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Water / Sewer Infrastructure Discussed at Dinner Meeting

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Ken Salsberry, Director of Licking County Water and Wastewater was one of the speakers at the September 15th dinner/meeting. His review of the wastewater infrastructure around the lake was very informative. Licking County provides public sewer services for most lakeside residents around Buckeye Lake. Ken was assisted by Licking County Commissioner, Marcia Phelps, in reviewing the existing system and plans for future expansions. Plans include increasing the capacity of the waste water treatment facility that will almost double the current capacity. They also

emphasized that there are no rate increases proposed at this time.

Frank Foster, Buckeye Lake Village Mayor, addressed the progress to date in providing water to the village. Developing a new system is no easy task and there was much interest in the various challenges that lay ahead in developing this new system. It is estimated to cost \$7 million dollars to complete. These funds will come from grants, loans and tap fees. If all goes according to plan, the village should have public water by 2007.

Mike Fox, Millersport

Wastewater Supervisor, shared the expansion plans in place for their systems and how they are addressing growth in and around the village with their water and sewer infrastructure. The recent change to UV bulbs for the treatment of waste has reduced their prior dependency on chemicals used for this purpose.

The Millersport and Thornville system, both discharge the treated effluent into Buckeye Lake. The Licking County system discharges into the Licking River, and flows away from the lake.

Do We Have Your Alternative Address ?

Are you one of the fortunate folks that head south or west each winter? If you are, we would like to make sure that you receive your January and April copies of **The Shoreline**. Send us your alternative address and we will make sure you stay abreast of your Civic Association's activities while you are keeping warm. Send your alternative address to PO Box 1106, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008, give us a call at 740-928-6874 or send an Email to blaca@prodigy.net

Enjoy your time in the sunshine. We'll see you at our April dinner meeting.

Tour of Homes is Another Successful Event

The Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association's annual Tour of Homes was another success, but only through the efforts of nearly 100 volunteers, working together to make this a memorable experience for all who visited our lake for the afternoon. Seventeen boats with a captain and 1st mate, carried the 406 guests to the various sites at the west end of the lake. Hosting the various homes and handling the registration were 30 dedicated volunteers and an additional 29 hardworking souls assisted the boats at the 8 docks, helping to tie-up the boats as well as assisting the visitors on and off the boats.

Special thanks to Therese Miller



and Tory Wolfe, who were primarily responsible for locating the homeowners who graciously opened their homes for this year's Tour.

The addition of 2 corporate sponsors, Park National Bank and Coldwell Banker-King Thompson-

Marnita Swickard & Michelle Blizzard, offset most of the fixed costs for the day, making this a successful fund-raising activity, enabling the Civic Association to continue ongoing projects and develop new ones.

Included in this year's Tour were the homes of Joyce Drumm, Vicki Miller, Will Brumfield & Wanda Peters, Chuck & Mary Sutphen, Ron & Trudy Craig, as well as The Crow's Nest bed and breakfast and the motor-yacht of Henry Bell & Allen Daulton.

Next year's Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2005. Thank you again to all who made this unique event possible.

Same Team Different Alignment

For the past 2 years, Tim Weisert has admirably served as our president. His leadership has taken our association in new and challenging directions and in the process broadened our horizons. Serving in a support role during this period has been vice-president, Merv Bartholow.

Their teamwork has exhibited itself in many ways as they worked through several issues impacting our community. ①The reduction from 80 docks to 4 in the Woods development was a big win for Avondale and Edgewater Beach. ②Their steadfast work with ODNR and the residents on West Bank has helped to develop a strong dialogue regarding the proposed dam improvement project. ③New fundraising activities

have strengthened the treasury and permitted a more aggressive, projects oriented, approach to our parks. ④The dredging of Maple Bay appears to be moving forward with a promised start date of the spring of 2005. ⑤The development of this publication, *The Shoreline*, has enhanced our ability to keep the membership informed, on a quarterly basis, of the issues impacting our community and the many changes taking place.

The last 2 years have been very productive and rewarding, but not without the ongoing challenges.

With Tim accepting the position of service director for the city of Newark, a 60-70 hour per/week job, continuing to lead BLACA has

become somewhat of a burden, even for Tim. With this in mind, the decision has been made for Tim and Merv to switch roles for the next 2 years.

Merv will assume the role of president and Tim will continue on the board as vice-president. It is anticipated that with this change, there will be few, if any, changes to our current programs.

Fortunately, both Toni McQuillen, our secretary and Jim Graham, our treasurer, have agreed to continue in their current roles. Their hard work and continued dedication to the Civic Association will go a long way toward making this a smooth and successful transition.

Improvements Continue at Buckeye Lake State Park

Have you been over to the park office recently? If not, you are in for a real surprise. Not only has the place been completely updated on the outside, the inside has also been painted and cleaned up. If you appreciate a neat and clean facility, you will be proud of what has been done to the park office.

The fountain at the North Shore ramp is working once again. The crack in the bottom has been patched and the entire structure has been painted. Park employees in partnership with many volunteers have brought the fountain back to life. A special hats off to Don Thompson for the TLC he has given to the fountain. Seeing a



need, Don took it upon himself to work at cleaning up the area around the fountain and continues to do a little each day to keep it in a presentable condition.

There is a new flower bed over at Brooks Park. Once again, Tim

Waln and a group of volunteers took a pile of rocks and made an attractive landscaped area out of it.

These little changes are making a big impact on the overall look of the park areas. Volunteers are making these changes affordable and the working partnership with ODNr is certain to pay big dividends for future projects.

Its good to see this type of progress in such a short amount of time. Let Tim Waln know how much you appreciate all of his efforts. A simple "Thank You" is nice to hear once in awhile.

Vandegrift to Replace Wolfe

Following many years of service as a Trustee, Dick Wolfe has made the decision to step aside and focus more of his attention on projects with the Greater Buckeye Lake Historical Society. Dick's experience as a BLACA Trustee extends over 20 years and for most of those years, he chaired the annual 4th of July boat parade, in which he was honored as this past year's Grand Marshall. Another of his important contributions involved the Maple Bay dredging project, on which he has worked for over 15 years. Dick will be missed on the board, however, he has graciously agreed to remain as chair of the boat parade. We all wish Dick well and our loss is the Historical Society's gain.

Replacing Dick will be Dick Vandegrift, also of Harbor Hills. Dick and his wife Joyce, came to the lake in 2001 after spending much of the 90s looking for a home on the water. Unable to find exactly the home they were looking for, they finally located a beautiful lot on Buckeye Lake and built the home of their dreams with wonderful westward views of the lake and the great sunsets.

Prior to retirement, Dick owned and operated Ohio Press in Gahanna for 12 years. He and Joyce continue to maintain close contact with their friends in Gahanna through their membership with the Stoneybrook Methodist Church and an occasional stint with the Gahanna Community Theater. In addition to his involvement with their church, he

has been an active member with Rotary for the past 20 years.

Prior to his entrepreneurial pursuits, Dick was involved in marketing and public relations for the University of Minnesota and Franklin University in Columbus.

Our board of trustees should also benefit from Dick's experience with the Chamber of Commerce, where he was employed for 17 years in executive management positions. He managed Chambers in Minnesota, Illinois and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dick brings a positive outlook and a 'can-do' attitude to the board. Since his retirement, he finds that every day is Saturday and after 3 years on the lake thinks that he is still on vacation.

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Did You Sign-up a New Member This Year?

Thank you to all of you that enrolled a new member this past year. Without your help and commitment, our organization is not able to grow. Your neighbors and friends have strengthened our association and given us a stronger voice when dealing with issues impacting our lakeside community.

If, on the other hand, you were not successful in enrolling a new member this year, you still have 3 months left. Neighbors, friends, anyone with an interest in Buckeye Lake are welcome and we encourage their participation.

Special Offer for those enrolled during the 4th quarter. We will apply their \$10.00 to 2005. Fifteen months membership for the price of 12 months. What a Deal !!

Invoices for your 2005 membership dues will be sent with your January copy of **The Shoreline**.

New Membership Application

Name _____ Spouse _____

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