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New Officers and Trustees Elected

Tony Spring, owner of Spring Financial Services, having served as Secretary for the past 2 years has been elected to serve as Vice-President and Jessica Bradley, owner of Guitar Parts Resource, has been elected to succeed Tony as Secretary. Merv Bartholow and Jim Graham were re-elected to serve as President and Treasurer respectively for another year.

Re-elected for another 2 years as Trustees are Vince Popo, representing Area 3, which includes Millersport, West Bank and Liebs Island. Area 5, which includes Harbor Hills and Avondale will continue to be represented by Rick Rife. Trustees at Large, Ron Craig and Kreig Babbert have both been re-elected to serve another 2 year term.

Area 1, including Thornville, Thorn Township and Edgewater Beach will be represented by Richard Harris, who has been elected to serve for a 2 year term. Richard, an Air Force veteran, retired from the City of Columbus following 23 years of service. Richard and Linda, his wife of 44 years, have lived at the lake since 1971.

Elected to serve a 2 year term for Area 2, including Fairfield Beach and Walnut Township is Mike Blake. Mike and his wife Bonnie of 27 years have lived on Buckeye Lake for 3 years and spend much of their time entertaining their 7 granddaughters. Mike is a production manager in Hebron.

Representing Area 4, which includes the Village of Buckeye Lake and the North Bank will be Jeryne Peterson, elected to serve a 2 year term. Jeryne has been very involved around the lake for many years and currently serves as a member of Council for the Village of Buckeye Lake and is a Governor of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. She is also the current vice-president of the Baltimore Rotary and is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments.

Elected to serve a 2 year term as Trustee at Large will be Don Carley. Don retired from Nationwide Insurance, following a 40 year career as the owner of a multi-line insurance agency. He and Pat, his wife of 48 years, purchased their west bank home in 2005 and are anxious to become more involved in the community.

NOTICE: Quick Draw-Down of Lake Scheduled

To enable ODNR to begin the work on the North Shore Improvement project, the draw-down of the lake will be done much quicker than in past years. Gates will be opened on November 15th and winter pool levels are expected to be reached by December 1st. The \$425,000 project [funded by grants] will increase the number of launch ramps to three. The parking area will also be enlarged and improved.

23rd Annual Tour of Homes a Success

Sunday, August 10th, turned out to be an outstanding day for this year's Tour of Homes. The temperature was in the 70s and it was a beautiful day to showcase the lifestyle that we enjoy as residents around Buckeye Lake.

The Tour began with co-chairs Janet Bartholow and Connie Saffle attending to those last minute details that make the difference between a smooth running event and one plagued with problems. Their attention to detail really paid off as there were no lines at any of the homes throughout the day and everyone seemed to really enjoy everything about the Tour.

With 32 pontoon boats on the lake ready to transport our guests from house to house and 129 volunteers taking care of our visitors for the day, it seemed like we owned the lake for the day. Everywhere you looked, you could see a Tour of Homes volunteer wearing one of our safety green T-shirts.

The Tour began with the Donald Dick home, so new that it was still under construction. The Oohs and Ahhs that were heard when people saw the views from the Cupola more than made up for the lack of furniture and pictures on the walls.

The second stop of the Tour was at the home of Pete and Jill Ewell, who have upgraded their cottage and turned it into a haven for Ohio State fans. The positive comments from our guests suggested that everyone is a "Buckeye" and appreciated the decorating theme.

The third home, owned by Don and Sandy Davis is also known as the Castle by local history buffs. This unique structure was built by a bridge engineer and is made



Monica Merriman home - Tour of Homes 2008

of poured concrete. Don and Sandy have turned this unusual building into a single family home with 8 bedrooms and 4 baths. Everyone was amazed with the transformation.

The fourth home was the cottage of David and Beth McCormick who share ownership with Tom and Chris Phillips, known as The Lake House. The home has a nautical theme and took folks back to the days when there was nothing but cottages on the shoreline of Buckeye Lake.

The final home, owned by Monica Merriman was built in 2007 and illustrated what can be accomplished when one purchases an old cottage and creates a magnificent lakefront home. The hickory staircase and cozy fireplace were the topic of discussion when guests returned to their boats for the return ride to Liebs Island.

This was the 3rd year for Coconis Furniture and Floor Covering of South Zanesville as one of our Corporate Sponsors. They were joined by The Landings at Maple Bay, an Epcot development and ReMax Realty One Realtors Joyce Thorp and Kyle Thorp as this year's 3 Corporate Sponsors. Many thanks to their support, without which, we could not deliver the event that continues to be a favorite summer activity for

many of our returning guests. Thank You for your generous commitment to the community.

In addition to the Corporate Sponsors, several other organizations made donations that reduced many of our expenditures for the Tour. Subway gave us a significant discount on the lunches for our volunteers, Fisher's Marina helped with the expense of fuel for the pontoon boats, Kroger supplied the ice for the day, John Kruse at the Little Pizza House gave us a discount on the pizzas for our volunteers at the end of the day, Kinetico and Walmart both donated water, Boat Boys outfitted 2 new boats and provided captains to assist with transporting people and The Jabber Shop in the Village of Buckeye Lake provided a beautiful flower arrangement for each of the homes on the Tour. Thank You for the part each of you played in making this year's Tour of Homes a success.

Proceeds from this year's Tour of Homes will be used to assist in the development of Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow, a watershed management group being formed by the Civic Association for the purpose of improving the overall quality of life in our community through improved management of our natural resources.

Next year will be our 24th year for the Tour of Homes and we are planning on moving the Tour to the east end of the lake, featuring homes in Avondale, Harbor Hills and Heron Bay. Two homes are already committed, but we still have a need for 3-4 more and would be happy to discuss showcasing your home. Give us a call at 740-928-6874 for more details.

Leaders on the Lake

Elected officials from local, state and federal government were present for this year's Leaders on the Lake luncheon meeting on August 21st, held at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club.

Mike Calevski, representing US Congressman, Zach Space was in attendance. County Commissioners Tim Bubb, Doug Smith, Mark Van Buren and Clerk, Bev Adzik represented Licking County. County Commissioner, Judy Shupe along with Economic Director, William Arnett, represented Fairfield County. Dave Levacy represented Millersport and Ron Koehler represented Thornville. Sonny Dupler and Ralph Zollinger were present from Walnut Township and Joe Hart represented Licking Township.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources was well represented

by Director Sean Logan, Dan West, Chief of Parks, Steve Maurer, Chief of Natural Areas as well as Tim Waln, Buckeye Lake State Park Manager.

Civic Association Trustee, Krieg Babbert gave an update on the Dam and shared many of the concerns expressed by residents regarding the flooding and security issues. As of the date of the meeting, there is no definitive date when work may begin on the Dam Project.

Director Logan spoke to the group about his background and experience with Ohio's canal lake system. His involvement as County Commissioner with environmental issues in and around Columbiana County for the past 6 years, prior to assuming his current role, prepared him for many

of the challenges that face our state park system today.

Introducing Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow, George O'Donnel, Trustee with the Civic Association gave an overview of the many challenges facing our lake and some of the potential ways of reversing some of the trends negatively impacting the water quality of Buckeye Lake and quality of life issues for our community.

Following lunch and the presentations, Tim Bubb and Joe Hart participated in a tour of the lake to gain a better perspective of the new development that is taking place around the lake and to gain a better understanding of the many challenges facing our community as we attempt to deal with the rapid growth that is occurring in our neighborhoods.

Maple Bay is Open to Boating

After an 18 year hard fought struggle with ODNR, Maple Bay is once again open to boating with the dredging of the navigational channels complete.

Beginning in 1990, Trustee Dick Wolfe took on the task of getting ODNR to remove the sediment from the channel in Maple Bay, so that boats could once again enjoy this beautiful spot on Buckeye Lake. Others have followed in his footsteps in the ensuing years.

Maple Bay is a marvelous site in July and August when the Lotus and Water Lilies are in bloom. For many boating seasons this natural wonder was unavailable to many boats, due to the shallow

depth created by decades of accumulation of sediment on the lake bottom.

An average of three feet of sediment was removed from the channel and deposited upland and away from the lake, so that it will be many decades before it finds its way back into the lake. Over 100,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed, using a suction dredge operation during the past three summers.

Additional dredging is taking place in Watkins Harbor to complete the overall project of clearing the navigational lanes into and out of Maple Bay.

On a related project, another suction dredge was brought to Buckeye Lake to remove the sediment from the bay in front of the Port Restaurant. This operation was only possible due to the removal of the Honey Creek bridge this summer. Once finished in the bay, the dredge was moved to the east end of the lake and continued to remove sediment in this very shallow end of the lake.

One of the major challenges for our dredging operations on the lake is locating Dredge Material Removal Areas [a place to put the mud]. Putting it back in the lake on spoil islands is only a poor temporary fix. Your help is needed to secure these upland sites.

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BLACA Needs You

With the many challenges facing our community, the Civic Association needs your leadership skills and participation in setting the direction for our future.

For over 60 years the Civic Association has been promoting the general welfare of the resident districts around Buckeye Lake and many of our current members have served as Officers and Trustees during that period.

Many of our members, however, have not stepped forward and made themselves available to assume some of this responsibility.

We have our leadership in place for the immediate future, but will once again, be looking for volunteers to step forward next year at this time, to fill vacancies on the Board.

Please give some thought to the role that you may be able to play in the Civic Association. As has been stated many times, the salary may be non-existent, but the rewards that come from being involved and making a difference are worth more than money. You are paving the way for your children and grandchildren, so that they may be able to enjoy the lifestyle that make Buckeye Lake a special place to live and play.



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