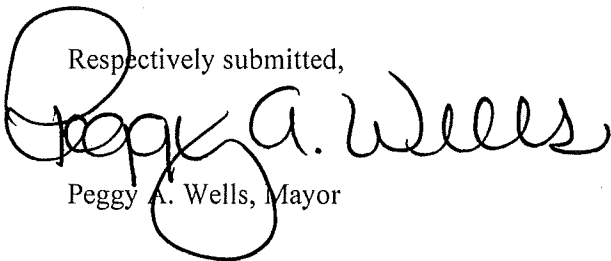


Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
May 14, 2018

1. Officers with the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement (CODE) unit and members of the Licking County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team served drug offense warrants at several Buckeye Lake Village residences on April 24. Several arrests were made. Tips about a couple of possible drug houses have been turned over to CODE for investigation.
2. It's been a long ordeal for retired Police Sgt. Andy Davis and his wife, but his extensive medical bills from last summer have finally been paid by the receiver for our former health insurance cooperative, OPEC-HC.
3. The council-approved pay increases for our police officers and part-time firefighter/EMT's became effective May 25.
4. Thanks to the sharp eye of Interim Fire Chief Clifford Mason's wife, the chief and I were able to acquire gently-used desks, bookcases, file cabinets and chairs to replace worn-out fixtures at the fire station. The fixtures came from a Quality Inn on US 23 in Delaware County and cost just \$300.
5. Council President Kitty Zwissler, Planning Commission Chair Karen Cookston and I represented the Village at the Buckeye Lake Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Full Pool Breakfast on April 27. State Senator Troy Balderson, Perry County Commissioner Ben Carpenter, farmer Ed Parrish and BLRC Executive Director Michael Fornataro provided updates.
6. Code Enforcement Officer and Whitehall Division of Police Sgt. Rex Adkins is helping me address a cease function notice from the Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission concerning the failure of most of our officers to meet the minimum Continuing Professional Training of 20 hours in 2017.
7. Toby Miller and I were very disappointed to learn last week that only about \$4,000 is left in the state's Lakes in Distress fund to help address storm water issues caused by ODNR's decision to prohibit storm water discharges over and through the new dam. We had timely submitted two applications. One would study No Name Creek, which starts at Ohio 360, crosses under Ohio 79 and through the KOA Kampground before flowing into the South Fork. Both ODOT and Union Township submitted supporting letters for this project. The other would address storm water issues behind North Bank. We were told that almost all the available funds were awarded on a heretofore unknown first come, first served basis to a petition ditch project benefiting West Bank and Ballard Lane area residents in Fairfield County. I plan to discuss the first come, first served award with our state representative, Larry Householder.
8. I am forming a committee to screen applicants for police chief and to rebuild our officer ranks. Personnel Chair Bill French, resident Tom Charles, Whitehall Division of Police Sgt. Rex Adkins and Genoa Township Detective Molly Blevins have agreed to help us.
9. Rich Tuttle, retired Licking County Network Administrator, has been working with our new security system so we can take full advantage of its capabilities.
10. In an effort to address the failures and challenges presented by our current audio system, Toby Miller, Rich Tuttle and I met with Dave Deuschle of Sound Communications. Dave has assessed our needs and will present his recommendations and related costs at a future council meeting.
11. My son has delivered the second of three loads of donated playground equipment to the street department. The remaining load consists of 15 metal support posts. The equipment was donated by his employer.
12. Crack sealing has been completed in the Lynnwood Addition. It took considerable more material than anticipated. The bollards in the village office parking lot have been removed to provide room for more parking.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy A. Wells". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Peggy A. Wells, Mayor