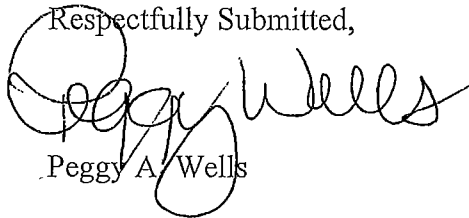


Village of Buckeye Lake
Mayor's Report
August 12, 2019

1. Last Thursday afternoon's storm brought down several trees in the village, closing Hunts Landing Road and East Street for a time. Street Supervisor Randy Bucy had some great volunteers helping clear the roads. Two Myer Addition residents – Mark Williamson from Woods Street and Ron Worley from East Street – used chainsaws to help cut up the blown over trees. An entire family – Andy and Ashley Sirisukha and their three sons, 15-year-old Fabrizio and the 11-year-olds, Jose and Luis – worked tirelessly to pull the cut branches off the road. Their 11-year-old daughter, Adrianna watched their baby in their vehicle so the rest of the family could work. Thanks to everyone working together, the road was able to open much quicker. Thanks to our volunteers and Randy for their hard work.
2. The police and fire departments deserve a big thank you for their efforts to keep everyone safe during the Mopar Cruise on Friday and Saturday evenings. We had an extra medic crew on duty in case someone got hurt during the chaos. Our police department was already shorthanded with one officer on military annual duty. We were only able to recruit one special duty officer from the sheriff's office since we were competing with the Hartford Fair and Mopar for special duty officers. The one deputy wrote a DUI ticket which was the only ticket written both nights. Citizens Patrol volunteer Mike Miller was a great help before, during and after the event. He helped Toby and I place the cones between the lanes to provide a buffer zone between the cars and spectators. He then rode along on the patrol with Officer Weilbacher. After the event, Mike helped Chief Wardlow collect the 22 portable trash containers loaned to us by BLASST. Volunteers Neil and Judy Allen helped me place the trash containers just prior to the cruise. We also want to thank those who offered the use of their golf carts: Barry and Fran Wright, Genie and Kelly Sprangler-Braithwaite and John and Deb Julian.
3. Thanks to our generous business donors: Bob's Bar, Donato's Pizza, Mike's Auto Service, Pizza Cottage and the Corner House along with Mama Jules and Leonard Love (2nd hand store), we were able to raise \$1,070 to cover the cost of our safety services for the Mopar Cruise-in.
4. Our local KOA Kampground celebrated its 50th anniversary in July with a ribbon cutting, cake and ice cream and a community bonfire. Council President Zwissler read a Mayor's Proclamation and Chamber President Tim Ryan was the MC.
5. Buckeye Lake Police Officer Steve Ritter resigned on July 5.
6. I attended the July meeting of the Licking County Library Board of Trustees with members of the Friends of the Buckeye Lake Library to support their efforts to retain Saturday hours and a library in Buckeye Lake.
7. The Licking County League of Women Voters have agreed to host a candidates' night event prior to the November 5 election and the two local churches have been contacted about hosting the event.
8. We've received some calls from residents interested in purchasing some of the vacant lots in the village. They have been told to come to a council meeting to inquire about how council members want to handle these lots.

9. I am still recovering from a July 20 heart attack that hospitalized me for several days at Licking Memorial.
10. We closed on a \$39,669.50 loan from North Valley Bank on July 31 for the purchase of a 2019 Chevy Silverado 1500 SSV for the police department. We are pleased to do business with our local bank.
11. I'm still waiting for council to provide some direction on the expired contract with LEADS for the food pantry.
12. Council may want to consider how to handle the condition of your recording device. Both council meeting tapes from July have 5-8 minute periods of silence. For example, Council Geiger's concerns regarding the proposed charter revisions are not recorded in your minutes because they were not on the audio tape.
13. We received a \$3,000 invoice for our annual LCATS dues. Last year, the dues were only \$1,000. When we budgeted another \$1,000 for this year, we were unaware that the first three years of LCATS was a discounted rate. We'll need a supplemental appropriation at the next council meeting. Member has been a good move for our village. This year we received \$138,000 to help us get started on the municipal bridge project. LCATS: Licking County Area Transportation Study.)
14. Resident Doug Sanderson will be sworn in as an Assistant Fire Department Chief at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the fire station. He is a retired Columbus Division of Fire firefighter and has been a valuable addition to our department since early 2018. He was unable to attend tonight's council meeting.
15. Our special legal counsel for our failed health insurance cooperative, OPEC-HC, reported last week that the attorney for OPEC-HC's court-appointed receiver has finally agreed to sign off on the proposed settlement with Jefferson Health Plan. That settlement for about 40¢ on a dollar to repay the some \$9 million that OPEC-HC borrowed from JHP set four equal payments of \$2,194.26 each due June 30, 2019, December 31, 2019, June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Currently, we are waiting for JHP to present a revised schedule for payments. Council has previously authorized me to accept this settlement on the recommendation of our special legal counsel. That may happen in the next 30 days. We could also face additional payments of \$3 -- 4,000 should the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas allow OPEC-HC's receiver to assess former members to pay non-medical claims.

Respectfully Submitted,



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