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The SHORELINE

April Dinner Meeting

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Kimberly A. Gibson, representing the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be our featured speaker for the first dinner-meeting for 2003 being held Wednesday evening, April 30th at the Buckeye Lake Eagles.

Ms. Gibson will discuss the impact of growth on Central Ohio, as projected over the next 20 years, based on studies conducted by MORPC. In addition to Central Ohio growth statistics, she will also speak on growth that may impact our area specifically.

As Regional Growth Strategy Program Manager, Kimberly is well qualified

to share her knowledge on new growth and expansion in our area. We're certain that everyone in attendance will gain a better understanding of what the future holds for Central Ohio.

Following Kimberly's presentation, we will present some of the specific new development proposals that we are currently aware of around the lake. We will also look at the impact new development may have on our lakeside neighborhoods.

Our involvement in the planning process for new growth may help us influence the way our community looks in the future.

Make your reservation today by calling Therese Miller at 467-3352 or Tim Weisert at 928-5963. We are only able to accept the first 150 reservations, so call today.



April 30, 2003

Buckeye Lake Eagles

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner

8:00 Meeting

Cost \$ 10.00 per/person



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- **President**
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- **Secretary**
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Survey Results - Number One Issue is Dredging

Thank you for all who completed the survey in the last issue of the *Shoreline*. The number one issue concerning our members was dredging. Many of you identified specific areas in need of additional dredging, which will be dis-

cussed with ODNR as well as the residents in the area. New development was the number 2 issue. This will be the topic of our upcoming dinner meeting and will receive additional attention from BLACA in the future.

The dam improvement project was the third choice in the survey. We will be working closely with ODNR to keep you informed of future meetings, new developments and overall progress of this project.

West Bank Residents to be Contacted

Consultants, engineers and surveyors have been conducting further studies on the first phase of dam improvements. Site assessments, measurements, data collection and on-site reviews are all a necessary part of this process.

Four high-risk trees have been identified for removal from the State-owned portion of the dam. In addition, some trees will need to be trimmed to allow for lateral and overhead clearance for construction operations.

After these studies are com-



pleted, each resident along the West Bank (Lieb's Island to Mud Island) will be contacted to discuss in detail the project plans and the impact of those plans on the individual resident.

Community meetings are

being planned for this summer to discuss the progress of the design, the anticipated construction process, the schedule for completing the work and elements of the design.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Chief Engineer, Steve Manilla will be involved in all aspects of the dam project, including the on-site studies as well as the community meetings.

The completion of the dam improvements is many years into the future and these early meetings will let us deal with

"Cruisin' into the Bicentennial"

Parade chairman, Dick Wolfe, has announced the theme for this year's 4th of July boat parade. "Cruisin' into the Bicentennial" was chosen from several suggestions and supports the celebration of Ohio's bicentennial while focusing on the

boating activities on Buckeye Lake.

A major change for this year's boat parade will be the new starting point. Lieb's Island has been selected for the presentation of the flag and playing of the National Anthem. The parade will get

underway, proceeding along the West Bank and North Bank, pausing in front of the Yacht Club for judging before continuing through Cranberry Bay and passing in front of Harbor Hills. The parade will continue past Avondale to Captain Woody's where it will end.

1947—The Year it all Began

May 21, 1947, seven local visionaries set their signatures to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association, setting in motion the foundation for the organization of which we are all now members.

Raymond Cole, George Rinehart, Charles Fishpaw, John McFerin, O.H. Hutton,

S.J. Decker and D.D. Reed were the founding fathers and selected Hutton, Decker and Reed as the first Trustees. Although the original document has undergone several revisions, the guiding principle of *promoting the general welfare of the resident districts around Buckeye Lake in Fairfield, Licking and Perry Counties, Ohio*, continues to

this day.

The current volunteer members of your Board of Trustees are proud to serve our community and follow in the footsteps of our founders. We will continue to strive to maintain the high level of integrity and unbiased approach to problem solving established 56 years ago.



Boat dock license fees are due. Just a reminder to those that have not yet sent their checks to ODNR.

Random Thoughts from our President

The best seasons for living on and around the lake are upon us. But wait a minute, for those of us who stick around to enjoy all of the seasons the lake has to offer, the winter wasn't all that bad. No, I haven't taken leave of my senses! The cold and snow gave us the opportunity to ice fish, snowmobile, ice-boat, and yes, take some beautiful walks on the lake. This winter, unlike some in the past, was white. What can I say except that Buckeye Lake is a great place to be year 'round.

I am really excited about the activities that the association has planned for the spring and summer. In addition to the 4th of July Boat Parade and the Tour of Homes, the association is assembling resources for several lake area beautification projects. We will be putting together a fund raising event to support these beautification projects and other lake area improvement activities.

Some new and youthful faces have been added to our Board of Trustees. These additions to the board bring with them

an enthusiastic and fresh approach to those issues that we face as an association and lake community. When combined with the knowledge and experience of our more senior board members, I think we have the makings of a group that can get things done.

It's going to be a great year for the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association. It's always a great year for those of us fortunate enough to live in the Buckeye Lake area.

Tim Weisert

Web-Site updated and Expanded

Our web-site, located at www.buckeyelakecivic.org has been updated and expanded, thanks to the efforts of member Rhonda Carte.

We're quite proud of the changes Rhonda has made to the site and want to encourage you to 'surf' around it the

next time you have a moment in front of your computer screen.

The Home page features a new fresh look and has an easy to navigate menu to locate areas of interest.

There are sections on committees, membership, lake

memories, boat parade, tour of homes, dinner meetings, parks, the Shoreline and links to other sites.

There is also a site for feedback as well as important phone numbers and E-mail addresses.

Come on in and look around!

Parks to Receive Needed Attention

With Ohio's budget cuts impacting the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Parks & Recreation there is a need for community involvement in helping with the upkeep of park properties around Buckeye Lake.

BLACA parks & recreation chairman, Dick Crumley has been working with ODNR in

surveying the various needs and is developing an action plan to assist with some of the needed improvements.

First on the list is the renovation of the Williams's Memorial on Lieb's Island. A new American Flag, and landscape plantings will replace the current items at this memorial. Work is scheduled to be done early this spring.

Other projects receiving attention include:

- New sand at Fairfield and Brooks Beaches.
- Walking trail at Fairfield Beach.
- American flag for all public areas.
- Landscaping for North Shore parking area.



