

2018 ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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A complete overview of all development activities within the City of Florence, KY

LETTER FROM
MAYOR DIANE E. WHALEN



The City of Florence continues to be one of Kentucky's fastest growing communities. With many transformational projects underway, city council and staff continue to meet and exceed the expectations of our residents and business community. We share a vision for enhancing our economic vitality, and 2018 was another year of significant progress. Much of our success is because of our ability to foster public-private relationships throughout the business community. City officials have worked closely with all stakeholders to implement projects that created opportunities and further advanced our vision.

In 2019 we will be updating our development plans to help guide Florence into the next generation of development. Our economic development strategy continues to focus its efforts on building stronger existing business relationships and working with the start-up, entrepreneurial community to ensure Florence is one of the region's most sought-after communities in which to grow a business.

This 2018 Development Annual Report highlights several of our transformational economic development achievements. I remain focused on maintaining our position as one of the state's most attractive communities to live, work, and play. Knowing that today's marketplace is as competitive as it has ever been, we will continue to demonstrate that the best business opportunities in the Greater Cincinnati region are right here in Florence!

Thank you for being part of our wonderful success,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane E. Whalen".

Diane E. Whalen
Mayor

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



Mel Carroll
Council Member



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Council Member



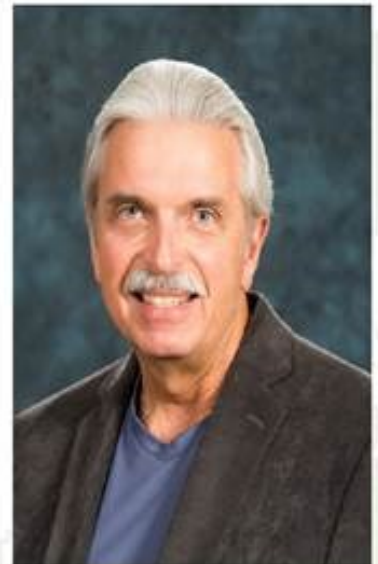
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City Information

The City of Florence has established itself as a premier location for businesses and a comfortable and safe community for its residents.

More than 2,500 businesses - from start-ups, to successful advanced manufacturing, to healthcare, to corporate headquarters, to retail have all chosen to establish a presence in Florence.

The impressive growth of such firms have helped make Florence a focal point of commerce and one of the largest employment markets in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region.

Peer Analysis

The Peer Analysis, built by Retail Strategies along with our analytics partner (Tetrad), identifies analogue retail nodes within a similar demographic and retail makeup. The Peer Analysis is derived from a 5 or 10 minute drive time from major comparable retail corridors throughout the country. The variables used are population, income, daytime population, market supply and gross leasable area. The following are retail areas that most resemble this core city:

Peer Trade Areas

Elizabethtown, KY	1631 Ring Road
Bowling Green, KY	160 American Ave
New Bern, NC	3410 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Charlotte, NC	8830 Albemarle Road
Hampton, VA	5001 Holt Avenue
Gastonia, NC	425 Cox Road

Focus Categories

The top categories for focused growth in the municipality are pulled from a combination of leakage reports, peer analysis, retail trends and real estate intuition. Although these are the top categories, The city's efforts are inclusive beyond the defined list. *Let us know how we can help you find a site!*



Apparel



Restaurants



Entertainment



Sporting Goods

Focus Properties

The City of Florence continues to have very low vacancy rates throughout our community.

For more information about active vacancies, please call the city contact listed to the left.



Demographics



Average Age
38.2

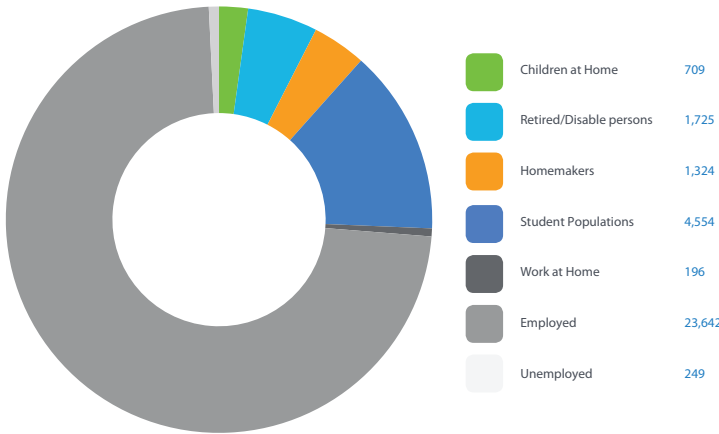


Median Household Income
\$51,766



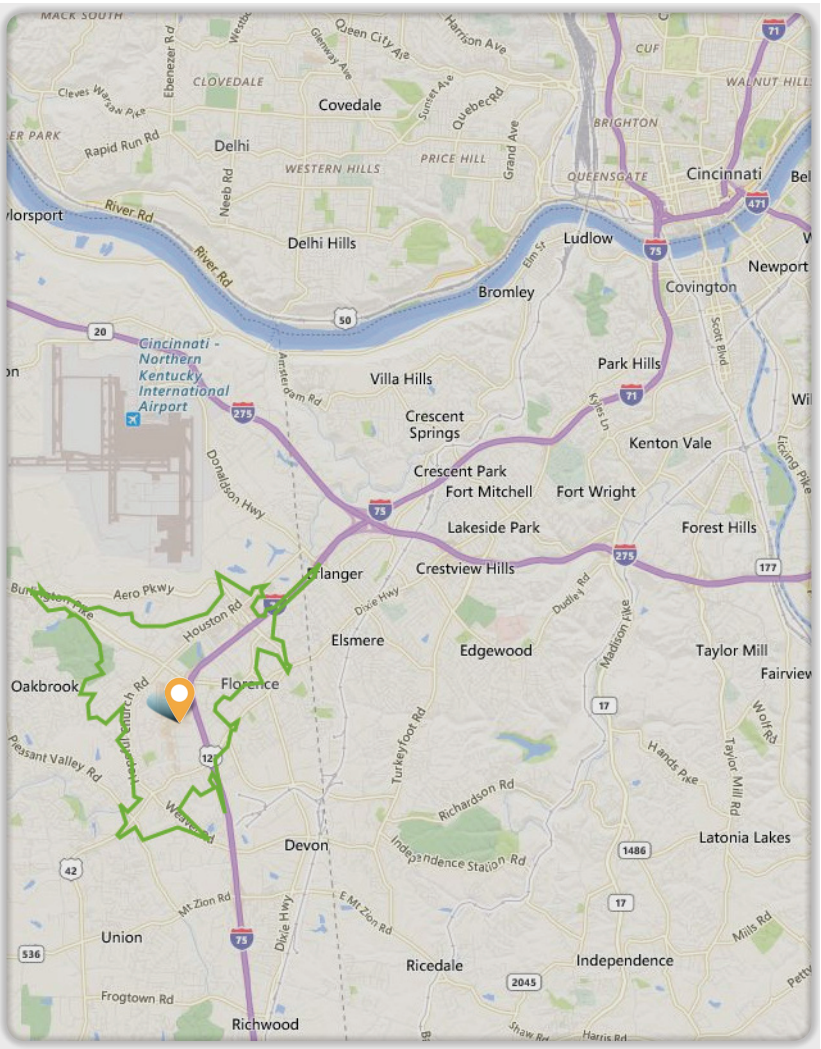
Growth Rate
8.93%

Residential Population 32,199



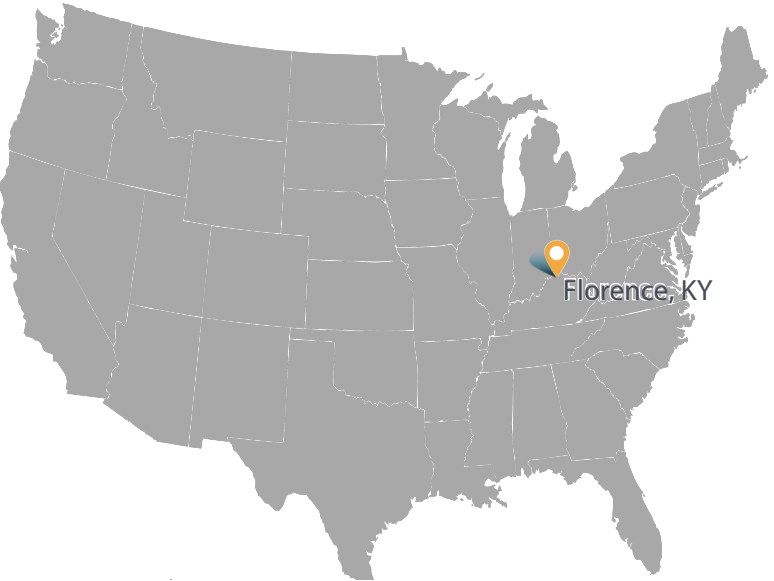
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DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE	1 Mile Radius	3 Mile Radius	5 Mile Radius
2018 Estimated Population	6,891	61,939	131,578
Daytime Population	18,575	81,858	162,841
Median HH Income	\$50,130	\$55,634	\$59,735
Number of Households	2,851	24,634	49,631

	3 Minute DT	5 Minute DT	10 Minute DT
2018 Estimated Population	651	10,751	97,472
Daytime Population	7,064	32,399	148,354
Median HH Income	\$53,795	\$51,766	\$56,555
Number of Households	257	4,262	38,552



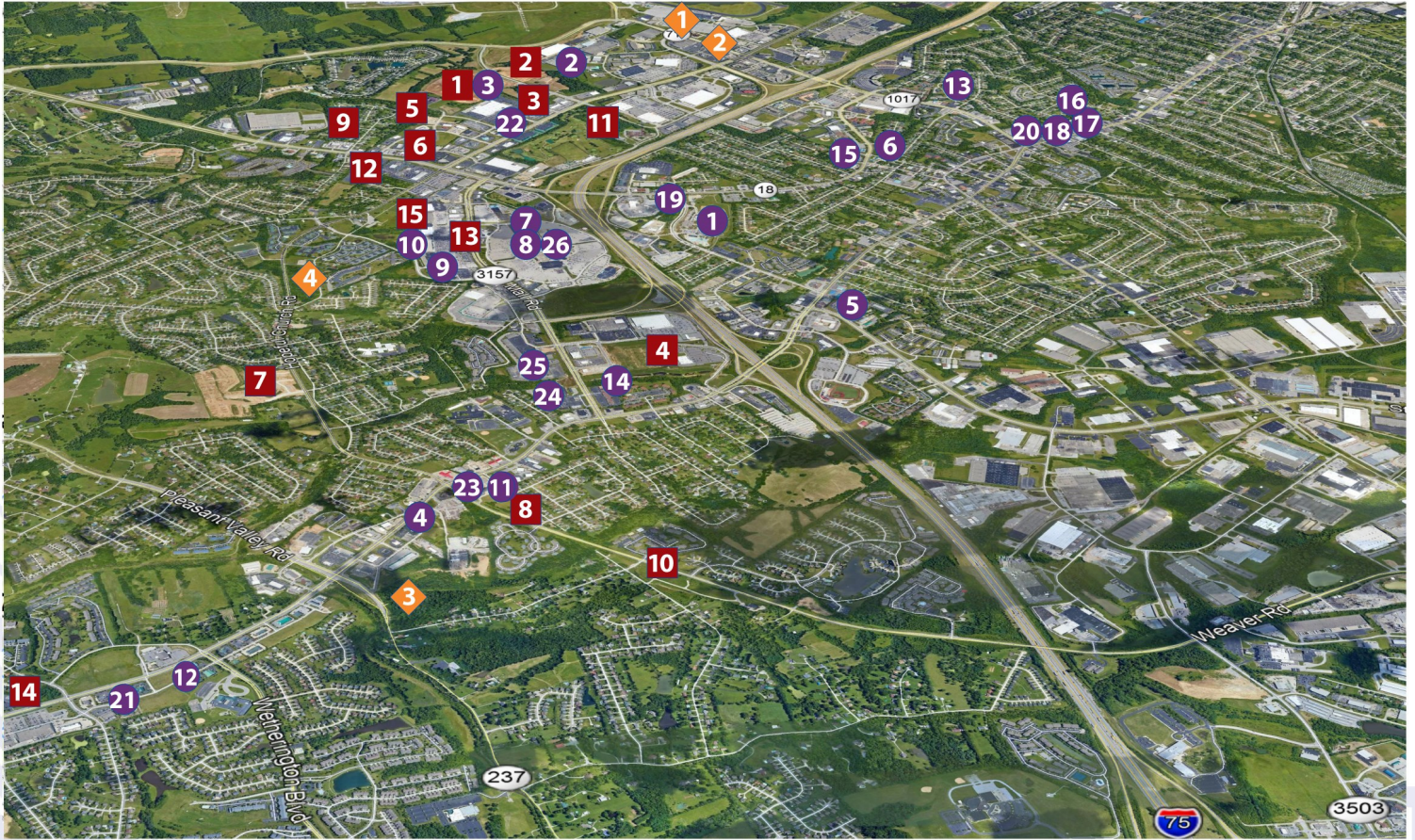
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MAJOR PROJECTS LIST



Under Construction

- | | |
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| 1 Vantrust Site 6A
2505 Ted Bushelman Boulevard | 10 Villages of Weaver
Weaver Road |
| 2 Vantrust Site 6B
5101 Renegade Way | 11 Staybridge Hotel
3255 Ted Bushelman Blvd. |
| 3 Vantrust Site 6C
Ted Bushelman Boulevard | 12 Fairfield Inn & Suites
5910 Merchant Suites |
| 4 Menards
5000 Apex Lane | 13 Spectrum Retail Store
7683 Mall Road |
| 5 Tru Hotel
1080 Vandercar Way | 14 French Quarters Phase 4
Orleans North Subdivision |
| 6 Holiday Inn Express
1055 Vandercar Way | 15 AC Moore
Near 7607 Mall Road |
| 7 Villages of Florence
Hopeful Church Road | |
| 8 Evergreen Apartments
8535 Weaver Road | |
| 9 Dominion Senior Living
4009 Seligman Drive | |

In the Pipeline

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| 1 Turfway Race Track Remodel
7500 Turfway Road | 3 Legacy Living Senior Housing
Gunpowder Road |
| 2 Townplace Suites
Turfway Road | 4 Hopeful Heights Town Homes
Hopeful Road |

Projects Completed in 2018

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| 1 NKY Health Department
8001 Veterans Memorial Drive | 14 Mathnasium
8156 Mall Road |
| 2 Wayfair
5101 Renegade Way | 15 Healthy Hangout
7220 Burlington Pike |
| 3 DB Schenker
2505 Ted Bushelman Boulevard | 16 Tate Training Center
6555 Nicholas Street |
| 4 Victory Lane Oil Change
8511 US 42 | 17 Maxx Rail Diesel
6602 Dixie Highway |
| 5 Florence Veterinary Hospital
7801 US 42 | 18 Salon Luxe
7116 Turfway Road |
| 6 Noah's Ark Animal Clinic
7025 Burlington Pike | 19 Hilton Cincinnati Airport
7373 Turfway Road |
| 7 Glow Golf
2028 Florence Mall | 20 Dicarlos
7120 Dixie Highway |
| 8 Olde Kentucky Market
2164 Florence Mall | 21 Union Pediatrics
8667 US 42 |
| 9 Becoming Mom Spa
7715 Mall Road | 22 UBREAKIFIX
1035 Vandercar Drive |
| 10 Five Below
7665 Mall Road | 23 Miami Style Tacos
8439 US 42 |
| 11 Restyle Home Furnishings
8419 US 42 | 24 Packed House Fitness
8177 Mall Road |
| 12 Verizon Wireless Retail
8741 US 42 | 25 Breakers Grill
8147 Mall Road |
| 13 Keller Williams Realty Office
7210 Turfway Road | 26 Stride Rite
2138 Florence Mall |



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MAJOR PROJECTS LIST

Under Construction



Menards

5000 Apex Lane

- 17 acre development site
- Construction started July 2018
- Anticipated opening Spring 2019



CVG Site 6C

Doering Drive

- Vantrust has started constructing a new 70,000 sq. ft. building on Doering Drive
- Tenant has been confirmed and will be named in Spring 2019



CVG Site 6B

5101 Renegade Way

- 21 acre development site
- 177,000 sq.ft. building will be completed in Winter 2019
- Outside of Wayfair, two additional tenants will occupy this building



Spectrum Retail Store

7683 Mall Road

- New retail store to offer Spectrum customers a more convenient location to manage their accounts



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MAJOR PROJECTS LIST

Under Construction



Holiday Inn Express

1055 Vandercar Way

- 2.1 acre development site
- 56,000 sq. ft. , 45' 4" tall
- 93 rooms
- Construction is underway



Fairfield Inn & Suites

5910 Merchant Street

- 3.7 acre development site
- 50,635 Sq., Ft, 4 –story hotel
- 91 rooms
- Construction is underway



Tru Hotel

1080 Vandercar Way

- 3.57 acre development site
- 4-story, 45,000 sq ft. hotel
- Construction is underway



Staybridge Suites

3255 Ted Bushelman Boulevard

- 2.8 acre development site
- 72,965 sq. ft., 5-story tall
- 89 rooms
- Construction is underway

Florence, Kentucky MAJOR PROJECTS LIST

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Dominion Senior Living

4009 Seligman Drive

- 4.1 acre development site
- 60 unit (84 beds) assisted living facility
- Project scheduled to be completed Spring 2019



A.C. Moore

Near 7607 Mall Road

- New to the market chain
- Will be a part of the T.J. Maxx/Home Goods store remodel
- Planned opening Summer 2019



Evergreen Apartments

E8535 Weaver Road

- 3.3 acre development site
- Project will consist of 10 apartment building units
- Footers and utilities currently being installed
- Project scheduled to be completed Spring 2019



French Quarter Phase 4

Orleans North Subdivision

- 6 acre development site
- Approximately 50 residential homes to be constructed over the next two years



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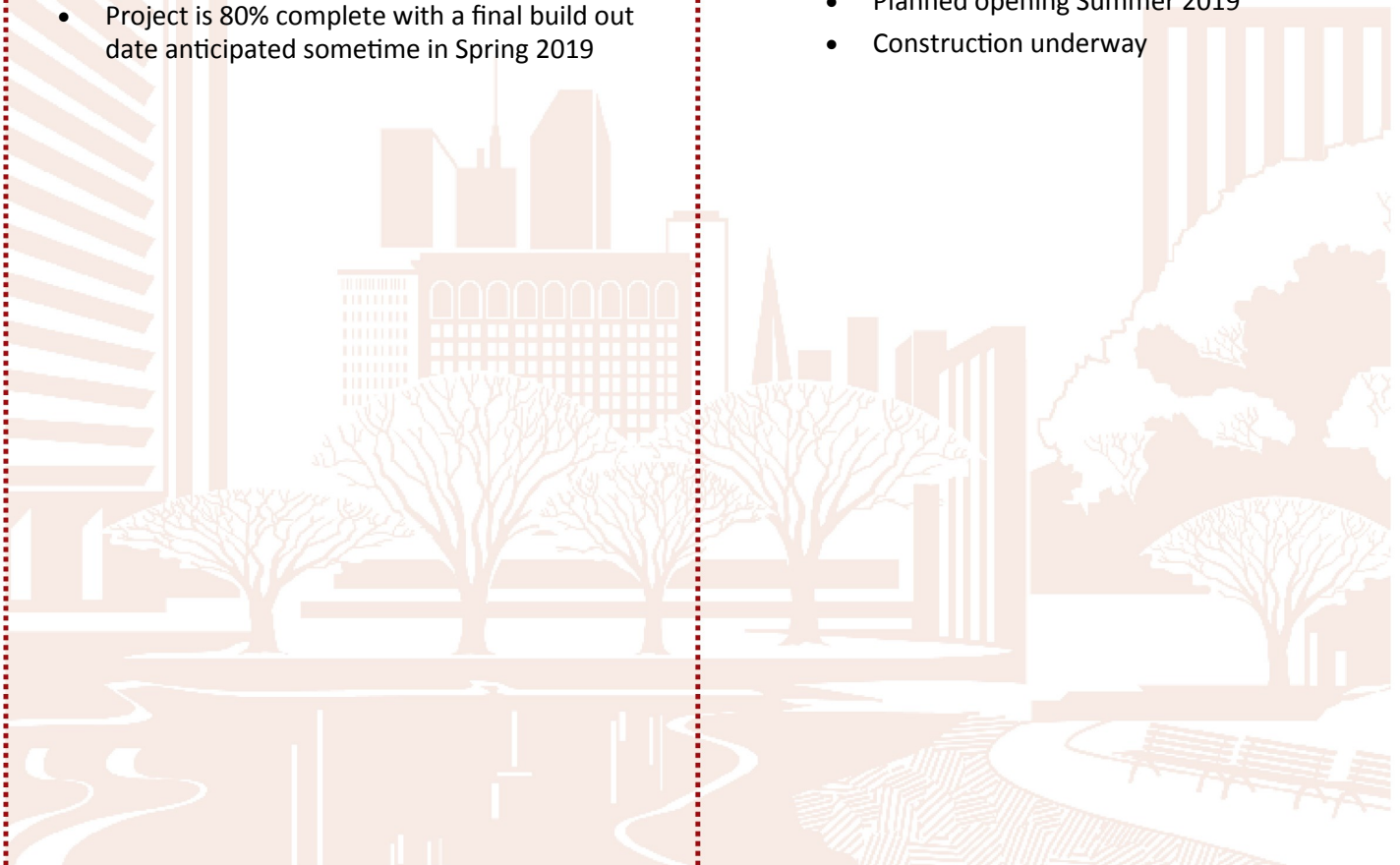
Villages of Florence Community **Hopeful Church Road**

- 33 acre development site;
- 177 ranch style homes
- Project is 80% complete with a final build out date anticipated sometime in Spring 2019



Villages of Weaver Community **Weaver Road**

- 9.2 acre development site
- 56 ranch style homes
- Planned opening Summer 2019
- Construction underway





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Florence, Kentucky NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



Olde Kentucky Market 2164 Mall Road

- The Olde Kentucky Market at Florence Mall has many vendors: Memorie Makers Cafe & Cupcakery, Afashionados, and Kentucky Olive.
- Opened November 2018



Keller Williams Realty Office 7210 Turfway Road

- Keller Williams, one of the Tri-States largest realty firms, opened a new commercial building in October 2018
- A major capital investment was made in the upgrade to an old former medical office.



Salon Luxe 7116 Turfway Road

- New to the market full service salon
- Opened October 2018



Wayfair 5101 Renegade Way

- Wayfair will occupy a portion of the CVG site 6B building located at Ted Bushelman Blvd and Renegade Way
- Planned opening is Fall 2018



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NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



Maxx Rail Diesel

6602 Dixie Highway

- A full service diesel shop dedicated to routine maintenance and performance upgrades
- Opened August 2018



Healthy Hangout

7220 Burlington Pike

- New to the area health market that serves smoothies, energy drinks, and protein bars as well as pre and post workout products
- Opened December 2018



Tate Training Center

6555 Nicholas Street

- Former Bengals punt returner and wide receiver Brandon Tate opened a training center in December 2018
- Personal training specifically targeting youth, helping them to become better athletes



ReStyle Home Furnishings

8419 US 42

- A new to the market store that offers custom built furniture, decorations, and unique home furnishings
- Opened December 2018



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Florence, Kentucky NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



Verizon Wireless Retail Store

8741 US 42

- 1/2 acre development site
- Freestanding building serving solely as a Verizon Retail location.
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Noah's Ark Animal Clinic

7025 Burlington Pike

- New to the Florence market chain
- Complete remodel of existing 5,775 sq. ft. building



Zoup

7753 Mall Road

- New to the market restaurant
- Offers fresh soup, salad, and sandwiches



Becoming Mom Spa & Ultrasound

7715 Mall Road

- New spa that specializes in providing therapeutic spa services and ultrasounds for expectant mothers



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Florence, Kentucky NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



D.B. Schenker

2505 Ted Bushelman Boulevard

- D.B. Schenker, one of the world's largest logistics companies, opened its 550,000 sq. ft. building in Summer 2018



Five Below

7665 Mall Road

- New to the market chain
- Discount store that sells products that cost up to \$5
- Opened Summer 2018



Florence Veterinary Hospital

7801 US 42

- Former 4,000 sq. ft. medical office was converted to a state of the art veterinary hospital
- Opened Fall 2018



Soul Unique Consignment & Boutique

8537 US 42

- New to the market consignment and boutique store
- Opened Fall 2018



2018 3rd Quarter Report

Florence, Kentucky NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



Hilton Remodel

7373 Turfway Road

- Hilton Hotel completed a \$12 million remodel, completely refreshing it's rooms, lobby, meeting spaces, and restaurant
- Finished October 2018



UBREAKIFIX

1035 Vandercar Drive

- New to the market chain that repairs smart phones, computers, and gaming consoles
- Opened Summer 2018



Dicarlos

7120 Dixie Highway

- New to the market restaurant that opened its first Kentucky location
- Serves pizza, calzones, and desserts
- Opened Summer 2018



Victory Lane Oil Change

8511 US 42

- New to the market chain that offers full services oil changes, drive train service, and battery replacements
- Opened Summer 2018



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Florence, Kentucky NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



Glow Golf Florence Mall

- Glowgolf features a 36-hole miniature golf course, a Laser Maze Challenge attraction and an area for parties
- Opened Winter 2018



Stride Rite Florence Mall

- New to the market chain that sells children's footwear
- Opened Winter 2018



Breakers Grill 8147 Mall Road

- New to the market restaurant and bar for billiards enthusiasts and food lovers. Featuring 15 Diamond pool tables, a full service bar, and superb menu
- Opened Winter 2018



NKY Health Department 8001 Veterans Memorial Drive

- 4.0 acre development site
- 40,000 sq. ft., housing 92 employees
- Opened Winter 2018



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Florence, Kentucky NEW BUSINESSES 2018

Completed Projects



Miami Style Tacos

8439 US 42

- New to the market restaurant
- Specializes in custom tacos, quesadillas, chips, and desserts
- Opened Fall 2018



Mathnasium

8156 Mall Road

- New to the market franchise that provides instruction in mathematics to students in pre-kindergarten through high school
- Opened Summer 2018



Union Pediatrics

8667 US 42

- New pediatrician office that specializes in medical care for kids
- Opened Spring 2018



Packed House Fitness

8177 Mall Road

- New to the market business offering kick boxing, boot camp, Pilates, yoga, circuit, and Zumba classes
- Opened Summer 2018



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FUTURE PROJECTS LIST

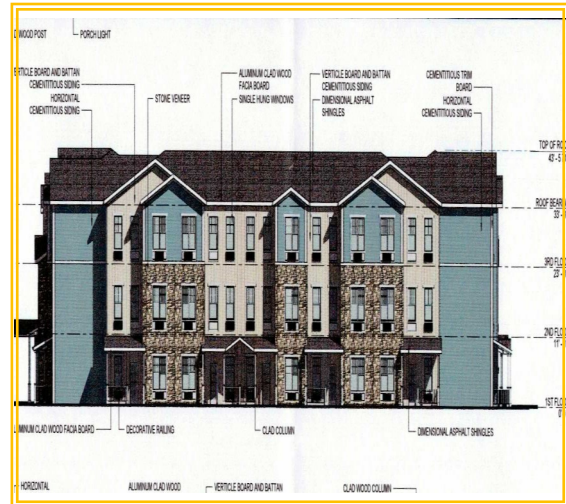
In the Pipeline



Turfway Race Track

7500 Turfway Road

- Multi-million dollar capital investment
- Project will consist of structural repairs, facade upgrades, parking lot improvements
- A complete remodel of the second floor



Legacy Living Senior Housing

Gunpowder Road

- 14 acre development site
- 94,000 sq. ft., 93 rooms
- 7 (4) unit independent living townhomes
- Construction scheduled for Spring 2019



Hopeful Heights Town Homes

Hopeful Road

- 8 acre development site
- Plans are currently going through the BOA Process
- Developer is proposing to start construction in Summer 2019



TownePlace Suites

Turfway Road

- 2.85 development site
- 65,716 sq. ft., 4-story tall
- 101 unit hotel room
- Construction will start Summer 2019

Florence Community Continues to Grow and Expand at Record Pace

The City of Florence business community continues to benefit from both expansion within its existing core and an influx of new enterprises. The opportunities for growth and job creation are diverse, ranging from distribution and manufacturing to the food and retail industries.

During the State of the City address in June, Mayor Diane Whalen stated, "Our excellent climate for business growth and development has attracted large investments in our city, and that has allowed us to maintain and improve our community without a tax increase. Year-to-date for 2018, we have 117 approved occupational licenses for new businesses opening in Florence. Nine new hotels and two new distribution centers alone have provided a capital investment of approximately \$95 million. Combine that with the addition of Menard's and Bosch Automotive improvements and the investment increases to more than \$205 million."

Below are some of our most recent successes:

- Menard's - home improvement super center
- DB Schenker - logistic supply chain management and distribution company
- Wayfair - world's largest ecommerce furniture store, with its first retail outlet

- Comfort Suites - 82 rooms
- Hilton Home 2 Suites - 109 rooms
- Stay Bridge Inn - 89 rooms with expected completion in spring 2019
- Fairfield Inn & Suites - 91 rooms with anticipated completion in spring 2019



- Tru Hotel - four-story, 45,000-square-foot hotel at Vandercar Way
- Holiday Inn Express - 93 rooms and four stories
- Towne Place Suites Marriott - 101 rooms and four stories
- Becoming Mom Spa & Ultrasound - at 7665 Mall Road
- Zoup - a fast-casual soup restaurant concept at 7753 Mall Road
- Five Below - where everything is \$5 and under
- Noah's Ark Animal Clinic - 7025 Burlington Pike

Business Retention & Expansion

A healthy and vibrant local economy depends on the well-being of local businesses. Although the City of Florence has experienced an emergence of new development in the last five years, business retention and expansion is the foundation of effective economic

development. Existing businesses and local workforce are key barometers of a community's economic health.

The city recently implemented a Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) program. This is part of Mayor Whalen's vision to encourage dialogue with the existing city businesses.

"A number of the jobs that have been created over the last year were created by our current companies and business owners who have chosen to expand, or by our existing business owners who have chosen to open a second business within the city," says the mayor. "We count on the success of our existing companies, and so our retention and expansion efforts are in place to help them expand and grow. It is important that we keep them in the know with the city's long-term vision and mission. We want to make introductions for work force development, other industry leaders, and let them know what's happening at the state level to help them stay competitive."

Florence is fortunate to have many successful entrepreneurial businesses with longevity in the city. Understanding the changing environment of retail provides us the opportunity to discover any challenges they may encounter.

We are here to listen to and research the concerns of our businesses and help to determine any improvements we need to make to help reach the goals of our community. This will allow the city to design the economic development strategies for existing business as well as new development. A strong BRE program ensures that relationships are forged, and that the needs of local businesses are not only heard, but addressed. An open and continuing dialogue is important to improving the business climate for everyone. ☺

Florence continues to be hot spot for development; pipeline bulging with potential prospects of all kinds

Nov 12th, 2018 • 0 Comment



By Kevin Eigelbach

NKyTribune reporter

There's a 75,000 square-foot building under construction on Doering Drive in Florence that will provide space for an aerospace company with high-paying jobs, says Joshua Hunt, the city's director of business and community development.

He'd like to tell you the name of the tenant, but can't right now. For now, the project's known just as CVG Site 6C.

Hunt and city government are working to find places in Florence for 10 to 15 other companies, but he can't tell you about those right now either.



Menards (Photos provided)

What he can tell you is that the city remains a place where businesses, especially logistics businesses, want to be.

"People call our area the Silicon Valley of logistics," he said.

You can learn more about the city's recent economic development successes by reading the quarterly report Hunt





Wayfair to open first-ever physical stores

October 3, 2018

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Wayfair is trying out brick-and-mortar for the holiday season.

Other amenities include a movie theater showing films nightly, a health club, concierge service and transportation, a spiritual center and a business center with computers and iPads available to residents.



The initiatives include:

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Domestic Senior Living of Florence will include cutting-edge technological integration.



The therapy and wellness programs will be available for everyone to use, and team members are encouraged to participate in activities and eat together with the residents. A large courtyard will include picnic areas, games,

features that are designed to engage residents living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The visually stimulating gardens will encourage touch and interaction with the soil and plants, with all vegetation safe for ingestion.



Florence Heights is on 63 acres formerly known as the Berkshire Farm.



 City of Florence, KY
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Florence to honor America's military with Veterans Day program, Half Marathon to benefit Honor Flight

Oct 30th, 2017 • 0 Comment



The City of Florence will recognize America's military with events scheduled for Veterans Day weekend.

The City of Florence will conduct its annual Veterans Day Program on Saturday, November 11, at 2 p.m. at the Florence Government Center (Lower Level), 8100 Ewing Boulevard.

Join the City in honoring military veterans for their sacrifice and service to America.

The program will feature a speech by Captain Travis Johnston from The Renegades, the Florence Community Band & Chorus performing patriotic tunes and recognizing the contributions made by all Veterans.

For details, call 859-647-5439 or go to www.florence-ky.gov.

Honor Run

The 3rd Annual Honor Run Half Marathon will run on Sunday, November 12, beginning at 7 a.m. streets along the race route will be closed from 8:45am and will reopen once the race is complete.

The race, which is a rolling 13.1 mile course throughout the City of Florence and parts of unincorporated Boone County, will start and finish at the iconic Florence Y'all water tower.

Events include the Half Marathon, 3-Person Relay, Kids One Mile and new to the event this year a 5K race.



Turfway Park Race Course

All proceeds from the run will go to Honor Flight Tri-State and will help send local veterans who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam to Washington D.C. to view their respective memorials.

Join in on Veterans Day Weekend and help honor those who have served. Register at www.honorrunhalf.com. Call:



Florence Mayor Diane Whalen addresses those in attendance at last year's Veterans Day program (the photo)

The scenic tour includes the following landmarks:

- Florence Y'all Water Tower
- Florence Mall
- Mall Road Business District
- Houston Road Business District

Menards, Senior Living Facility Break Ground In Boone County

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Thursday, June 14th, 2018 11:41am

By Mike Perleberg [@mikedup84](#)



Menards home improvement store is being built at the Florence Heights shopping center, while StoryPoint will construct a assisted living facility in Union.



Photo by Huw Williams, Wikipedia.

(Boone County, Ky.) - You'll have to pardon the dust in Boone County, because two new businesses are ready to be built.

Florence city officials are taking part in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Menard's store on Mall Road. It will complete the new Florence Heights shopping center.

Verizon Wireless retailer opens new store in Florence, plans to hire six new employees in the coming year

Nov 13th, 2018 • 0 Comment



Cellular Sales has announced its expansion in Kentucky with a new store on US Highway 42 in Florence.

In the next year, the store is expected to add new jobs within the local community.

The store, located at 8741 US-42 welcomed its first customers on October 30

Cellular Sales is the largest independent Verizon Wireless retailer by volume. This is its 27th store in Kentucky.

"We are excited to work more closely with our customers through our new store," said Cellular Sales Regional Director RC Scheinler. "The new store gives us the opportunity to grow a great team and be a part of a thriving community."

The store currently employs six team members with plans to add at least six new team members as the store continues to grow over the next year.

In the past 25 years, Cellular Sales has and grown significantly. It has been named to Inc. Magazine's 5000 list of the fastest growing companies nine times, achieving Hall of Fame status.

For four to six weeks, Cellular Sales' recruits are trained with senior sales reps, before selling on their own. This training period is seen as a time where new team members are equipped the best possible tools for success. Team members are encouraged to view themselves as entrepreneurs with the support of an established, successful company backing them up.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects demand for retail sales jobs to grow over the next decade and sales experience will be valuable. Cellular Sales understands the value of great training and support from a personal and professional development point of view.

"We are proud of the teams we build here at Cellular Sales," said Cellular Sales Regional Director Joe Burns. "We are excited to have the opportunity to invest in this community and create a strong team."

Cellular Sales seeks to hire individuals with a passion for customer service.

Those interested in applying for jobs at the Florence location may contact Cellular Sales Recruiter Marcus Hundley at (859) 321-5437 or marcus.hundley@cellularsales.com.



NEWS > INSIDER



Afashionados seafood shop has expanded into a full-fledged restaurant at the Florence Mall

Joins forces with Memorie Makers and Ky. Olive

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By: Garin Pimila | WCPO contributor



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Zoup! Headed to Florence, Kentucky this Fall

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Zoup! features a wide variety of award-winning soups with 12 rotating daily varieties, including low-fat, low-cal, vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free options, all served with a hunk of freshly baked bread.

Zoup! is bringing its environment of comfort, satisfaction and convenience to Florence. With almost 100 locations across the United States and in Canada, including one in Louisville, the thriving chain

Target bringing new 'Drive Up' service to select Ky. and southern Ind. stores

Jul 10, 2018



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRE) – This week, customers of select Target stores will be able to take advantage of a new service that delivers their pre-purchased items right to their vehicles.

Legion Logistics makes first acquisition

January 10, 2019 41 Views

FLORENCE, Ky. — Legion Logistics has acquired Qontinuity Enterprises, LLC, a third-party logistics brokerage based in Dandridge, Tennessee.



LEGION

Legion will grow more than 10 percent with the addition of Qontinuity. All operations will be based in Florence, Ky., where Legion has its headquarters. This acquisition is the first step in an ongoing growth plan for Legion.

"We've spent the last year talking to many different companies, trying to find one that was the right fit for Legion," said Lacy Starling, Legion president. "Qontinuity checks all our boxes - they are hardworking, ethical, and knowledgeable and they bring a host of additional services to Legion that we can now offer our customers."

Qontinuity, founded in 2010 by Michael Archual, is, like Legion, a service disabled veteran-owned small business. They specialize in servicing federal and state government transportation contracts, as well as the automotive and building products industries. Archual will stay on with Legion as their executive director of Business Development.

Multimillion-dollar development coming to Florence



By Barrett J. Brunson — Staff reporter, Cincinnati Business Courier
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Construction is to begin in the next few weeks on a \$10.3 million assisted-living community in Florence called Dominion Senior Living.

The two-story building will encompass 43,400 square feet on 4.1 wooded acres at 4009 Seligman Drive in Boone County.

Dominion Development Group is the general contractor and DKLevy Architect + Design is handling design.



Cincinnati spa for expectant mothers opening second location in Florence, KY



owner of the new Becoming Mom Spa + Ultrasound in Florence.

By Andy Brownfield — Reporter, Cincinnati Business Courier
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A Cincinnati-born spa concept aimed at expectant mothers is opening its second location just more than a year after it was purchased by a private firm.

Mason-based Becoming Mom Spa + Ultrasound is opening its second location, which will be its first franchised location, at 7715 Mall Road in Florence. It's set to open on Jan. 24.

Becoming Mom offers pregnancy-safe therapeutic spa services as well as prenatal ultrasounds. Services include body and skincare treatments as well as manicures, pedicures and a relaxation lounge.

Forbes: 'Amazon effect' at CVG continues to cause growth

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One of the fastest growing U.S. ports is in Northern Kentucky and has an Amazon boost to thank for it, according to Forbes.

According to **Forbes contributor Ken Roberts**, four of the fastest growing ports (which for Roberts are airports, seaports and border crossings) are in Texas and have oil to thank. But at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Roberts said Amazon's comings and goings are helping the expansion.

Northern Kentuckians already know part of the story. Bright blue semi-trailers emblazoned with "There's more to Prime. A truckload more," are now a staple of the commute. We all know Amazon has selected Northern Kentucky's airport for a hub that could bring 3,000 jobs.

For Roberts, the story of CVG "is not one of boom and bust all too familiar to those Texas ports. It is one of just boom, pure and simple."

"The story can be told by talking about avionics and aviation and about pharma and medical devices, but it can be told, increasingly, by talking about Amazon and its brown smiling boxes," Roberts said.