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Representing Your Interests

So many projects, so little time. That best describes the involvement of your officers and trustees with issues impacting our community.

The dam improvement project likely takes center stage for most residents. We continue to work with the West Bank Homeowners Association and the Buckeye Lake Dedicated Area Members in an ongoing dialogue with ODNR to determine the best way to proceed with this controversial project.

Working with the South Fork Conservancy District in developing a plan that will address the flooding problems of the village of Buckeye Lake and Walnut Township is both exciting and challenging. There are many issues to be addressed, however, we continue to seek solutions to this decades old problem.

Providing public sewer facilities for the residents on the south shore of Buckeye Lake should

be of interest to everyone. Involvement with the Perry County Commissioners and Thorn Township Trustees focuses on the expansion of waste water treatment plants that will serve these residents.

Dredging continues to be an ongoing challenge and requires our best efforts to move these projects forward. The Maple Bay project should be underway this spring and will take 3 years to complete. New sites need to be identified and Dredge Material Relocation Areas must be developed for future dredge projects.

Our involvement with ODNR to improve the parks around our shoreline continues to demand our constant attention. New sand for Brooks Park will be added this winter and next spring, we will once again be working on the landscaping. More "volunteer days" will be conducted this year, as we strive for more involvement between our

park management and the community at large.

New developments, representing 643 new homes are approved and under construction with an additional 825 somewhere in the approval process.

To keep us solvent and able to support the various projects and issues require our best efforts in the area of fund raising. This year, we plan on repeating the Reverse Raffle in May, the Tour of Homes in August, the Football Pool in September and the Golf Outing in October.

We will also continue to support the BLASST, the revitalization of Ryan Park and the development of the Buckeye Lake Village Library.

Your continued positive support make all of this involvement possible and gives us a stronger voice when representing your interests on these issues.

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October 6th was a beautiful day for a round of golf and a great day to hold our 1st golf outing. Country View Golf Course personnel performed over and above expectations to make this a great event.

TC Market provided the NY strip steaks, baked potatoes and salad. With a group of 40+ folks standing around the grill waiting on their steak, everyone seemed to have a 'better idea' on how the steaks should be grilled. In spite of all the 'help', the steaks were great.

Rick Reinhorn chaired the outing and Dick Vandegrift assisted him by developing several sponsors for the event. Dick also emceed the presentation of awards program.

Top golfers were in the Reinhorn group and they took home the 1st prize of \$100. Second place went to the Weisert group whose members won most of the individual awards.

This fund-raiser netted the Civic Association a little over \$1,000, however, the most important part of the event was that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the day of rest and relaxation.

We are planning another outing for 2005, so if you are interested, get your reservations in early. We are planning for October 5th and with any luck, will have another perfect day, as we did this year.



Hole Sponsors

- ◆ Scarrett Insurance
- ◆ Coughlin Chevrolet
- ◆ Real Living/Farmer's Realty
- ◆ National Trail Country Store
- ◆ Shock Wave Marine
- ◆ The Toy Store
- ◆ Hill Real Estate
- ◆ Peoples National Bank

2004 Produces a Brighter Financial Picture

What a difference a year makes. Last year's (2003) results, once again, developed a negative net income for the Civic Association. This year (2004), things looked a bit different.

Regular revenues exceeded \$25,000 for the 1st time. The increase was a result of additional memberships, the reverse raffle and a very successful Tour of Homes.

Membership now exceeds 650 families and continues to grow at a steady pace.

The reverse raffle generated a net income of \$ 4,000 and provided a fun evening for all who participated.



This year's Tour of Homes was helped through the addition of 2 corporate sponsors, Park National Bank and Coldwell Banker-King Thompson-Marnita Swickard & Michelle Blizzard. The net income for this fund-raiser also exceeded \$ 4,000.

Two smaller fund-raisers each contributed about \$ 1,000 to the bottom line. The OSU football pool and the fall golf outing created

new opportunities to mix fun and profit for the Civic Association.

Our biggest contribution back to our community went to Fairfield Beach in the form of the new sand on the beach. Additional landscaping and clean-up also took place on Liebs Island and Brooks Park.

We were also able to support the BLASST with a \$ 500 donation towards the fireworks. The annual boat parade required \$ 300.

Insurance continues to be a big expense (\$ 2,000), but necessary none the less.

Overall, our total income for the year was \$ 25,000 and expenses were \$ 18,000, giving us a net income of \$ 7,000.

Blue Water for Buckeye Lake

Perhaps we are overstating our goal of turning our brown water into Caribbean blue, but the challenge to improve the overall water quality in our lake is getting a lot of attention from your Trustees these days.

A strong working relationship is developing with members of the agricultural community that surrounds Buckeye Lake, as we work together to attempt and resolve the flooding problems in the village of Buckeye Lake and Walnut Township. With the leadership of our Watershed Management Chair, Dick Vandegrift, we are seeking the expertise of ODNR personnel and community leaders from Guilford Lake and Indian Lake, both of whom have had documented success in improving the overall water quality in their respective lakes, by working with the surrounding farmers and property owners from their respective communities. The South Fork Conservancy District will play a major role in assisting us with implementing suggested changes in the way local farmers and landowners deal with improving the soil tilling methods used in their operations as well as the potential reduction in the use of pesticides and other possible pollutants.

Dale Wise, Shoreline Management Chair, has spent many hours working with Licking Township Trustees in the development of shoreline zoning resolutions, written in part, to further protect the run-off from lakefront properties through more responsible management of storm water run-off. Working to reduce and minimize silt, sediment and pollutants



from flowing directly into the lake is a major goal and the focus of the new resolutions. Where possible and practical, the development of shoreline vegetative buffer strips is also being encouraged to provide a natural filtration system, while at the same time improving the natural and aesthetic quality of the shoreline.

Following our September meeting, we have stepped up our involvement with Perry County and Thorn Township in the development of a viable waste water treatment facility to serve the residents on the south shore of Buckeye Lake. Rick Lanthorn is taking the lead for the Civic Association to encourage more citizen involvement and accelerated government action to assure that the challenges are dealt with and a solution is forthcoming. Several alternatives are being considered, including the expansion of the Thornport facility, the development of the Glenford site and inclusion into the Licking County system that currently serves the majority of the residents along the lake shoreline.

An ongoing search for upland Dredge Material Relocation Areas is critical to a successful dredge management program for the lake. The past practice of placing dredge material back in the lake is a short term solution, at best, and eventually returns to the bottom of the lake as sediment once again. Countless hours have been spent with property owners and ODNR personnel in locating DMRA sites that can serve current and future dredge removal needs. As part of the process, we are also looking for resources to remove material from existing sites so that they can be reused for future projects or restored to their original condition.

As with most big objectives, the final results will not be achieved next week. It will take many years to resolve the issues and challenges that stand in the way of cleaning up our lake. All of the canal lakes have shallow bottoms and wrestle with the problem of sediment accumulation and runoff pollutants, however, there is no better time than now to get started and give serious thought to improving our lake.

Your help and involvement can make a difference. If you have an interest in any of these projects, contact any of the Trustees and let it be known that you want to get involved. I'm confident we will be able to find something for you to do.

Perhaps future generations will enjoy blue water in central Ohio. We'll let Trustees of the future, however, take on the challenge of tropical breezes and the elimination of winter weather.

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Did You Take Advantage of our Free Membership Offer?

Calendar of Events 2005

- ◆ April 20, 2005—BLACA Spring Dinner Meeting
- ◆ April 26, 2005—BLACA Volunteer Day
- ◆ April 29, 2005—C of C Full Pool Breakfast
- ◆ May 19, 2005—BLACA Reverse Raffle
- ◆ May 26, 2005—BLACA Volunteer Day
- ◆ June 28, 2005—BLACA Volunteer Day
- ◆ July 4, 2005—BLACA Boat Parade
- ◆ July 20, 2005—BLACA Picnic Meeting
- ◆ July 28, 2005—BLACA Volunteer Day
- ◆ August 14, 2005—BLACA Tour of Homes
- ◆ August 20-21, 2005—BLYC Antique Boat Show
- ◆ September 21, 2005—BLACA Fall Dinner Meeting
- ◆ October 5, 2005—BLACA Golf Outing

Is Your Neighbor a Member of BLACA?

Our membership has almost doubled the past 2 years to currently represent 650 families with an interest in Buckeye Lake. This increase is in large part due to your efforts. Last year's "free membership offer" was very successful and we thank you for your participation. To assure a strong voice when dealing with issues impacting our community, we must have a large number of active members in our Civic Association.

We are repeating last year's "free membership offer" and encourage you to be a part of it. Simply fill in the bottom of your renewal invoice and return it in the enclosed envelope prior to February 1st.

Thank you for your continued support of the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association.

New Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

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