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New Picnic Shelters Donated

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Dan Frear and Ron Craig delivering the new gravel



Ron and Dan hard at work, leveling the gravel

Looks like we're at it again—Improving the parks around the lake.

Over 50 tons of gravel were placed under the two covered picnic shelters donated by the Civic Association and erected at Fairfield Beach.

Dan Frear used his truck to haul the gravel and, like all good BLACA President's, Ron Craig was there to spread the stone once it was received.

This is another in a series of volunteer efforts and donations to improve the parks around Buckeye Lake.

With all of the cuts to the

State budget, there is always a need for additional private donations as well as volunteer hours to make the parks around our lake a better place for our families and other visitors to our front yard.

This coming spring, picnic tables will be added to the shelters, like the one, pictured to the left, on Lieb's Island, providing just one more positive addition to our shoreline.



Park Mgr. Sonya Lindsey, BLACA Parks Chair Joe Miller and Regional Mgr. Tim Wain

VIP is 21

VIP Days for 2011 will all be on the 21st of the month
 April 21st — May 21st — June 21st — July 21st
 Mark your calendar and be a part of VIP Days this year

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Will You Help Double our Membership ?

Free Memberships can make it all possible. If every member gives a free membership to a friend or neighbor, our membership will double between now and February 1st.

Our voice will be magnified to our newly elected representatives and any new appointments that may become a part of the government that we will be working with for the next 4 years.

With so many challenges facing the lake, it is imperative that our voice be strong and you can make that happen with no cost on your part and with very little effort.

Just include the name of your "free" member along with your annual dues and we will do the rest.

Buckeye Lake Library is 5 Years Old - Membership Drive

The Buckeye Lake Library recently celebrated its 5th birthday.

In this short amount of time, the library has become a valuable resource to the Buckeye Lake community. How do we know that? We know it because we know that many people are using the library.

During the first nine months of 2010, over 34,000 items were checked out and 1,250 people were card holders.

In a very small building, patrons have access to over 12,000 print and audio materials on the library shelves and access to 5.9 million items through a library sharing system. And, over the past year,

people have enjoyed about 75,000 hours of Internet usage.

This is all made possible by the Licking County Library System which provides the books and materials, library staff and computers and by members of the community who have paid for the operating costs [heat, light, insurance, etc.] of the library through donations, participation in fund-raising events, volunteering and by becoming a Friend of the Buckeye Lake Library.

Please consider becoming a Friend of the Buckeye Lake Library. For only \$ 25.00 you can help keep the library open and

know that you are helping to maintain a valuable community resource. Larger donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library and send them to Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library, PO Box 708, Buckeye Lake, 43008. Or, if you prefer, you may include your check to the library with your membership dues and send them both in the BLACA envelope. Your donation will be forwarded to the library

Thank you for your support,
Marlene Rushay, Secretary
Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library

The Care and Feeding of Canadian Geese

“Dad, Mom, come look at the baby geese in the back yard”. “Aren’t they cute?” and then..... they grow up and become a dirty nuisance to the neighborhood.

Geese that are fed by well-meaning people lose their natural fear of man and reside closer than normal to humans. This can lead to violent attacks during the nesting season. Feeding geese only increases the damage they do to our yards and the lake, keep them from their natural migration patterns and increase the chance for unhealthy birds. Although the natural tendency is to feed them, especially through the cold winter months, in the end, we are only making the problem worse for our neighborhoods as well as the geese themselves.

Land management is by far the most successful deterrent to goose conflicts. Geese can be discouraged from using an area by making the lake or pond and surrounding area unattractive. Geese are grazers and rely on grass for the majority of their diet. Geese can be discouraged from using these grass areas by the following methods: 1.) Reduce



or eliminate fertilizer applications to the surrounding grass area to make the grass less tasty and nutritious to the geese. 2.) Plant grass species that are less tasty, such as tall fescue (has a bitter taste).

Geese generally will not use a lake or pond if they cannot easily fly in to it, swim in it, or walk out of it. Placing ornamental grasses or a row of densely planted shrubs around the edge of a pond is pleasing to the eye and will effectively deter geese from coming on shore. Replacing grass areas around lakes with unpalatable ground-covers (e.g., periwinkle, Japanese pachysandra and English Ivy) can also be a good deterrent. Construct new ponds with

an 18-24” inch vertical bank at the water’s edge.

Almost any obedient breed of dog, when trained, can be used to discourage Canadian geese; however, border collies seem to be the breed of choice. Humans have enlisted the assistance of border collies for centuries. A border collie’s natural herding instinct, along with some command training, make it particularly useful for discouraging Canadian geese from the neighborhood.

There are many other methods that may be employed to control the Canadian geese problems, but may involve explosives, chemicals, lasers and other mechanical devices. To include them in this article may send the wrong message and present information that could be misinterpreted, therefore they were not included.

For those with a need for additional information, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has several publications that further explain the challenges of living with Canadian geese. Much of the information for this article was taken from their web-site.

Membership Reminder

Enclosed with this issue of the Shoreline, we have included an invoice for your 2011 membership dues. The preparation for this process is very time consuming, but the convenience to our members seems to outweigh the additional work on our part.

In addition to the preparation of the annual invoicing process, we have been very understanding and have overlooked those who have a

tendency to forget to return their check in the enclosed envelope.

Unfortunately, some have taken advantage of our tolerance and continue to enjoy membership in the Civic Association without paying their annual dues.

This is a reminder to those who need that extra nudge, please take a moment and place your check in the enclosed envelope yet

today, before you get busy with other things. We value your membership and want to be able to continue sending the Shoreline to you every quarter and encourage you to also join us for our semi-annual dinner meetings.

For those who do not need a reminder, Thank You for taking the time to read this reminder, but more important, Thank You for your continued positive support.

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New
Year**

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2011 Planning Calendar

January	19—Trustee Meeting
February	16—Trustee Meeting
March	16—Trustee Meeting
April	20— Dinner Meeting 21—VIP Day 29—Full Pool Breakfast [Buckeye Lake Region Chamber of Commerce]
May	12—Reverse Raffle 18—Trustee Meeting 21—VIP Day
June	15—Trustee Meeting 21—VIP Day
July	1—BLASST 4— Boat Parade TBA—Dinner Meeting 21—VIP Day
August	14—Tour of Homes 17—Trustee Meeting
September	8—Leaders on the Lake 21— Dinner Meeting
October	19—Trustee Meeting
November	16—Trustee Meeting
December	14—Trustee Meeting



New Membership Application



NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$10.00) _____ BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP (\$25.00) _____