



# The SHORELINE

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## Water Quality Improves

It may be brown all summer, but the water quality in Buckeye Lake is improving, according to a recent conversation with acting park manager, Tim Waln.

The expansion of public sewer systems has had a major impact on the overall quality of the water. There are fewer than 200 septic systems still in operation around the lake and progress, though sometimes slow, is being made to eliminate them. The largest waste water system around Buckeye Lake is the Licking County system, written about in the January newsletter, with over

3500 lake area customers. The Millersport, Thornville and Perry County systems also are contributing to the overall improvements around the lake.

Agriculture has always played a role in contributing to water pollution, however, with reduced uses of fertilizers and pesticides, the run-off from area fields has dramatically improved in recent years.

Residents and visitors to the lake are also doing less polluting of the lake. Although there are some areas where debris

continues to collect, overall, the amount of trash and rubbish disposed of in the lake, has been reduced.

The Ohio EPA does regular inspections of our beach areas to assure safe swimming conditions and for the last 2 years, Buckeye Lake has received no "Bad Beach" reports from the agency.

We can all take pride in the knowledge that our lake continues to improve over time. We should all be encouraged to continue to work toward further improvements. The results will benefit us

## April Dinner Meeting @ the Eagles

<b>Wednesday, April 21, 2004</b>	<b>6:00 Social Hour</b>
<b>Federation of Eagles</b>	<b>7:00 Dinner</b>
<b>Route 79, Buckeye Lake</b>	<b>8:00 Meeting</b>

\$ 10.00 per/person

**Call Therese Miller @ 467-3352 for Reservations**

\*\*\*\*Make your reservations prior to Friday, April 16th\*\*\*\*

## Fairfield Beach Gets New Sand

Following many months of planning and several meetings with ODNR and local quarries, Dick Crumley Parks and Recreation Chairman, was able to deliver on his promise to improve the swimming area at Fairfield Beach. Three hundred and twenty tons of sand were dumped on the shoreline on January 16th. It was a cold day to deliver the new sand, but Dick stayed the course from about 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and kept an accurate record of all loads as they were received.

ODNR employees will spread and level the sand this spring, if the kids in the neighborhood don't get it done first.

Plans are being made to improve the beach at Brooks Park next year and also look into the possibility of volley ball courts in different areas around the lake for all to enjoy.

Dick, thank you for your dedication. Another job, Well Done!

## Rock the Dock

The theme for this year's 4th of July boat parade has been selected from several entries.

For the past few years, we have focused on patriotic themes, but this year decided to take a more whimsical approach and encourage everyone to just have a great time and "Rock the Dock".

Parade chairman, Dick Wolfe, is busy organizing this year's parade and will keep everyone informed of locations to register your entry. This year, the parade will return to the East end of the lake, forming at Captain Woody's and proceeding along the shoreline past the Yacht Club and ending at Liebs Island.

## Flag Raising

The flags will be re-installed at Liebs Island, Brooks Park and Fairfield Beach on April 15th.

Following the theft of the flag at Fairfield Beach last fall, the decision was made to take them all down over the winter months for safe-keeping, however, they will all be flying for the entire 2004 boating season.

## Correction

The date for the July picnic meeting announced in the January Shoreline is July 20th, not the 21st as published on page 4.

## Support The Fireworks

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**Greater Buckeye Lake  
Chamber of Commerce  
Full Pool Breakfast  
April 30, 2004**

## Fund Raiser Planned

Following the success of last year's Reverse Raffle, we are planning another similar event this year for Thursday, May 20th.

The profits from this year's fund raiser will be used to pay for the sand that was added to the beach at Fairfield Beach this past January.

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each and in-

clude dinner.

In addition to the final cash award of \$2,000 and ten \$100 cash awards, there will also be drawings for merchandise and gift certificates from local businesses.

What more could you ask for?

A great time with friends, a good meal, the chance to win up to \$2,000 and the knowledge that you are supporting good works around the lake.

## Reverse Raffle

**Harbor Hills  
Country Club  
May 20, 2004**

**Registration—6:00 pm  
Dinner—6:30 pm  
Raffle—7:30 pm**

**\$50 Donation  
200 Total Tickets  
\$3,000 in Cash Awards**

# More Citizen Involvement on the Dam Project

As reported in earlier editions of *The Shoreline*, the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association has been actively involved in the Dam Improvement Project for the past 3 years. Those activities have been amplified with the involvement of the West Bank Homeowners Association and the Buckeye Lake Dedicated Area Members group.

The West Bank Homeowners Association has been actively engaged with ODNR for quite some time now and is responsible for many meetings between individual homeowners and ODNR to assure that each resident's concerns are heard and

addressed. Their efforts have resulted in a question and answer document covering over 100 formal questions and the ODNR response. In addition, they were actively involved in the Value Engineering Study that took place in November.

The Buckeye Lake Dedicated Area Members (DAM) is a more recently formed group. Headed by Tory Wolfe, DAM has hired a lobbyist who is actively involved in working with legislators to make certain that they are adequately informed of area resident's concerns.

Recent activities include a special

meeting that was held on February 23rd, hosting elected officials, and giving local residents the opportunity to express their suggestions and concerns in a face to face environment. In addition to the comments made on the dam project, there was also an increased emphasis on the flooding problems around Buckeye Lake that was shared with our legislators.

If you have any comments or suggestions on either subject, you are encouraged to discuss them with your area Trustee, to make certain that your voice is heard. Both issues are important to our community and your involvement is strongly encouraged.

## Membership Decals

Enclosed, if we received your annual dues, is your membership decal for 2004. We encourage you to display it proudly on your car, truck or boat windshield.

To remove last year's decal, a hair dryer and a razor blade works best. To get any remaining residue, a little WD-40 or vegetable oil should do the trick for you.

For those that missed last year's communication on the decals, they were developed to replace the old membership cards.

Thank you again for your 2004 renewal. Your support is what makes possible the various BLACA projects and a stronger voice in matters impacting our community.

## Welcome to New Members

Welcome to our newest members. We are happy to have you as a part of the Civic Association and look forward to meeting you at our next dinner meeting.

Your participation makes possible the continuation of projects around Buckeye Lake, undertaken to improve the overall lifestyle of our community. The parks and recreation projects, the 4th of July boat parade and the annual Tour of Homes, all help to promote Buckeye Lake and enhance the overall image of our neighborhood.

Your membership also strengthens our voice when dealing with issues impacting our lakeside community. The Dam Improve-

ment Project, Lake Dredging, New Development, Regional Infrastructure, Shoreline Management, Watershed Management, South Fork Flooding as well as local zoning issues, are just some of the issues we are involved in.

Special thanks to Trustee, Rick Lanthorn, for placing an article on BLACA in the *Heron Bay Navigator*. The article resulted in a significant increase in new members from the Heron Bay neighborhood.

Our Free Membership drive was also a big success. The referral of friends and neighbors increased our membership roles by 20%. We anticipate paid renewals from most of these new members in 2005.

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**Make Your Reservation  
for the  
April 21st Dinner Meeting  
TODAY**

## A Note of Thanks

Dear BLACA,

We were thrilled with the award that was presented to us at the last dinner meeting. Thank you so much for the dinner and plaque.

Although we appreciate the recognition, we wanted to thank all of our friends, who over the years, have always been there to lend a hand whenever called on to help.

We have enjoyed working with so many nice people and wanted to take a moment and say Thank You once again.

Sincerely,

Joe and Therese Miller

## Membership Dues are Due

This year, we introduced an invoice for the annual dues, to improve our record keeping and to remind everyone that its that time of year again. The invoice was included with the January issue of *The Shoreline*. The results have been very encouraging, with renewals coming in much earlier and quicker. There are, however, some that remain unpaid.

Future copies of *The Shoreline* will only be sent to paid memberships and those who received gift memberships this year. Mail your dues to BLACA, PO Box 1106, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008.

Toni McQuillen, membership secretary, will also be at the dinner meeting on April 21st and will be glad to collect dues at that time and distribute this year's membership decal to those who have not yet paid their dues.

### New Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Membership (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_