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Special Meeting

There are many changes taking place around the lake and your personal involvement may impact the community you live in and the lifestyle that makes Buckeye Lake a special place.

Our annual spring meeting will focus on the issues that we are facing and some of the things that you can do to make a difference.

We will point out where the new development is taking place and some of the challenges our neighborhoods are facing.

How are we going to pay for all of the additional services that will be required by this population explosion? Are you pre-

pared to pay additional taxes, or would you rather see the developer contribute to the costs?

Will the lake continue to deteriorate because we didn't protect the watershed? How will the additional run-off impact the quality of water? Will the destruction of wetlands make a difference? How will we deal with the additional boat traffic?

There is much new construction taking place on the Buckeye Lake earthen dam. Is this weakening the existing structure? Will the dam be repaired? How will we live with the proposed changes? What is being done to reduce the flooding?

April Dinner Meeting @ the Eagles

Wednesday April 16, 2008
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Route 79, Buckeye Lake

6:00 Social 1/2 Hour
6:30 Dinner
6:30 Meeting

\$ 10 Per/Person

Tossed Salad, Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee/Tea

Advance Reservations Required—Please Call:

Jean Weisert @ 928-5963 or Janet Bartholow @ 928-6874

Friends of the Bog

Each year it gets a little smaller and more people get concerned about the number of years that the Cranberry Bog will continue to exist in Buckeye Lake. Our Bog is a nature preserve harboring a variety of unique plants such as rare orchids, sundew and the carnivorous pitcher plant.

In cooperation with the Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, a group of local residents [Friends of the Bog] are coordinating the first annual Cranberry Bog Clean-Up on Saturday, April 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers will be needed to help with critical eco-management, including the removal of invasive plants from the island's fragile wet meadows as well as spruce up the docks and repair the boardwalk. Interested volunteers are asked to sign up for one of two three-hour shifts [9 am to noon or 1— 4 pm].

Transportation to and from the Bog will be provided as well as all equipment that will be required. Refreshments will also be provided for all volunteers.

Exposure to poison sumac is a possibility, however, gloves and rakes will be provided to minimize exposure. Volunteers are requested to dress appropriately in work clothes, such as long sleeved



shirts, long pants and closed shoes.

This is a rare opportunity to participate in an activity that could lengthen the life of this unique treasure and, at the very least, make it more enjoyable for those that have the chance to visit it in the next few years.

By assisting with this project, you will not only be able to see the various plants up close and personal, you will also be able to come away with the feeling that you have done something worthwhile and have made a real difference in maintaining the unique environment that permits the existence of this rare eco-system on Buckeye Lake.

To learn more, please contact George O'Donnel at 740-928-1274 or Email godonnel@arshot.com.

Tour of Homes

The 23rd Annual Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, August 10th. Co-chairs Connie Saffle and Janet Bartholow are promising another tremendous Tour this year. Homes for this year's event will be primarily located on the North Bank and will include new construction as well as original cottage types.

Volunteers are always needed and this year is no exception. Hostesses as well as dock-workers are always welcome and if you own a pontoon boat and would like to become one of our captains, we may be able to use your services. Call 467-2496 or 928-6874 to volunteer.

This year we will launch from Liebs Island, which will provide an extra long boat ride for all of our guests, as we proceed down the lake to the home sights.

Mark your calendars now for an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon. First boat departs the dock at Noon and the last boat will leave at 3:00 pm.



VIP Days

Become a Volunteer In the Park this year. Get out there and enjoy the day with friends and do your part in keeping the Buckeye Lake State Park a beautiful piece of our shoreline. Just show up - All of the equipment that you need will be provided and there is a task for everyone. Here are this year's dates:

- Tuesday, April 15th, 9—Noon
- Saturday, May 17th, 9—Noon
- Tuesday, June 24th, 9—Noon
- Tuesday, July 22nd, 9—Noon

Check Your Address Label

The date on your address label will indicate whether your dues have been paid for this year. The invoices were sent with your January Shoreline. If your label has "2008" on it, you have paid your dues, if it has any other date, we have not yet received them. Please take a moment and write your check today for \$10 payable to BLACA and mail it to BLACA, PO Box 1106, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008. Thank You to all who have already sent their dues and Thank You to those that write their checks today.

Slow Down — Please

The dredging of the navigational channel in Maple Bay is not yet finished and those in a big hurry to get nowhere are already destroying the work that has been done.

Unless there are buoys or signs posted every 5-10 feet, there are some that presume that it is OK to ignore the No-Wake regulations and increase their speed. In the process, they are stirring up the bottom and reducing the depth of the channel, damaging boats that are moored along the shoreline and creating an unsafe boating condition for those boaters who are obeying the No-Wake conditions.

For almost 20 years, we have been working with ODNR to get this dredging completed and to do it in a responsible way that is more satisfactory than just creating another spoil island in the lake. To stand idly by while a few inconsiderate boaters tear-up this work is not acceptable to anyone.

If you observe this type of activity in Maple Bay, or for that matter, anywhere else on the lake in a No-Wake zone, we encourage you to report the activity to the Park Office. Our law enforcement officers cannot be expected to be everywhere at once on the lake, however, with your assistance, we can

put a stop to this unnecessary practice and preserve these navigation channels and the shoreline for a few more years.

Here is a list of the information that ODNR would like to have:

- Registration Number [OH....]
- Time of Day
- Direction of Travel
- Location of violation
- Description of the Boat

The phone number for the Park Office is: 467-2690 or call the Division of Watercraft @ 467-1517 and they will enforce the law.

Thank You for your help !

Reverse Raffle to Support Tips for Tots

For the last 5 years, our Reverse Raffle has provided an opportunity for an evening of fun, and at the same time, raise the funds necessary to carry on the work of the Civic Association.

This year's event will expand the goal to support the work done for those less fortunate in our community through the Tips for Tots program.

For the past 10 years volunteers have made Christmas possible for many area families, who would otherwise do without, during the holiday. Although many months away, the Tips for Tots committee is busy preparing for the fall events and your support of our Reverse Raffle will get them off to a fast start.

Twenty percent of our net income will go directly to the Tips for Tots program, which means that if all 200 tickets are sold, we will be making a contribution of

over \$ 1,000 to this great cause.

What, you have never attended our Reverse Raffle? You don't understand how it works? Well, here are the basics:

200 tickets are sold at \$ 50 apiece. The ticket includes your steak dinner, participation in our live auction and eligibility to win one of many cash awards throughout the evening.

The person who holds the 1st ticket pulled from the cage will win \$ 100. Those persons who hold the 20th, 40th, 60th, 80th, 100th, 120th, 140th, 160th and 180th ticket drawn will also win \$ 100. The lucky individual who holds the final ticket drawn will take home a cash prize of \$ 2,000. Since there are only 200 tickets sold, your chances of winning are excellent and the evening of fun is worth the \$50 donation, even if you don't win.

In addition to the dinner and Re-

verse Raffle, we will also hold an auction with items donated from businesses around the lake. We usually have 10-15 items for auction, so there is a good variety of items to test your bidding skills.

This year's event will be held on Thursday, May 15th at the Harbor Hills Country Club. We will begin at 6:00 and promise an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Tickets may be purchased from any of our Officers or Trustees. If you don't know your Trustee, give us a call at 928-6874 and we will see that you get your tickets.

An evening of fun—The chance to win \$ 2,000—Supporting the Tips for Tots program—Supporting your Civic Association—All in all, a pretty good use of your donation.

We hope to see you there !

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**Have you made
your Dinner
Reservation ?
[April 16th]**

Please, Please, Please !

We processed more than 50 returned editions of the Shoreline this month as a result of members who have gone to warmer climates for the winter.

We are more than willing to send your copy of the Shoreline to your alternative address, if only we had it.

Its not just the extra postage we pay for the returned envelope, it involves many hours of extra time on our part, and to be quite honest, our time can be better spent doing other things.

So.....Please, Please, Please, won't you take a moment and drop us a line and give us your alternative address? You can accomplish this several ways:

- Telephone—740-928-6874 or 740-928-5963
- Email—blaca@columbus.rr.com
- US Postal Service—BLACA, PO Box 1106, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008

Thank You for your assistance in correcting this growing problem.

Now, go back and enjoy the sunshine while the rest of us shovel our driveways!



New Membership Application

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$10.⁰⁰) _____

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP (\$25.⁰⁰) _____