



# The SHORELINE

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## Volunteers Needed

To get started I need to answer or explain an abbreviation we used in the Shoreline in the January publication (**VIP is 21**) at the bottom of the first page. I have had several calls asking the question, what **VIP** means, so the answer is Volunteer In the Park. Volunteer's from BLACA and other organizations show up at the State Park Office on Leibs Island and spend about 3 hours doing cleanup, pulling weeds, edging, trimming bushes, spreading mulch and planting flowers donated by the Civic Association which beautifies the parks and makes them a place you will want to visit. I believe it also shows that the folks who live in the Buckeye lake area care and are proud of their community. So

bring your gloves, sun tan lotion and have some fun. The dates are April 21<sup>st</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM. For further information contact Joe Miller our Parks Representative. His information can be found on the BLACA web site.

The Officers and Trustees of BLACA who serve the people in the Buckeye Lake area can never say enough times how much we **appreciate** and **Thank you** to all the volunteers and sponsors who donate their time and resources to make BLACA a very successful organization. We could not do it without you.

Each year we need many, many volunteers to support the annual programs such as the Boat Parade and the Tour of Homes. To get an

idea of how many volunteers it takes to make the Tour of Homes happen, it's in the area of 130 people and add onto that, getting at least 5 families that will open their homes to the public and thirty or more boats to get the visitors from the launch dock to the homes and back. The committee chairs started to meet in February and continue to meet up to the Tour on August 14th. Do you think that all the committee chairs might be a little tense by the time August rolls around? You bet!! We have a lot of volunteers that come back every year to help make the Tour of Homes a success and we Thank You very Much, we will be contacting you. If you are new and have never volun

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## April Dinner Meeting @ the Eagles

Wednesday April 20, 2011  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Route 79, Buckeye Lake

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

“ Blue-Green Algae in Buckeye Lake? ”

\$ 12 Per/Person

*Tossed Salad, Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable and Dessert*

Advance Reservations Required—Please Call:  
Tony Spring @ 467-3002 [ OK to leave a message ]

# Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow New Officers Named

Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow [BLT] may be the best kept secret, over the last two years, around the Lake. Developed as a separate 501[c][3] non-profit corporation by the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association to focus exclusively on improving quality of life through improved water quality of the Buckeye Lake Watershed. Founding Directors Merv Bartholow, George O'Donnel and Tim Weisert provided the early leadership with George serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> President for the calendar year 2009. Arthur Lowe was elected to serve as President for 2010 to bring organization, planning and structure to BLT.

The Board of Directors elected Merv Bartholow to serve as President for 2011 and Tom Green as President-Elect, who will become President in 2012. Jennifer Finferra and Ron Baker will continue to serve as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

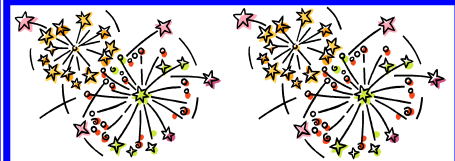
The nightmare experienced at Grand Lake St Marys this past

summer has focused significant attention on responsible watershed management issues. It is up to us as concerned residents to take steps to prevent a similar crisis at Buckeye Lake. Fortunately, Buckeye Lake is one of the few lake communities in Ohio positioned with such a community-based organization. All others must rely upon the beneficence of government agencies.

Being pro-active, as part of its Watershed Action Plan, BLT will continue monitoring of GPS identified in-lake locations and stream sites for pollutants that cannot be related to a specific discharge site. In addition to testing the quality of the water, BLT will continue to test the sediment on the Lake's bottom for the residual effects of the Lake's pollutants.

BLT encourages community residents to become more involved in the efforts of BLT. Please visit the **Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow** website for additional information.

[www.BuckeyeLakeforTomorrow.org](http://www.BuckeyeLakeforTomorrow.org)



**BLASST**  
Friday, July 1st

**Boat Parade**  
Monday July 4th

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teered, please send an email to [blaca@columbus.rr.com](mailto:blaca@columbus.rr.com) with your contact information.

Don Carley is the Boat Parade Chairman please email him at [dwcraley@roadrunner.com](mailto:dwcraley@roadrunner.com) and tell him you want to participate in the Boat Parade. His other contact information is on the BLACA website.

Les Beggs is the Chairman of the Reverse Raffle and this is one of the fundraisers for the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association. Please plan to attend on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Harbor Hills Golf Club. It is a great evening of fun and a great steak dinner. All of the Board members have tickets.

The Officers and Trustees are recruiting for Trustees to serve in Area 1, Area 4 and Area 5.

Check the 2011 Planning Calendar or website for all the activities of the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association and any member of the BLACA is welcome to attend the Trustee Meetings.

You can always contact me at [rcraig@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rcraig@columbus.rr.com) or call 740-467-3481 and I will get back to you.

Ron Craig, President

**It's your organization  
get involved**



## Reverse Raffle Set for May 12<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for May 12th, as that will be the night for another fun-filled Reverse Raffle at the Harbor Hills Country Club.

The Reverse Raffle has become one of our premiere fund raising events for the year and everyone who attends and participates has a wonderful time.

What—You don't know about the Reverse Raffle—Let me explain.

Up to 200 tickets are sold for \$50 apiece, this includes dinner, and are placed in a drum. Following dinner, the 1st ticket drawn from the drum wins \$ 100. Every 20th ticket thereafter also wins \$ 100.

The final ticket wins \$ 2,000.

And—what do we do with the proceeds from this fund-raiser?

Your support of this event has helped many less fortunate kids around the lake have a better Christmas through the Tips for Tots program, that we have supported the past couple of years. The refurbishing of the Fountain at North Shore also came from our fund-raising events. The restoration of the beaches at Fairfield Beach and Brooks Park as well as the building of Crystal Beach were also a result of your support of our fund-raising efforts.

For over 60 years, your Civic Association has been promoting the general welfare of the communi-

ties around the lake, making it impossible to list all of the things that your support has made possible.

Determining the programs and needs that are supported is done by the Board of Trustees, a group of 20 of your neighbors and friends who serve as volunteers and provide the oversight for your Civic Association.

Tickets for the Reverse Raffle are available from any Trustee and if you don't have those names, you may contact the Reverse Raffle Chairman, Les Beggs @ 740-777-4990 or President, Ron Craig @ 740-467-3481

We'll see you on May 12th !

### VIP Days

**April 21—May 21—June 21—July 21**  
**9:00 to Noon @ Liebs Island Park Office**

### 2nd Annual Library 5K Walk

Walk back into history along the Ohio Canal, then cross over a covered bridge on the Ohio Canal greenway.

Jim Reed, local historian, will share his knowledge of the Ohio Erie Canal as he walks with you along this historic path on June 25th @ 9:00 am.

Your donation of \$25, will help to support the Buckeye Lake Library and the outstanding work they are doing.

For all of the details and registration form, go to their web-site:  
[www.FriendsoftheBuckeyeLakeLibrary.org](http://www.FriendsoftheBuckeyeLakeLibrary.org)

### A Successful Working Partnership

VIP Days continue to be a success at Buckeye Lake and thanks to the generosity of more than 80 volunteers this past year, the parks around the lake continue to be a source of pride for our community.

More than 2,000 volunteer hours were logged this year as local residents worked along side ODNR employees in planting, mulching and weeding the many flower beds throughout the parks.

Started through the leadership of Tim Waln, Regional Park Manager, the VIP [Volunteers In the Park ] program has continued under Acting Park Manager, Sonya Lindsey and Assistant

Park Manager, Tom Chaplin.

On July 22nd, a dedication ceremony was held at the North Shore with the completion of the new launch ramp project. While observing the ceremony, it was easy to see all of the work that has been done with the help of volunteers over the course of the last few years. The restored fountain, Crystal Beach, new signs, historical structures as well as the groomed landscaping, all a result of a working partnership between residents and ODNR.

**Chamber of Commerce FULL POOL BREAKFAST**  
**Friday, April 29, 2011 7:30 AM Buckeye Lake Yacht Club**

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**Check your address label—It should read 2011—Membership dues were sent out in January.**  
**Thank You**



**Buckeye Lake Yacht Club omitted from the plans for the new dam**



**New Membership Application**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$10.<sup>00</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP (\$25.<sup>00</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_