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Planning for 2004 Underway

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As we continue our planning for the coming year, we want to take this opportunity to update you on the projects we are currently working on.

Its no surprise that dredging remains the number one issue that we are focused on. Progress continues slowly on the dredging of Maple Bay, however, new technology continues to improve the chances of approval in the near future.

New development will continue to demand much of our attention. As we work with our elected officials, residents and developers, we remain focused on what is best for the future of Buckeye Lake.

The dam safety project is moving forward and will

require our attention, to assure that resident concerns are considered and addressed. ODNR has been very responsive to concerns and is attempting to make reasonable adjustments to satisfy the needs of current residents and still make the necessary corrections to the integrity of the dam structure.

We are currently involved in a study of the water and sewer challenges around the lake. We have met with Licking County personnel to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities that exist and are planning similar meetings with Fairfield and Perry Counties. We hope to be able to present a complete picture to our elected officials of the

current situation as well as to share professional opinions on the most effective and efficient manner in which to address the water and sewer issues around the lake.

Parks and recreation projects around the lake will continue, as we strive to improve the overall appearance of Buckeye Lake.

We'll be back with the 4th of July boat parade and the annual Tour of Homes. We are also planning another reverse raffle, based on the interest created from this past May 29th event.

As you can see, there will be plenty to keep us busy throughout the new year. Your continued support makes this all possible.

New Trustees Elected

North Bank resident, **Marc Scarrett**, brings a wealth of civic experience to our Board of Trustees. For the past 3 years, he has worked with the Village of Buckeye Lake on planning issues and is currently becoming involved with the Dam Safety project.

Dale Wise, a resident of Edgewater Beach also adds new dimension to our Board of Trustees. For the past 18 months, he has worked tirelessly on shoreline management issues, assisting the Licking Township Zoning Board with new shoreline zoning resolutions.

Rick Lanthorn was head of the Licking County Democratic Party prior to moving to Heron Bay in Perry County. His political knowledge and desire to serve the community will be another welcome addition to our Board of Trustees.

A Review of the Dam Safety Project

A final decision has not yet been made on which alternative to build to bring the Buckeye Lake dam into compliance with current dam safety regulations.

The least expensive alternative is a design originally proposed several years ago. It relies on the integrity of the earthen embankment, which would need to be protected from the damaging effects of overtopping, encroachments, trees and construction occurring on the privately held portion of the dam. This design is also subject to changing drainage conditions that come with development, which would trigger the need for modifications in the future. Because it includes components that extend 15 to 25 feet into the existing dam, it requires the removal of essentially all private encroachments and trees from the state owned portion of the dam. Once cleared, the dam would need to remain clear for inspection and maintenance.

The currently proposed design is 2.5 times as expensive as the one originally proposed. It is a stand-alone structure to be built independent of the current embankment. Its size is based upon strength, stability, constructability and safety factor requirements. It also offers a desirable separation between the construction project and existing homes on the dam.

The height of the new structure will be no higher than 895.0', which is the elevation at the top of the steel wall constructed at Mudd Island in 1999/2000. The top of the wall elevation for the new structure is to be uniform for the entire length of the dam.

Four designs for docks are being proposed for use with the new structure. All assume a 4' wide dock and a cantilever design.

I-beams will be embedded in the

lake in front of the new structure by ODNR. The docks are to be affixed to the steel I-beams, above the water surface. Custom designs will be permitted subject to approval by ODNR. No dock system will be permitted to penetrate the new structure or rely upon it for strength or stability. In addition, no dock system will be permitted to pass over the new structure.

Space does not permit a lengthy discussion of the proposed dam, however, we will continue to work with ODNR to bring informational meetings to our area and you are encouraged to attend and stay informed on this important issue, affecting all of us that live on the waterfront.

Changes will continue to take place and adjustments will be made, based on input from residents as well as engineering studies. Make certain that your thoughts are considered.

Tour of Homes a Success

Thanks to many volunteers, the 2003 Tour of Homes was another success. Over 75% of our guests for the day were from areas away from the lake, so we were not only successful in raising additional funds for the Civic Association, we were also successful in promoting the Buckeye Lake region.

The Tour of Homes had over 75 volunteers hosting 400 people via 16 boats to 5 different locations in just under 6 hours.

Over 95% of the people visited

the homes by pontoon boats, making the Tour of Homes one of the most unique home shows in Ohio.

Granger and Kristen McKinney opened their Heron Bay home to this year's tour. Dr. Edward and Sondra Jones also allowed us to visit their Beech Island retreat.

Tim and Jean Weisert, on the condition that Tim would clean the garage, made their Harbor Hills home a part of the tour as well.

Under a certain amount of pressure, Merv and Janet Bartholow also included their Harbor Hills home.

The visit to the Wehrle Mansion was a special experience for the tour and the site of the post tour party for all of this year's volunteers.

Next year's Tour of Homes will be on the West end of the lake and work is already underway preparing for August 8, 2004.

Mark your calendars.

Museum Keeps the Past Alive

Founded in 1994, the Greater Buckeye Lake Historical Society brought together persons interested in the history of the Buckeye Lake region.

The early days were challenging, however, the persistence and perseverance of its founding members carried the idea forward and built the organization that today so proudly represents our past.

For the first 3 years of the Society's development, there was no museum in which to meet, so their meetings were held in the Civic Association's house on Hebron Road. Ironically, with the sale of the house back to the Chamber of Commerce, the Civic Association now holds its monthly Trustee meetings at the Historical Society Museum.

The Society's primary objective is to maintain a museum in the area and



to collect and display any material that may help illustrate the history of our community, its settlement, development and activities of the past.

The Museum itself was opened in May, 1998 on Walnut Street in Buckeye Lake, on land donated by the Goodin Family. The log cabin on the property was donated by the Clark family in 1995 with restoration completed in 2000. An addition to the original Museum was completed in

1999.

The Museum is open to visitors year-round, although, the winter hours are restricted to week-ends.

We are indeed fortunate to have the Greater Buckeye Lake Historical Society and Museum as an active part of our community. Make certain a visit is on your To Do list in the near future and take a step back in history. You'll be glad you did.



Expenses were High this Past Year

Membership expenses (\$5,000) topped our financial report this past year. To educate and create interest in the Civic Association, 2 editions of *The Shoreline* were sent to over 6,000 families around the lake. As a result, our membership roles increased significantly and new membership applications continue to be received each month.

The reverse raffle was a huge success, generating a net income of over \$3,500. Our Tour of Homes also resulted in a net \$1,500.

Contributions back to our community included \$2,000 to spruce up our parks and the installation of new flag poles and flags at Liebs Island, Brooks Park and Fairfield Beach. We were also able to help



support the BLASST with a \$500 donation for the fireworks. The annual 4th of July boat parade cost an additional \$400.

Insurance expenses continue to be a major expense (\$2,000), but a necessary evil in our current litigious environment.

One expense that has been eliminated for future years is the upkeep of the building on Hebron Road. We have sold it back to the Chamber of Commerce, saving us over \$2,000 in future annual expenses.

Overall, our total income for the year was \$21,000 and expenses were \$24,000.

Preliminary budget work indicates we will be back in the black in 2004 and able to continue to work toward a better environment for all of the Buckeye Lake community.

