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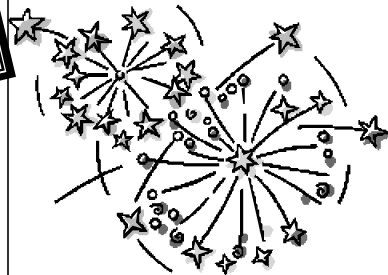
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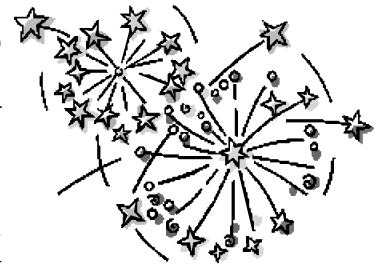
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American Pride on Buckeye Lake



everyone that wants to enjoy the show. Following the grand finale, additional law enforcement will be in place to assist our visitors with getting back to the main highways and on their way home.



Tuesday night, July 3rd, about 10:00 PM, the lake will be covered with boats trying to get the best spot on the water to drop anchor and view the BLASST fireworks.

At the same time, people will line the shoreline to get a better view of the explosions in the sky and the reflections of the fireworks off of the surface of the lake.

New security measures will be in place to assure a safe environment for

Wednesday, July 4th, the annual Boat Parade will assemble at Liebs Island at 11:00 AM. Following the playing of our National Anthem and raising of the flag, the parade will proceed down the West Bank and North Bank, passing the Yacht Club and proceeding through Cranberry Bay, past Harbor Hills and ending in front of Captain Woody's.

The earlier start for the parade should aid fami-



Picnic at the AMVETS



Wednesday July 18, 2007

6:00 Social Hour

AMVETS

7:00 Picnic

Zion Road, Thornport

8:00 Meeting

\$ 10 Per/Person [members].....\$ 15 Non-Members

Hamburger, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert, Coffee/Tea

Advance Reservations Required—Please Call:

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

****Make Your Reservations Prior to Friday, July 13th****

The Dam - More Studies Needed

Friday, May 18th, Kreig Babbert and Merv Bartholow met with newly appointed ODNR Chief Engineer, David Mohr at his Fountain Square office. The purpose of the meeting was to meet the new Chief and to provide insight into the many challenges that he will face in dealing with the Division of Water requirements for the Buckeye Lake Dam.

There has been very little public activity taking place the past 18 months, but behind the scenes, the engineering work has continued.

The four primary issues that were discussed with Chief Mohr were:

- ◆ The width of the new dam
- ◆ The proposed hard surface area of the dam
- ◆ Drainage
- ◆ Security and Privacy Issues

The desire, on the part of the residents on the Dam, to keep the width of the new structure as

close to the existing dam as possible was emphasized. Vibratory tests have set certain minimum distances that will have to be observed, to avoid possible structural damage to the homes that are constructed on the dam, but we were assured that every effort would be made to reduce the width where possible.

Inputs from the Value Engineering Study, as well as comments received from different public meetings, have resulted in a change of thinking regarding the proposed 8 foot concrete roadway on the top of the dam. Further evaluation has resulted in a recommendation to modify the original plan to provide for a 3-4 foot sidewalk close to the water.

The drainage issue remains unresolved and further engineering studies are being conducted to determine the best way to manage this unique challenge. The shortcomings of the current plans were

discussed and several alternatives were suggested, however, the resolution of this situation is many months away as the consulting firm seeks additional methods to address the concerns related to drainage.

We encouraged Chief Mohr to include design elements that will enhance the security and privacy of the residents' homes. Since the Division of Engineering cannot solve these concerns by itself, we must continue to work with the other ODNR divisions to ensure they seek input from the residents prior to making any final recommendations or decisions.

There is much work to be done and no construction is anticipated prior to November of 2008, at the earliest. We will, however, stay engaged with ODNR and continue to represent the best interests of the community and the residents who share ownership of the Dam with the State of Ohio.

Tour of Homes Set for August 12th

Homes on the west end of the lake will be featured in the 22nd annual Tour of Homes on Sunday, August 12th.

Tour chair, Mary Sutphen, has been busy the past few months visiting homes for the Tour and talking with the many volunteers that are needed for this special day on Buckeye Lake.

Volunteers are always needed and this is a great way to get involved in Civic Association activities. Call Mary at 928-1166 for more information on volunteer assignments.



Homes on the shoreline of Buckeye Lake

Tickets for this year's event will be \$15 the day of the Tour, however, tickets purchased in advance will be available for only \$10. You may request advance tickets by mail, by sending \$10 per/ticket to PO Box 1106, Buckeye Lake, Ohio, 43008, or by phone at 928-6874. For our computer wizards,

you may make your request via Email at blaca@earthlink.net.

We will be boarding the boats from Liebs Island and the 1st boat will leave the dock at Noon. The last boat will leave at 3:00.

We do not anticipate the record-setting crowds of last year, however, we have made some changes to reduce the long lines, just in case.

Come on out and bring your friends along for an enjoyable afternoon on the lake and see the houses featured in this year's Tour of Homes.

Another Successful Reverse Raffle & Auction

Over \$ 4,000 was added to our treasury during this year's annual event at Harbor Hills Country Club. Everyone enjoyed the evening and most are looking forward to another good time next year.

This year, Tony Spring added a new flair to the event with a computer generated tally board that helped everyone keep track of the numbers that had been called and, more importantly, the numbers that were left to be called.

Auctioneer, Richard Cash, provided the excitement that goes with a live auction and successfully persuaded the bidders to reach deep into their pockets as they bid on the items donated for the benefit of the Civic Association.

The dinner, prepared by Linda Thompson, was delicious and the entire evening came off without a hitch. We started with a social hour at 6 and were finished by 9.

Special thanks to the Trustees, who sold all of the tickets and the individuals and businesses who contributed items for this year's auction:

- ◆ Buckeye Lake Yacht Club
- ◆ Catfish Charlie's
- ◆ Chance Brockway
- ◆ Coconis Furniture
- ◆ Erna Holland Care Givers
- ◆ Holland Electric
- ◆ AJ Parker Real Estate
Janet Bartholow, Realtor
- ◆ Joe Joseph Design Concepts
- ◆ Tim and Jean Weisert

New Safety Procedures in Place for the Fireworks

The Division of Watercraft along with the Division of Parks are working with the Civic Association and BLASST to provide a safer environment on the lake for this year's fireworks display.

A new emergency watercraft lane will be established on the west end of the No Wake Zone, running from Fairfield Beach to the North Shore Launch Ramp. This area will be marked with buoys and is to remain open for the eve-

ning. There will no anchoring permitted in this designated area.

Prior to the celebration, volunteers will be marking any floating bogs on the east end of the No Wake Zone, to allow ODNR to remove them prior to the evening events. Everyone who lives on the east end of the lake understands the danger these present, when attempting to navigate home in the dark and not being able to spot these obstacles.

Additional patrols will be in place to assist boaters and to enforce the 10 mph speed limit both before and after the fireworks.

Everyone is reminded of the Zero Tolerance Policy on alcohol consumption anywhere within the boundaries of the State Park.

Let's continue the **Buckeye Lake Area Star Spangled Tradition** with another safe fireworks display over the lake.

Leaders on the Lake

Representatives from the United States Congress, the Ohio Senate, the Ohio House, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Fairfield, Licking and Perry Counties, Licking, Thorn, Union and Walnut Townships and the Villages of Buckeye Lake, Hebron, Millersport and Thornville, were invited to participate in a special Leaders on the Lake day on June 14th at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club as guests of the Civic Association.

This special day provides an opportunity to share the Buckeye Lake lifestyle with our elected leaders and discuss the many

challenges that face the residents of our community.

At this year's luncheon meeting, attention was focused on the growth and development that is occurring around the lake and the impact this is making on the natural resources as well as the quality of life for current residents.

We were also able to provide an update on the infrastructure progress that is being made in the area of public water and sewer services.

The newly created Buckeye Lake Regional Planning and Information Exchange was also presented as a way of maintaining better communication channels and understanding between the various neighborhoods that make up the greater community around Buckeye Lake.

Following the luncheon and business meeting, the VIP guests were offered the opportunity to take a boat tour of the lake and see for themselves the many challenges that need to be addressed in the coming months and years.

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Have you made
your Picnic
Reservations Yet?

Your Trustees and the Areas they Represent

Thornville - Thorn Township—Edgewater Beach

Pete Myer Rick Lanthorn Dale Wise

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Buckeye Lake—North Bank

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Harbor Hills—Avondale

Rick Rife Dick Crumley

Trustees Needed

The election of new Trustees will take place at our upcoming September 19th dinner/meeting and it looks like we may need as many as 4 new Trustees this year. Some of those stepping down have served for many years and others have health problems or other commitments that force them to retire from the Board.

This may be your opportunity to serve your community and become an active part of the Civic Association. Your involvement may impact the way your neighborhood looks a few years from now and the living environment that makes our community so special.

As I have said in the past, the pay may be non-existent, but the satisfaction of being a part of influencing our future far outweigh any financial reward.

Call any Officer or Trustee for additional information.

If Not You, Then Who?



New Membership Application

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$10.⁰⁰) _____

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP (\$25.⁰⁰) _____