

Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association

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To All:

Since 1947, the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association (BLACA) has been dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of life for the people of the resident districts around Buckeye Lake in Fairfield, Licking and Perry Counties.

First of April is the new start date for renewal of your membership. Your **Membership** and **Involvement** strengthen our voice when dealing with issues impacting Buckeye Lake and neighborhoods that makeup our community. The larger the Membership numbers in an organization the greater the influence when sitting at the negotiating table.

How do we increase the number of members? First, by each and every one of us who is a member, renewing our membership (Family or Business). Second, with your annual renewal you can give a free gift membership for 2017, to a friend or neighbor with an interest in Buckeye Lake. That's right, no strings attached, a free gift membership with your renewal. The free gift membership is at the bottom of your application. Fill it out and return with your application. **The free gift membership is free for one year to New Members.**

It was a busy 2016 with a plethora of obstacles and meetings with ODNR, Legislators, Hicks Associates, and other Lake Leaders striving to inform our members of the latest issues as well as voicing residents' concerns and relaying these answers to you. BLACA will continue to represent residents in the Buckeye Lake Region to achieve the best outcomes.

Donations in 2016 include: Buckeye Lake Library, \$500.00. Children's Christmas at the Buckeye Lake Historical Society \$500.00. Student Excellence in Citizenship Award of \$500.00 each for Millersport, Sheridan, and Lakewood High Schools. Millersport Fire Dept., Thorn Twp. Fire Dept. (Toy Drive \$500.00 each). Waters Edge Food Pantry, Jacksontown United Methodist Food Pantry, Hebron New Life UMC Baby Pantry, Leads Buckeye Lake Food Pantry, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food pantry, Millersport Community Food Pantry, Thornville Food Pantry, The Harbor Learning/enrichment Community Center, \$500.00 each.

Upcoming events: 2017 Spring Dinner, Reverse Raffle, and Fall Dinner. Check the dates, time, and location on our website. Please take a moment and visit our website (Home Page), to review 2016 Tour of Homes video. You may see yourself.

Thank You to all of our **Sponsors and Volunteers** for your support in making the Reverse Raffle, and Tour of Homes a huge success.

The Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association has enjoyed a successful year in 2016, **Thanks** to the leadership provided by the **Board of Officers/Trustees** and the ongoing **Support of our Outstanding Members.**

Hopefully as you read this letter that construction on the dam (Phase II) and dredging has started.

Regards,

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