



# **Downtown Roundabout to be closed Thursday**

*Sculpture maintenance to be undertaken Oct. 3*

The roundabout at the intersection of North Scales and Morehead streets will be closed beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday, October 3, 2019, for maintenance of the downtown sculpture.

Artist Jim Gallucci and his crew will be looking inside the sculpture to ensure the LED lighting and other components are in place. A crane will be used to take the top of the sculpture off for any needed repairs so the intersection must be closed to ensure safety. Traffic will be rerouted until the work is completed.

The “Budding Future” sculpture has only had minimal maintenance since first being erected in 2016.

“The sculpture is coming to the end of its warranty period so we thought it would be a good time to do an assessment of the condition,” said Mayor Jay Donecker. “We wanted to make sure the lighting is working correctly, and no other internal issues due to weather or other reasons are going on undetected.”

Gallucci will examine the top section of the sculpture Thursday beginning around 9:30 a.m. If any problems exist lower in the sculpture or the pistil, he will need to return later for repairs. Those repairs would require the partial dismantling of the sculpture; therefore, more time would be needed.

The City’s Public Works and Police Department will follow previous plans used to re-route traffic when the roundabout was undergoing maintenance. Barrels and signage will be placed on North & South Scales Street and Morehead Street to alert drivers of the changed traffic patterns. Drivers needing to get into the 100 block of Scales closest to the intersection will be able to make a U-turn to get out of that section of the downtown business district. Drivers on Morehead Street will still be able to access adjoining parking lots.

City staff will alert those merchants in the 100 block of Scales and on Morehead Street of the temporary closing. “Businesses Open” signs will be placed on the entranceways into the downtown area nearest the intersection on Thursday. The City will note the closing on the City website, [www.reidsvillenc.gov](http://www.reidsvillenc.gov), and on its various Facebook pages as well as the digital sign at Market Square. The information will also be sent out to residents via a CodeRED alert.