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Flooding to be Focus of April Dinner Meeting

The decades old problem of flooding in the Village of Buckeye Lake and Walnut Township will be the focus of our April 20th dinner meeting at the Buckeye Lake Eagles.

Several years ago, the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District presented a plan to alleviate this problem, however, due to poor communication and mis-information regarding the proposed assessments, the plan was scrapped. As a result, the flooding continues to this day.

The Directors of the Conservancy District have gone back to the drawing

board, searching for better flooding solutions, optional financing approaches and increased citizen input prior to moving forward with determining individual assessments.

The Civic Association has been acting on your behalf to help develop a better plan and has involved a citizen's advisory committee to assist the Conservancy District Directors in their quest to alleviate this challenging issue.

This will be the 1st presentation to a large group of lake area residents. We will attempt to provide an informational approach

that will answer many of your questions and provide the opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas.

In addition to the flooding presentation, we will also hear from Tim Waln, Park Manager, on any new changes for the lake this summer as well as a review of the Volunteer Program that began in 2004.

Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library will also share their experiences to date on this ambitious project, designed to bring a full service library to the shores of Buckeye Lake.

April Dinner Meeting @ Eagles

Wednesday April 20, 2005
Federation of Eagles
Route 79, Buckeye Lake

6:00 Social Hour
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Meeting

\$ 10 Per/Person [members].....\$ 15 Non-Members

Tossed Salad, Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Home Made Cream Pie, Coffee/Tea

Advance Reservations Required—Please Call:

Therese Miller @ 467-3352 or Janet Bartholow @ 928-6874

****Make Your Reservations Prior to Friday, April 15th****

Volunteers Needed

Park Manager Tim Waln will once again be setting the pace for this year's corps of volunteers. The following dates have been designated as official volunteer days:

Tuesday, April 26th 9am—Noon
 Thursday, May 26th 9am—Noon
 Tuesday, June 28th 9am—Noon
 Thursday, July 28th 9am—Noon

Naturally, you may volunteer to help any time you have the time in your schedule if the above times are not convenient for you.

So what do you have to do, if you decide to join us as a volunteer? Actually, it's quite easy. There is a need to do the normal routine

maintenance items of cleaning up the various flower beds in the early spring. Then in May, we will do the planting and mulching. June will likely find us doing the necessary weeding and July will be more of the same as well as any other odd jobs that need done at the time.

There are no special skills required and we are able to accommodate those that prefer to work alone as well as those that prefer working with others in small groups.

Not only are you making a valuable contribution to the commu-



nity, you are also getting a little free exercise and fresh air.

When driving around the lake, it gives you a special feeling of pride, knowing that you have played a role in making the parks just a little nicer.

To volunteer, give Tim Waln a call at 467-2690 or call our Parks and Recreation Chairman, Dick Crumley at 928-7987 for more information and details.

Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association presents The Lake is Alive in 2005

This year's theme for the 4th of July boat parade was selected by your Board of Trustees after reviewing dozens of suggestions.

Last year's theme, 'Rock the Dock', provided many with the opportunity to express good times on the lake. Folks had so much fun decorating to that theme, that we attempted to repeat with another fun-based theme. We antici-

pate many musical themes and even some dancing on a few boats. All in all, it should be a fun boat parade for everyone that participates, whether they be on a boat or along the shoreline.

This year's boat parade will return to the west end of the lake, beginning at Liebs Island, proceeding along the West Bank and North Bank, past the Yacht Club

and continuing through Cranberry Bay and on by Harbor Hills to Captain Woody's.

We can't guarantee that every decorated boat will remain in the parade all the way to the end, so if you want to see all of the boats, you may want to seek out a site west of the Yacht Club.

Have a safe and happy summer !

Boat Parade Registration by Phone

928-8176 for Dick Wolfe or 928-6874 for Merv Bartholow

Name—Address—Phone— Ohio Boat Number

Maple Bay Dredge Project May Start This Summer

The final phases of the Maple Bay Dredge Project are well underway and actual dredging may start this summer.

Fifteen years ago, ODNR began the process of dredging Maple Bay and placing the sediment material on spoil islands being created in front of Harbor Hills homes. Once residents discovered what was happening, they stated their concerns and soon the barge was moved across the lake to Buckeye Bay to clean up that area.

Since that time, under the leadership of retired trustee Dick Wolfe, efforts have been underway to locate a suitable alternative site for placing the sediment material from Maple Bay.

In recent years, the dredge committee has been enlarged and has become very active with ODNR and local property owners in an attempt to clean-up and maintain the beautiful navigable waterways that exist in this unique part of Buckeye Lake.

Twenty acres of farm land have been identified on the west end of Maple Bay and another 40 acres have been made available on the north shoreline. Both of these sites will permit the total removal of the sediment from the channel and protective measures will be taken to assure that it does not re-enter the lake.

Archeological studies are now underway and upon their completion

will permit the preparatory process to begin to get the site ready to accept the dredged material.

It is estimated that a total, exceeding 90,000 cubic yards of material, will be removed from the navigable channels. This will result in a channel 50 feet wide and about 6 feet deep.

Both recreation boaters as well as sportsmen will be able to once again visit this unspoiled area and enjoy all that it has to offer.

Many thanks to Dick for staying the course and not giving up when the going got tough. His actions demonstrate what can be accomplished when a good idea meets good old-fashioned hard work.

Reverse Raffle

May 19, 2005

**Call 928-6874 or 426-5525
for more details**

For the past 2 years, one of the highlights has been our Reverse Raffle Fund Raiser. This special evening has made possible many of the improvements to our parks around the lake. If you have been waiting "till next year" to participate, now is the time to get involved.

Tickets are only \$50 apiece which includes dinner at the Harbor Hills County Club as well as an evening of fun with friends.

Here's a quick re-cap of how the

evening will progress:

Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the actual Reverse Raffle will begin about 7. Only 200 tickets are sold, so your chances to be one of several winners is excellent. The 1st ticket drawn will pay the lucky person \$100. The lucky ticket holder of the 20th, 40th, 60th, 80th, 100th, 120th, 140th, 160th and 180th ticket drawn will also each win \$100.

During the drawings, local businesses will also have donated several gifts that will be awarded

throughout the evening.

Finally, we will be down to the last 10 ticket holders, all of whom will come up front and wait for those last anxious moments.

As we get down to the last 4-5 tickets, the tension mounts and there is usually some discussion about splitting the \$2000 grand prize. The choice, of course, will be theirs, but in any event, you are assured of a good time and your donation will be helping to support additional BLACA activities.

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**Make Your April 20th Dinner
Reservation
TODAY**

Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library

One of the more ambitious projects going on in our neighborhood is the development of a public library for the Village of Buckeye Lake.

A small group of volunteers has taken up the task of locating a building—refurbishing the facility—establishing a 501c3 organization—developing marketing brochures—soliciting memberships—raising dollars—purchasing books, stocking shelves—serving as librarians—and still maintaining every-day busy schedules in their private lives.

Now, all that they ask in return is your support for their efforts. You can become a member of Friends of The Library for as little as \$10. Of course, any donation, big or small will be graciously accepted.

Stop by the library at 41 West 1st Street, Buckeye Lake and see for yourself just how much work has gone into providing this valuable resource to our community.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to the future success of this endeavor. All of your contributions will be tax deductible and may be sent to PO Box 708, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008.

Have You Signed Up a New Member Recently ?

The overall effectiveness of the Civic Association is largely determined by the number of families that we represent. Currently, our membership includes 650 families and continues to grow each year. While this is very good growth, when compared to the total population around the lake of 6,000 families, it does leave a lot of room for improvement.

We could repeat door to door canvases of selected neighborhoods by our Trustees, but they already give so much of their time on other projects. We could also repeat direct mail campaigns, but this does hit the treasury pretty hard and is not as effective as a direct contact by a current member.

As you can see, the best way is to, once again, ask for your assistance. **Will you Help?** Thank You!

New Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

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