

From The Desk Of Judge Gary Moore

February 5, 2010

This week in the Fiscal Court

At the Boone County Fiscal Court meeting this week, the Fiscal Court approved a resolution authorizing an additional \$13,000 from the Mental Health / Mental Retardation and Aging tax to provide frozen meals to senior citizens in Boone County. This funding will support 20 seniors through an already established partnership with the Schwan Food Company. Ten frozen meals will be delivered every other week to seniors receiving assistance. Frozen meals are more easily distributed than hot meals and generally receive higher satisfaction from seniors. In addition, the frozen meals delivered bi-weekly cost approximately \$3 less per day than the conventional hot meals delivered daily. The total number of seniors served under this program will increase to 100 with the additional funding. It will begin on February 9th.

The Fiscal Court also approved a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve and maintain landscape medians installed along North Bend Road in Hebron. The county would like to do beautification projects using partnerships with other organizations along with funding from donations or grants.

With the construction of North Bend Road, a portion of the existing road was transferred to Boone County. A resolution was authorized at the meeting changing the name of this section of road to Old North Bend Road. The residents affected by this have been notified and the Planning Commission has approved the new name.



Boone County Sheriff Michael Helmig reminds drivers to take it slow during these winter months. Here are some tips from the Boone County Sheriff's Department for safe winter driving:

Checklist & Tips for Safe Winter Driving

- Check tire pressure and make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's suggested PSI (pounds per square inch) of air pressure, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a label inside the driver's door.
- Look closely at your tread and replace tires with uneven wear or insufficient tread. Tread should be at least 1/16 of an inch or greater on all tires.

Drive slowly

- It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, sufficiently increase your following distance so you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

A word of caution about braking

- Know what kind of brakes your vehicle has and how to use them properly. In general, if you have anti-lock brakes, apply firm pressure, if you have non anti-lock brakes, pump the brakes gently.
- If you find yourself in a skid, stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your car in line with the front.
- Keep yourself and others safe by planning ahead before you venture out into bad weather.
- Check the weather, road conditions, and traffic; plan to leave early if necessary.

Don't rush!

- Allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.
- Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.

Keep your gas tank close to full

- If you get stuck in a traffic jam or in snow, you might need more fuel to get home or keep warm. Note: To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning when stuck in snow, be sure to keep your vehicle's exhaust pipe clear of snow and ice, run your vehicle only in the open with the windows partially down, and run it only long enough to keep warm.
- If road conditions are hazardous, avoid driving if possible. Wait until road and weather conditions improve before venturing out in your vehicle.

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving tasks

- Such as cleaning off your windshield as well as bringing any supplies you might need in an emergency.

Keep the following on hand:

- Snow shovel, broom, ice scraper, jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices, such as flares, markers, blankets for protection from the cold, cell phone, water, food, and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or when driving in lightly populated areas).

Boone County in the news

[Officials warn homeowners about water-line mailing](#)
[Senior center issues being resolved](#)
[Old road gets new name](#)
[Boone still wants own cable TV franchise](#)

Upcoming Events in Boone County

2/5/10—2/12/10

2/10/2010

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Lunch and Literature ...[details](#)

We thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Fiscal Court, and look forward to hearing your thoughts as we move Boone County forward. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at (859) 334-3571. Sincerely,

Judge/Executive Gary W. Moore



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