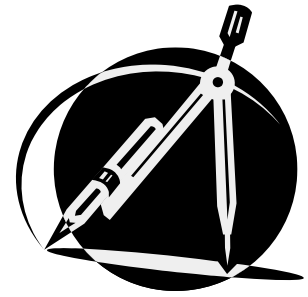


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From the Desk of Bill Viox

When it rains...it pours. The spring of 2011 was all about rain. Lots of rain. Flooding rain.

The Ohio and Mississippi Valleys experienced record or near record floods in April and May. Here are a few results from the flooding:

- Cirque du Soleil canceled shows in Cincinnati due to flooding.
- Children were rescued from a flooded preschool in Richwood, KY.
- KY Gov. Steve Beshear declared a statewide State of Emergency in April.
- All 19 Mississippi casinos along the Mississippi River in Tunica, MS were closed because of high water, forcing 13,000 employees out of work.

- A rising Missouri River ruptured two levees.

Those are just a few of the harsh reminders of how too much water can wreak havoc and change our lives.

While we can't do anything about those big events, we can consider how to handle smaller flooding issues. Most, if not all of us, own or rent a home and/or business property. Hopefully, your building has positive natural drainage, over land and away from the structure. Unfortunately, most of us do not live and work on the "North Dallas Forty". Instead, we are on a small tract of land that does not allow over land flow in all directions. Some of us have built straight down to underground levels that require pumping.

So, now is the time to set in motion a "Review and Maintenance Plan" to insure

drainage functionality. Does the sump pump work? Is there back-up power in the event of a power outage? Are your area drains clear? Are your roof gutters clear? Keep in mind that your footing drains were not designed to carry roof water flooding down along the foundation. You don't want to experience another wall of water rushing across your basement floor. This is a good time to check out how your property is handling water.

Local flooding is also bad news for construction. Sitting "iron" is not a good sign. Crews are working like crazy in order to avoid missed deadlines. The Mall Road Reconstruction project is that kind of job. The construction must be completed by October to avoid the holiday shopping season. The saying "when it rains...it pours" just means lots of angst in the construction industry.

Kentucky Speedway Geared Up for Big Race

Excitement at the Kentucky Speedway is at an all-time high. After more than a decade of work and planning, the Nascar Sprint Cup Series is finally coming to the Commonwealth. Viox & Viox is proud to have been involved with the Kentucky Speedway from its inception.

Viox & Viox began working for Mr. Jerry Carroll in 1997 by extending utilities to a tract of farmland in Gallatin County. Viox & Viox provided all boundary surveys and design

services for the water and sanitary sewer system. The Kentucky Speedway opened in 1999 and has consistently attracted huge crowds.

In January 2009, the Speedway was sold to Speedway Motorsports, Inc. (SMI) with the hopes of scoring a Sprint Cup Race. Much work was needed in order to ready the track for a possible big race. Viox & Viox designed a new four-lane outer loop road, an additional 2,000 feet of water main, an additional 20,000 feet of new storm sewer

and numerous other improvements. The total amount of earthwork moved during the past two years exceeded 1.2 million cubic yards, of which 900,000 cubic yards was blasted rock. The most impressive aspect of the project was that all of the improvements were designed, bid, and constructed in a little over four months time! Needless to say, many long nights were spent by Viox & Viox staff to ensure that all improvements were completed before the (continued on Pg. 2)

Campbell County High School Expands Facility

The students at Campbell County High School may be out of school, but the campus will not remain quiet this summer. The school is undertaking a large improvement project which includes a new athletic field and a building expansion.

When the existing high school was built in 1996, the football field and vocational school remained at the old high school (which was converted into the middle school).

Campbell County High School is the only Class 6A high school in the state that does not have an onsite football field. Therefore, the administration has made it a priority to construct a new athletic facility that would allow the students to remain onsite for games and practices. The athletics improvements include a new synthetic turf field, grandstands, track and field events area, concession and restroom building, and field

house building.

The building expansion portion of this project includes a cafeteria expansion, practice gym, and the new Area Technology Center which will allow vocational students to take courses onsite instead of having to travel to the middle school campus. The Center will include the following vocations: carpentry, welding, masonry, auto mechanics, electricity, information technology, and agriculture laboratories.

Viox & Viox has teamed with the architects, R.E. Hayes & Associates, to complete this project. The improvements require removal of an old farm pond, approximately 80,000 cubic yards of earthwork, sanitary sewer relocation, new and relocated storm sewers (8" to 72"), water line relocation, new storm water detention basin, and realigned entrance drive and parking. Construction is expected to begin in mid-July.

Kentucky Speedway Geared Up for Big Race (cont. from Pg. 1)

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-Mark Simendinger,
Track Manager, Kentucky
Speedway



Construction wraps up at the Kentucky Speedway just in time for the July 9th Quaker State 400 (photo courtesy of the Kentucky Speedway)

opening of the summer 2009 racing season. The Speedway garnered much praise for the upgraded track and, in August 2010, the long-awaited announcement was made that the Kentucky Speedway would host a Sprint Cup Race the following summer.

In anticipation of the big event, Viox & Viox was again hired to continue with improvements at the Speedway. With the addition of 50,000 more seats, Viox & Viox designed additional storm sewer, an extension to the inner-loop road, additional parking (including 2,500 camp-

ing spots, and a complete relocation of the existing pit road. Viox & Viox was able to further serve the Speedway by preparing numerous graphic maps and exhibits which will help race patrons to navigate through the Speedway property. These maps are included in fan guides, the Speedway website, and signage.

On July 9, 2011 Kentucky Speedway will host the Quaker State 400 Cup race, as part of a three-day race weekend event. The 850-acre site in Gallatin County is expected to attract more than 120,000 people for the event. (To put

this in perspective, the whole of Gallatin County has a population of only 8,500!).

Viox & Viox is proud to serve the Kentucky Speedway during this exciting time. We are honored that the staff at the Speedway have continued their relationship with us through the years. Track manager, Mark Simendinger stated, *"When we have a new idea, the first thing I do is take it to Viox because I know they will be able to find a way to make it work!"*

For more information on the Kentucky Speedway or to purchase tickets, please visit www.KYSpeedway.com.

Work Continues on New Hebron Library Land Study



Aerial view of the new Hebron library site on KY 237

The Boone County Library Board has hired Viox & Viox to research and prepare a report on the development of the future site of a new Hebron branch. Several years ago, the Library Board purchased 51 acres of land along KY 237, near Graves Road, with the intent of building a new and larger library to service the Hebron area. The new library will require approximately 8 to 10 acres for the building and parking, leaving approximately 40 acres of surrounding land.

Viox & Viox has been asked to assess what type/types of uses would be the most compatible with the library.

It was important to both Viox & Viox and the Library Board that they be considered a "good neighbor" in Hebron by considering the needs and concerns of the surrounding residents. Viox conducted two public workshop to gather input from the surrounding community. A survey was created which asked the community to rate

eight conceptual drawings of possible future land uses on the site. Some amenities included in the various conceptual drawings were walking/biking trails, an aquatic and skate park, dog park, ball fields, amphitheatre, residential housing, senior housing, retail and office space.

The staff is now analyzing the data received from the surveys and will soon begin work on a final report. Viox hopes to present the findings at a final workshop in late summer/ early fall 2011.

Employee Happenings

Viox & Viox Employment Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating employment anniversaries this summer:

1 year

Nassim Daher (6/14/10)

6 years

Jason Thorwarth (6/6/05)

11 years

Caroline Weltzer (7/7/00)

13 years

Greg Larison (8/12/98)

15 years

Ricky Faulkner (8/13/96)

24 years

Jimmy Viox (6/1/87)

31 years

Vince Kahmann (8/18/80)

37 years

Dean Tanner (6/5/74)

Summer Birthdays

Carter Dickerson - June 4

Tim McNeely - June 4

Margaux McGlasson - July 6

Greg Larison - July 24

Michael Miller - August 30

Announcements

- Congratulations to **Caroline Weltzer** on her promotion to Partner on May 1st.

- Welcome to **Margaux McGlasson** who began working part-time at Viox & Viox in Jan. 2011. Margaux is assisting the front office and Marketing Dept.
- The Circle Drive/Grand Ave. Storm Water Improvement Project (A City of Florence and Viox & Viox project) was named as a "2010 Top Storm Water & Erosion Control Project" by Storm Water Solutions Magazine and was profiled in the Jan. 2011 edition of CE News.



Clockwise from top: Caroline Weltzer; Margaux McGlasson; Circle Drive/Grand Ave. Storm Water Improvement Project

World of Golf Becomes Popular Destination

The newly designed World of Golf recently opened and has been attracting some big crowds. In addition to a 18-hole golf course, the new facility features indoor and outdoor driving ranges, an indoor putting green, computerized swing analysis, a pro shop, a restaurant and dining area, an out-

door patio, offices, and an 18 hole Kentucky-themed miniature golf course. Viox & Viox provided civil engineering, surveying, and landscape architecture services for the project. The architect was K4 and the general contractor was Mark Spaulding Construction Company.

Viox & Viox celebrated the completion of the project with a miniature golf tournament. Justin Verst was victorious; edging Jon Brown by one stroke. Ricky Faulkner was the winner of the hole-in-one contest. For more information on the World of Golf, please visit www.landrumgolf.com.



Some of the staff at Viox & Viox enjoy an outing at World of Golf

Mall Road Reconstruction Progressing

If you regularly travel down the Mall Road corridor, you can't help but notice the vast improvements that are slowly taking shape. Phase I of the Mall Road Reconstruction project (KY 18 to Plaza Boulevard) is wrapping up. This portion of the project is expected to be closed-out by the end of August. Improvements included complete street reconstruction, new sidewalks, landscaped medians, street trees, new signage and lighting, and storm water management through the use of bioswales.

Phase 2 of the project (Plaza Boulevard to U.S. 42) was bid on January 20, 2011 and the project was awarded to Prus Construc-

tion. The Phase 2 design is similar to Phase I with improvements including new curb and gutter, 11 foot lane widths, 10 foot sidewalks and center islands with landscaping.

Additionally, Phase 2 will include the construction of "gateway" features. There are a total of three gateway areas. There will be two plazas at the U.S. 42 intersection, one on each corner, a landscaped sign on the northwest corner of the Steinberg Drive intersection and another set of plazas on each corner at KY 18. There will be signs and pillars at each of the intersections. The purpose of the gateways are to give travelers a sense of "arrival." This corridor will

now be called the "Mall Road District".

Like Phase I, substantial completion of Phase II is required by October 31, 2011 to ensure that the construction does not deter shoppers during the holiday shopping season. Construction on Phase 2 is progressing very well.

The Mall Road Reconstruction project was funded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Highways and the City of Florence. The final ribbon-cutting ceremony for the entire Mall Road Reconstruction project is tentatively scheduled for mid-October. Governor Steve Beshear is scheduled to attend.



Phase I of the Mall Road Reconstruction project was completed in October 2010



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Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

- **July 9th** - Quaker State 400 Cup Race (Kentucky Speedway)
- **Sept. 5** - Labor Day Holiday (office is closed)
- **Sept. 12** - NKSPE Golf Outing at Triple Crown Golf Club
- **Sept. 14-16** - KY Chapter of American Planning Association (KAPA) Fall Conference, Covington
- **Nov. 24 & 25** - Thanksgiving Holiday (office is closed)
- **Dec. 26** - Christmas Holiday observed (office is closed)
- **Jan. 2, 2012** - New Year's Holiday observed (office is closed)

Viox & Viox began providing engineering and surveying services to Northern Kentucky in 1945. The firm, originally founded by James H. Viox, Jr., P.E., L.S. and George Rassenfoss, P.E., is now owned by Mr. Viox's two sons, James H. Viox, III, P.E., P.L.S. and William R. Viox, P.E., P.L.S.

Viox & Viox has grown and expanded their services over the years and currently employs approximately 25 employees. Viox & Viox currently offers services in municipal engineering, commercial, industrial and residential planning, public utilities, surveying, Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and landscape architecture.

Mission

To provide exceptional consulting services while creating an enjoyable atmosphere for our team members.

Values

- Deliver outstanding customer service for both existing clients and prospective clients
- Communicate effectively
- Act with honesty and integrity
- Trust and respect each other
- Seek continuous improvement
- Passion for results
- Value feedback from both customers and employees
- Work as a team, interact as a family
- Have fun

Strategies

- We will maintain strong relationships with existing clients
- We will provide service to all clients beyond their expectations
- We will increasingly focus on new markets and clients
- We will respect our employees
- We will regard our sub-consultants and vendors as strategic partners
- We will seek to find collaborative relationships with clients, vendors, sub-consultants
- We will continue to pursue all opportunities for growth that are consistent with our vision, mission and values
- We will seek to increase profit margins without decreasing client satisfaction or employee morale

Creating innovative pathways through progressive design...one client at a time.