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Who Ya Gonna Call ?

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Ever have an idea or suggestion that would improve our community or the lake? Do you feel that no one is listening or that no one cares about things that are happening around the lake?

Your Civic Association has many talented individuals who are involved in the many issues that are dealt with on a daily basis around the lake. They would be happy to discuss these issues with you and anxious to hear your ideas and thoughts about how you feel things should be.

Here are a few of the issues that we are dealing with and the Trustees, your neighbors, who are currently representing you on these matters.

The Dam—Kreig Babbert lives on the West Bank and has been involved in the Dam project for over 6 years, including participating in the Value Engineering Study that was done in 2002. He is in regular contact with ODNR's Chief Engineer and does an outstanding job of represent-

ing the community during these discussions.

Dredging—Richard Harris has assumed the chairmanship of this important committee and is quickly getting up to speed on the dredging requirements around the lake.

Watershed—George O'Donnel is the man to call for these issues. Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow is still in its infancy, but may be responsible for saving our lake for future generations. Now is a great time to get involved and participate.

Parks—Joe Miller has been involved with the VIP program for several years and is the 'go to' guy for anyone wanting to become more involved in these improvement projects around the lake.

Flooding—Dick Vandegrift has been representing the Civic Association for many years in discussions with the South Licking Conservancy District and their efforts to improve the flooding conditions that occur on a

regular basis throughout our community.

Fund Raising—Vince Popo assumes the lead for the Reverse Raffle each May and can always use additional donations and volunteers. Jim Graham is in charge of the OSU Football Pool and has booklets available the 1st of July each year. Janet Bartholow has been involved with the Tour of Homes for 8 years and is always in need of homes for the Tour as well as volunteers to assist each August.

Web-Site—Jessica Bradley recently assumed the responsibility for keeping our Internet site current and is open to any suggestions that would make the site more user friendly and meaningful for our members.

Area Map—Tony Spring is in charge of this project and although the map company is behind schedule, advertisers are encouraged to contact Tony so that you will be included in this project.

Call Merv for anything else not mentioned in this article.

Who Pays for New Development ?

To many in the association it probably seems that your leadership is beating a dead horse relative to the cost of development. You've heard interminably that 3500 residences are being built or are in the planning stage with the possibility of 3000 more. We've heard that we are naïve in expecting the developer to help the many government entities around the lake underwrite the cost incurred as development progresses. The association, most notably Merv Bartholow and George O'Donnell, has moderated a series of meetings with lake government leadership to discuss impact and approaches available to address planning and development issues.

Certainly as development has progressed, developers have provided for roads, lighting, water, sewer, storm water, and green spaces within the various developments. But these things are a necessity for marketing and sale of the properties within the development. In some instances, developers have committed to improvement of roads providing immediate ingress and egress to the development. Rightfully, the cost of repair to roads damaged by the development process should be borne by the developer. In most instances, the developers have borne the cost or have committed to the repair.

But how will traffic be impacted in the surrounding areas providing ingress and egress to the development? Are water and sewer capacities sufficient to support the development and the anticipated growth in other adjacent areas? Will fire services be adequate? Will police protection be adequate? What about the parks and recreational facilities? How about the schools? These are all ques-

tions that need to be addressed and a plan put in place before the development is initiated. Why? If these questions are not addressed at the onset of the development process, YOU will be the one answering the question later and footing most of the bill.

Admittedly, development is not all bad. Development vitalizes an area. It makes the area an exciting and dynamic place to live. It is necessary to keep "the juices flowing". However, for development to be effective there must be a blend of residential, commercial, and industrial development. Zoning and planning must be in place to facilitate this blend. Studies by the American Farmland Trust on the cost of community services found that services required for support of residential development cost \$1.20 for every \$1.00 collected from the residents. The cost of services for support of commercial and industrial development cost \$0.29 for every \$1.00 collected from the commercial or industrial entity. This underscores the need for a balance between residential, commercial, and industrial development.

Still not convinced? Consider the Village of Buckeye Lake! With assistance from the Office of the Licking County Auditor, the question as to the amount of money that the Village of Buckeye Lake would receive for each \$250,000 new residence constructed within the village was asked. The answer was \$210 per year from the existing tax structure. No additional funds for village current expenses, fire, EMS, or police are derived from the residences under the existing tax structure. Similar analyses could be performed for Millersport, Thornville, Walnut Township, Thorn Township, and Licking Township.

So, the following question is in order: Are these monies sufficient to satisfy the need for services required to support the new development? If yes, great! If not, open your wallet! The circumstance is not bleak if local governments, residents, and developers work together to address the issue of the cost of development. Many effective approaches are available – exactions, special assessments of new properties, fees assessed from the developer up front for each new resident, etc. These approaches have been successfully used in Columbus for example. Our near neighbor, the City of Newark, has successfully implemented an exaction process. Our lake community is not breaking new ground by asking the developer to assist in underwriting the cost of development. Most major developers have addressed the issue of the cost of development with the other communities in which they have worked. The only thing lacking in our community is the will to act.

Color your association leadership naïve, but if steps are not implemented in the planning stages for development to mitigate the cost, you as a resident of the area should be prepared to bear the burden of the cost of development. Your association does not think this is reasonable.

What can you do? Get involved! Request your local government to implement a planning process for development in your village or township. Better yet, request your local government to work with all of the other lake community governments to implement a planning process for development. If you don't ask, who will?

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Are you ready to step forward and influence the future of Buckeye Lake?

As your Civic Association grows, there is an ever growing need for new leadership.

Could you be the next Trustee?

An Evening of Memories

Mark your calendars for a very special evening and the opportunity to take a trip back to the days when Big Bands were the main attraction around Buckeye Lake.

Saturday night, October 3, 2009, we will be creating a return to the Crystal Ballroom and the opportunity to spend a few hours enjoying entertainment from another era.

Creative Catering, 925 West Main Street, Hebron, will be the site of this big fund-raising event for the Civic Association.

Following a wonderful buffet dinner at 7:00, we will dance the night away to the sounds of an eighteen member jazz orchestra,

specializing in classic swing music from the Glenn Miller / Tommy Dorsey Big Band era.

You've heard many people talk about the great times when the amusement park at Buckeye Lake was the destination of choice for all of central Ohio. This will be your opportunity to take a trip back in time and be a part of those memories from the past.

More details will be provided as the year progresses, but for the time being, mark your calendars for an evening to remember.

Saturday, October 3, 2009.

Life Membership

We have had some inquiries from a few of our members who would prefer to pay a one-time lifetime membership and avoid the annual dues invoice.

Other organizations have adopted a life membership category in their dues structure, however, the Civic Association has never taken this approach.

We have, however, recently made the decision to recognize any donation to the Civic Association of \$ 500 or more with a special Life Membership.

Interested members should call 740-928-6874 for more information.

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Happy New Year

2009 Planning Calendar

January

21st—Trustee Meeting

February

18th—Trustee Meeting

March

18th—Trustee Meeting

April

15th—Dinner Meeting

22nd—VIP Day

[Volunteers In the Park]

24th—Full Pool Breakfast

[Greater Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce]

May

14th—Reverse Raffle

16th—VIP Day

20th—Trustee Meeting

June

11th—Leaders on the Lake

17th—Trustee Meeting

23rd—VIP Day

July

3rd—BLASST Fireworks

4th—Boat Parade

15th—Picnic Meeting

28th—VIP Day

August

9th—Tour of Homes

19th—Trustee Meeting

September

16th—Dinner Meeting

October

3rd—Evening of Memories

21st—Trustee Meeting

November

18th—Trustee Meeting

December

16th—Trustee Meeting

FREE Membership Offer

Once again, we are offering a free membership to one of your friends or neighbors. The free membership application is a part of your renewal invoice for 2009 and we encourage you to take advantage of this offer.

Over the course of the past 6 years, we have increased our membership, as a direct result of this special offer, by over 125 new paid members. Once people become a part of the Civic Association and see the impact that is being made around the lake, they are likely to become active members.

It is a real pleasure to see so many new faces at our spring and fall dinner meetings and to have several new people volunteering to assist with the various projects and activities around the lake.

Do your part and help your Civic Association grow.



New Membership Application

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$10.00) _____

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP (\$25.00) _____