

Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
November 25, 2019

1. Thanks to Pam Reed for her very generous donation of our beautiful new Christmas decorations! These custom-made decorations with a nautical theme were designed exclusively for Buckeye Lake Village and are quite the buzz on social media! The wholesale cost to Pam was \$600 per pole mount but would typically cost close to \$2,000. Pam wants to spearhead a fundraising effort over the next few years in order to decorate the remainder of the main route through the village. She has set up an account at North Valley Bank called 'Saint Nick Christmas Village Fund.' Thanks to the Street Department and Water Department employees for installing the Christmas decorations.
2. We've completed only 30% of the Highland Stormwater Project; the total cost of which is \$434,169.00 – 50% funded by the Ohio Public Work Commission leaving a loan balance for the village of \$217,085.00. This project will address flooding on the East end of Highland directing the stormwater South on Lake Street to the main storm sewer on Union picking up additional storm water along the way with newly installed catch basins. The waterline at each intersection had to be lowered to maintain the appropriate elevation of the new 24-inch storm sewer line above.
3. **NUISANCE PROPERTIES DEMOLISHED IN NOVEMBER:** Licking County Land Bank demolished the abandoned manufactured homes at 310 Seymour and 109 Stewart Street. The owners of 236 Wood Street demolished the large deteriorated two-story at 236 Wood Street after months of code enforcement citations. The vacant property at 93 Seymour was demolished last week by the owners who also will be demolishing another vacant house this week at 11047 Hebron Road. In October, the Land Bank demolished 4924 Walnut Road and sold the lot to the village.
4. **RECENT NEW CONSTRUCTION:**

180 Union Avenue	5389 North Shore	45 Lynnwood
360 Lakeview	Grandstaff Road	203 Sixth Avenue
350 Lakeview	90 Leroy	56 Misty Lane
295 Lakeview	4848 North Bank	50 Misty Lane

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5. BLPD's Administrative Assistant Kevin Dorman resigned effective November 22. We will miss Kevin and appreciate his excellent and dedicated service to our village and wish him well. One of our police officers has applied for FMLA leaving Chief Wardlow with additional staffing issues. Several new BLPD candidates have been interviewed to fill vacancies. Chief Wardlow will be scheduled to patrol in order to help cover the shifts.
6. Clerk-Treasurer Rochelle Menningen was out ill for several days and is now playing catch up. Recently, she held a finance training class to introduce the four council members-elect to the process. She's also been working on her required annual clerk training; the 2020 budget; and processing an unusual amount of personnel paperwork and public records requests. All these demands have set her back a bit in her regular responsibilities. Therefore, I request council to be patient and considerate of her time constraints and consider a realignment of staffing.
7. Code Enforcement Officer Rex Adkins submitted a list of properties and related clean-up/mowing costs to be certified by council and submitted to the county treasurer for assessment to property taxes. He also submitted a 2020 proposed budget for his department.
8. Zoning Officer/Fire Prevention Officer Scott Hite and Chief Mason, inspected the Pharmacann facility on November 6, 2019 and issued a Temporary Occupancy Permit valid until February 6, 2020.
9. Nineteen dangerous trees along Hunts Landing Road were identified and removed after several bids were considered.
10. Thanks to Planning Commission member Casey Clark for her leadership in preparing our revised zoning code draft.
11. We anticipate a lot of questions for the water department when our new payment options go online December 1.
12. Realtor/Auctioneer Gary Babcock and partner Mike Kennedy submitted their standard contract for review as requested by council. This is related to the proposed auction of village owned property at 55 Seventh Street.
13. Zoning Officer Scott Hite and Dick Grey of Goodwill have been working with LC Planning Commission regarding flood plain issues related to a proposed short-term lease for a portion of Fairfield Street in order to temporarily install a propane tank which will be moved after the construction of a new Goodwill building.
14. CORRECTION: At the Nov 13 council meeting, a council member stated that MedBill "soft-billed" inside the village and "hard-billed" for mutual aid to Hebron. MedBill confirmed that ALL runs inside or outside village are soft-billed.
15. Motel 6 corporate offices were contacted again today regarding bed taxes still owed.

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