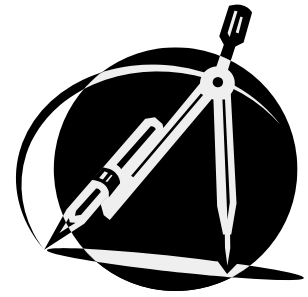


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## From the Desk of Bill Viox

During the past several months, our staff has been concentrating on infrastructure design in Campbell, Kenton, and Boone Counties. In Campbell County, we have a team working on the design of approximately 12.6 miles of public water main to serve the middle to southern portions of the county. We have also completed design on 1.5 miles of 42-inch diameter transmission main in Southgate and 3.6 miles of local main on Siry and Flatwood Roads. We also continue to provide site inspection services for the Campbell County Planning Commission as needed.

In Kenton County, we have provided design for an additional extension to the Sub-district G water main project. The two additional miles of main are in various neighborhoods in Kenton County. The original Subdistrict G design by our staff was approximately 11 miles of water main.

In Boone County, our staff is developing design plans

for water mains to serve the Big Bone, Williams Road, KY 20, and Petersburg areas. This design will include approximately 11.8 miles of water main.

We are excited about the progress made on the World of Sports reconstruction project. The recreational building, driving range, and miniature golf course will be the best facility in Greater Cincinnati without question. Our friends at K4 Architecture have done a great job and we are proud to be part of the excitement.

Plans are near completion on Samuel Woodfill Elementary School in Fort Thomas. Our staff is supporting R.E. Hayes Architects on this complete reconstruction. This work will be accomplished in multiple stages to prevent any disruption to the students attending Woodfill.

In other news, President Obama's stimulus package has now kicked in and our staff is busy with several state pro-

jects to serve the Northern Kentucky region.

I would like to thank all of our engineering staff members that helped make the KSPE convention in Covington a huge success! Your contributions are a big part of why the Northern Kentucky chapter received the "Most Active Chapter" award!

Finally, congratulations to the members of the Erlanger/Elsmere Recycling Team who recently participated in the Special Olympics. The Recycling Team, made up of students from Tichenor Middle and Lloyd High, faithfully retrieve Viox & Viox's used paper products each week as a fundraiser for their schools.



Members of the Erlanger/Elsmere Recycling Team show off their Special Olympic medals

## City of Florence Celebrates Arbor Day

On May 2nd, The City of Florence celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees at the Florence Nature Center. The National Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Florence "Tree City USA" for the seventeenth consecutive year in April 2009. In order to qualify for this distinction, the City must have the following: a tree board; a tree care ordinance; a comprehensive community forestry

program; and an Arbor Day observance.

The Boone County co-op extension demonstrated the proper care and maintenance of trees to the large crowd of citizens who participated in the Arbor Day celebration. Viox staffers, Carter Dickerson, RLA and Brock MacKay, joined the event by helping to dig holes for the new trees.



Brock MacKay (right) helps dig holes at Florence Nature Center

## Expansion Moves Forward At Kentucky Speedway

**“All of these improvements have gone from concept to design to completion in less than five months.”**

**-Jonathan Brown, P.E.,  
Viox & Viox**

Phase I of the Kentucky Speedway improvements are nearing completion in preparation for the NASCAR Nationwide Series race in mid-June. The design staff at Viox & Viox was kept busy through the winter and spring to ensure that the construction would be completed on time.

The Phase I construction included 1.5 million cubic yards of earthwork, of which approximately 900,000 cubic yards was solid rock. The



Construction continues at Kentucky Speedway

also designed over 22,000 feet of additional storm sewer for the site and over 100 inlet structures.

Patrons of the Speedway will also have the advantage of new ticket booths, a new bathhouse facility and extensive RV parking opportunities within the infield of the track. According to Jonathan Brown, P.E., lead designer of the project, “all of these improvements have gone from concept to design to completion in less than five months”; quite a feat for such a large project!

newly improved parking lots provide in excess of 11,000 easily accessible parking spots that will greatly improve the fan experience. Viox & Viox

## Northern Kentucky Gains Two New Walgreens



3-D Conceptual Model of Walgreens to be located on Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway

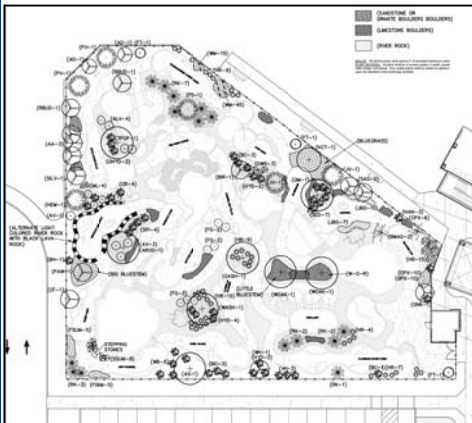
There will soon be more Walgreens stores for Northern Kentucky customers. Viox & Viox has worked with Anchor Properties to secure zone changes to allow new stores on Dixie Highway in Ft. Wright and on

Richwood Road in Boone County.

The Ft. Wright location will proceed immediately to the site plan submission stage and then construction will begin. In addition to our design services, Viox & Viox provided 3-D modeling of both sites during the public hearing process. This service al-

lowed all stakeholders, despite their technical backgrounds, to have a full understanding of what the site would look like. These projects are a perfect example of Viox & Viox’s capability to provide all services from conception to construction. Viox & Viox utilized the engineering, surveying, landscape architecture, and planning departments to allow these projects to proceed.

## World of Sports Landscape Plan Focuses on Iconic KY



World of Sports Miniature Golf Landscape Plan

The City of Florence continues their upgrades to the existing World of Sports Recreation Facility on Woodspoint Drive. As part of these renovations, a miniature golf course designer created a plan for a 18 hole mini-golf course based on Kentucky culture. The Landscape Architecture Depart-

ment at Viox & Viox was given the task to complete a landscaping plan which would highlight the theme of the newly redesigned course.

Brock MacKay with Viox & Viox based his landscape design on the vision of the course designer. Brock stated, “It is the intent of the landscape plan to compliment each hole individually based on its unique theme, while also having a universal vernacular appeal through the implementation of many native species found within the icons’ ecore-

gion.”

A few of the Kentucky icons which will be represented on the course include Bluegrass Music, Mammoth Cave, Thoroughbred Racing, Daniel Boone, The Kentucky Speedway and Big Bone Lick. Brock has accentuated each of these icons by recommending complimentary plantings. The Big Bone Lick themed hole will include Bigleaf Magnolias and Ginkgo trees and the Kentucky Speedway hole will include a river rock and black lava rock checkered border.

## Employee Happenings

### Viox & Viox Employment Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating employment anniversaries this spring:

#### 5 Years

**Ryan Hartig** (Hired on April 7, 2004)

#### 8 years

**Jonathan Brown** (Hired on May 7, 2001)

**Aaron Duesing** (Hired on May 7, 2001)

**Justin Verst** (Hired on March 13, 2001)

#### 11 years

**Michael Miller** (Hired on April 30, 1998)

#### 13 years

**Michelle Bollman** (Hired on

March 25, 1996)

#### 21 years

**Mary Etingher** (Hired on April 4, 1988)

### Spring Birthdays

**Justin Verst** - April 2

**Brock MacKay** - May 11

**Ricky Faulkner** - May 20

**Michelle Bollman** - May 29

### Announcements

- Congratulations to **Carter Dickerson, RLA** who passed all five sections of the Landscape Architect Registration Exam and has been approved for his KY licensure.

- Congratulations to **Brent Webster** who was elected as NKU's Outstanding Student in Construction Management Surveying for 2008-2009.
- Congratulations to **Jim Viox** on his induction into Lloyd Memorial High School's Alumni Hall of Fame.
- Congratulations to Doug and **Megan de Sola** on the birth of their son, **Quinn Conner** on March 7th.

**Top Right:** Quinn Conner de Sola;  
**Middle:** Carter Dickerson, RLA;  
**Bottom:** Brent Webster



## Viox & Viox Engineers Stay Active in Local KSPE Chapter

The annual Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) convention was held April 15 - 17 in Covington. Despite the economic downturn, the convention, hosted by the Northern Kentucky Chapter (NKSPE), was well-attended.

Historically, Viox & Viox employees have been very active in the local organization and this year is no exception. Current positions held by Viox & Viox employees include:

- President and Records/ Archives Committee Chair - **Justin Verst, P.E.**
- Vice President and Awards and Recognition Committee Chair - **Michelle Bollman, P.E.**
- Annual Golf Outing Committee Chair and Finance Review Committee Chair - **James H. Viox, III, P.E.**

NKSPE continues to be a hard-working chapter and was recognized at the recent convention's President's Awards Dinner where they were given the coveted "Most Active Chapter" award. Three notable recent achievements by the Northern Kentucky chapter include hosting the regional MathCounts tournament for middle school students, awarding a \$1,000/year scholarship to a local high school student, and participating in NKU's Career Day events.



Justin Verst, P.E., the new President of NKSPE, accepts award on behalf of the Northern KY Chapter from Immediate Past President, Randall Palmer

## Upgraded Viox & Viox Website Highlights Services

As part of Viox & Viox's ongoing marketing efforts, our website was upgraded and improved to highlight the firm's many varied services. The website was completely overhauled in 2005, but over the course of the last 4 years, staff members realized that many clients were not aware of the many services that Viox & Viox could offer.

The interactive home page now focuses on five main services: engineering, surveying, landscape architecture, interior design, and 3D Site Modeling. The site features a short narrated video clip of past project photos, plans, and computer models. In addition, more photographs of past projects were added to the inner web pages, including our recent "green solution" projects.

The website allows visitors the opportunity to fill out an online contact page with questions regarding their engineering, surveying, landscaping, or interior design needs. The website has generated plenty of positive feedback, and, we hope, plenty of future business! For more information on Viox & Viox's services, go to [www.vioxinc.com](http://www.vioxinc.com).



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See [www.vioxinc.com](http://www.vioxinc.com) for new website updates including a narrated video clip of our services.



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#### Important Dates and Upcoming Events:

- **May 25th** - Memorial Day (office is closed)
- **June 21st** - Father's Day
- **July 2nd** - Viox & Viox Floating Holiday (office is closed)
- **July 3rd** - Independence Day Holiday Observed (office is closed)
- **Sept. 7th** - Labor Day (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 35 employees. Viox & Viox currently offers services in municipal engineering, commercial, industrial and residential planning, public utilities, surveying, Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and landscape architecture. With over 70% of its employees from Northern Kentucky, the firm is closely connected to the local residents and the issues and challenges that face the community. It is our intent and hope to continue to progress and produce the high quality of professional services for which we are known.

#### Our Mission Statement:

To continue to serve a diverse spectrum of clients in an accurate and timely manner.

To make Viox & Viox a positive work environment that will enable employees to grow both professionally and personally.

To continually progress in the area of technology so as to serve our clients by the most advanced methods available.

To be the premier Civil Engineering / Surveying / Landscape Architecture firm within the Tri-State area with a solid reputation of delivering excellent service from a professional staff in the most cost effective, timely, and accurate way possible.

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