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BLACA Tour of Homes Celebrates 20 Years

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Once again, the willing volunteers made this year's Tour of Homes a rousing success. With over 600 visitors to each of the 5 homes, everyone was kept busy as we set new records for net income to the Civic Association treasury.

At the September dinner/meeting, a special Thank You gift was presented to each of the homeowners, who were gracious enough to permit their home to be included in this year's Tour.

This year's Tour featured the homes of Tom Davis, Jim & Judy Thomas, Dane & Karen Swinehart, Dan & Liz Bosworth and Butch & Claudia Muse. Each of the homes had something special to offer and the compliments from the guests were generous and plentiful.

Problems with long lines and delays were a thing of the past as we had enough boat captains to handle the crowd and everyone worked together



The last stop on this year's Tour.

as a team and kept things moving throughout the day.

We want to take this opportunity to give a special Thank You to the Redneck Women, who volunteered to help with this year's Tour. At least 16 of this year's volunteers came from the Redneck organization and they handled their jobs like 'old pros'. This is a very active group and they are getting good things done around the lake.

The success of the Tour of Homes would not be possible without the support of our Corporate Sponsors. Coconis Furniture and Coconis Floor Covering, in South Zanesville, became a sponsor this year, joining Marnita

Swickard & Michelle Blizzard's Coldwell Banker King Thompson agency and Park National Bank. Fisher's Marina once again supplied all of the gas for the boats involved in the Tour. We encourage you to support our sponsors, and please, let them know how much we appreciate their continued support.

We are planning on moving the Tour to the east end of the lake for next year. So far, we have commitments from 5 homeowners and it looks like we may be able to start the Tour in the Cranberry Bay area, and then work our way down the lake and visit the folks in Harbor Hills, Avondale and Heron Bay.

Next year, we will start our 3rd decade of showcasing homes on Buckeye Lake. We can always use a few more volunteers, so give us a call and be a part of a fundraising day on Sunday, August 13, 2006.

Buckeye Lake Library Needs Your Support

Included as a part of this month's **Shoreline** is a brochure from Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library. This small group of volunteers have accomplished the impossible and established a library that has been accepted, on a provisional basis, as part of the Newark Library system. To become a permanent branch of the Newark Library, there are several conditions that must be met, as explained in the brochure.

Based on the information that I have been given, the required shelving has been donated, thus satisfying the 1st requirement.

The annual budget for operating the building is estimated at around \$20,000. This includes utilities, signage, insurance, maintenance, janitorial services, etc. Based on similar businesses, this appears to be a rather conservative estimate, but one that this community can certainly afford.

The final requirement is that the community uses the library. This

should be the easiest part, but I would imagine, the most difficult to achieve. With everyone always having something more important to do, it becomes very easy to "let someone else do it". After all of the hard work that has gone into the establishment of this library, it is the responsibility of each of us to make certain that we do our part and visit this new library, to assure that it will remain a permanent fixture for our community.

Many of you already have a Newark Library card for the Hebron branch. That's great, because it will be accepted at Buckeye Lake as well. For those that don't have a card from the Newark Library, get one at the Buckeye Lake branch and then start using it.

Almost every day, there are kids walking by the new library asking when it will be open and how much it will cost to use. Do your part and become a member of Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library. It looks like 800 individual

memberships or 335 family memberships will generate sufficient dollars to pay the operating expenses. Or, if you and 19 of your closest friends would like to each write a check for \$1,000, I'm sure they would accept that as well.

Seriously, we can all do our part and make a valuable contribution to our community. This library will not be for the exclusive use of the Village of Buckeye Lake. It is open to everyone around the lake and folks from every neighborhood are encouraged to participate.

We have two fine facilities in Hebron and Thornville, but the addition of the Buckeye Lake library will provide another free source for obtaining information from the internet as well as a source for reading material of all types.

As the Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library say, "With a little help from everyone, we can make this happen".

New Trustees Sworn In at September Meeting

Two new Trustees were approved and added to the board during the swearing in ceremony at the September dinner/meeting.

We're pleased to welcome Mary Sutphen [West Bank] and Linda Dick [South Bank] to the Board of Trustees for terms running through 2007.

Mary and her husband Chuck, own one of the homes featured in our 2004 Tour of Homes. She is a strong leader and a stickler for details. Within 2 hours of asking her to become a board member, she was already finding fault with

the way I was doing things. [if this continues, it could be an exciting year]

Linda and her husband Dan own a new home on the south shore. She is one of those Redneck Women that you hear so much about, so we are expecting great things from her and her redneck friends. She volunteered Dan and his boat to be a part of the Tour of Homes and was right along side doing the 1st mate duties.

We are fortunate to have such an energetic Board of Trustees. Everyone makes a contribution and

they are the reason that so many good things are getting done around the lake by the Civic Association. All are listed on page 4 for your reference and we encourage you to get to know them and stay in touch as issues develop in your neighborhoods and around the lake, that the Civic Association should be involved with.

We will be adding additional members next year, so let us know if you have an interest in serving on the Board of Trustees. The pay is not good, but the feeling of accomplishment is tremendous.

Sand Delivered to Brooks Park

The final load of sand was delivered to Brooks Park Beach on August 2, 2005. This brought our grand total of new sand to our beaches to over 500 tons and our investment in this project to just shy of \$ 5,000.00.

Special thanks to the leadership of Dick Crumley, who has worked tirelessly on this and other projects focused on our parks around the lake.

Both beaches now have a minimum of 8 inches of sand and are providing a place for our neighbors and friends to enjoy a day at the beach on the shoreline of Buckeye Lake.



Tim Waln and Dick Crumley holding up the sign at Brooks Park



Dick Crumley, Parks and Recreation Chairperson and Tim Waln, Buckeye Lake State Park Manager discuss the best way to get the new sand spread and leveled as quickly as possible.

Dick would like to construct a new beach on the north side of the lake and is currently working with ODNR to identify an appropriate site. That would then provide a beach area for each of our municipalities around the lake and a place for our youth to spend their lazy days of summer.

In addition to the sand, Dick has also been busy heading up the VIP [Volunteers In the Park] program with Tim Waln. This program sets aside 4 days per/summer with the express assignment of working on and improving the overall appearance of the

parks around the lake. There have been several changes, including the addition of a new flower bed at Brooks Park, a new landscaped area beside the State Park office and general clean-up in all of the parks. The VIP program has grown over the past couple of years and we have more volunteers each year and are getting more accomplished as a result of this increase in participation.

There are many more projects being considered for the parks, leaving plenty of opportunity for Dick to utilize his many talents in getting these jobs done.



Another load of sand arrives at Brooks Park Beach

4th [3rd] of July Boat Parade Winners

It was likely a first for Buckeye Lake. Holding the annual boat parade and fireworks on July 3rd instead of the traditional 4th. But in spite of the change, it was a wonderful day and everything worked out just fine.

The Grand Prize Award for this year's parade went to the wild and crazy **Redneck Women**. They decorated a large houseboat and appeared to have a real

BLASST as they worked their way along the shoreline parade route.

Finishing in a close 2nd place was the entry from **Little Pizza House/Jim Carter Marina**, as decorated by Nancy Kruse. They really brought the lake alive with their party animal theme and the Paul Clark Band, performing live, on their boat.

The **Cranberry Bay Home-**

owner's Association placed 3rd overall with their tribute to and celebration of Marilyn Monroe on Tim Herderick's boat.

There were a total of 18 boats that participated in this year's parade. The weather couldn't have been any better for a great day on the lake.

Nest year, we plan on starting the parade at Captain Woody's on Tuesday, July 4th (Subject to change).

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Do We Have Your Winter Address ?

Many of our members find themselves in sunnier climates over the winter months (not that I blame them) and we want to make sure that you receive your issues of **The Shoreline** while you are away. In addition, we will be sending out renewal invoices with the January newsletter and would hate for you to miss yours.

If you are among those with an alternative address, please take a moment and notify us of the correct info.

- ◆ Send us a letter to: BLACA, PO Box 1106, Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008
- ◆ Send us an Email to: blaca@prodigy.net
- ◆ Give us a phone call at: 740-928-6874

Whatever method is most convenient for you is fine with us.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch with you all year round.

New Membership Application

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