

**BUCKEYE LAKE VILLAGE  
MAYOR'S REPORT  
January 23, 2023**

**Happy New Year to all, we are off and running in 2023 with many exciting projects to be completed and others in the planning stage. Our Comprehensive Plan is going to be looked over by our Council they will decide what areas are of most importance for tackling in 2023. Once the Council decides to approve the Comprehensive Plan, they will then begin working with the areas to be re-zone and those area that will stay the same. Just for transparency changes are coming.**

**January 4,2023 Public Service Meeting chaired by Councilman Don Cable. regarding the 2023 General Engineering Contract, Senses Metering Systems Upgrade, Security Camera Proposal, Christmas Snow Storm Info., 2023 TAP Application resolution needed, Service Building Update. Meeting concluded.**

**January 5, 2023 Meeting with Toby Miller and Jeff Carr with Environmental Design Group. The discussion was about how they can help the village with environmental projects.**

**Planning and Zoning meeting chaired by Dick Williams**

**January 9, 2023 Meeting with Tim Ryan, President of the Greater Buckeye Lake Chamber and the Lead on Winterfest. Chief Harget, Interim Fire Chief Keisha Amspaugh were present to be brought up to speed on the morning of the event and the entire day of festivities and keeping everyone safe. It was mentioned about needing extra staff to help through out the day on the Buckeye Lake Village establishments. This is expected to be the biggest Winterfest ever and is the eighth year for the event. If you have questions or concerns, please direct those to the Buckeye Lake Police, Buckeye Lake Fire/EMS/Medics or the Chamber.**

**January 10, 2023 LCATS meeting, Transportation Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Items of discussion (a) Draft Plan/TIP Amendment – ODOT SR 161 Widening (b) Moving May 9, 2023 Board Meeting to April 25,2023 for Final TIP Adoption (c) Licking Transit Advisory Group (LTAG**

**Update. The LCATS 2024-2027 TIP Project List was approved to move forward this directly affects Buckeye Lake Village for the Buckeye Lake – Walnut Rd. Improvements Eng/RW \$600,000.**

**January 12, 2023 BLRC Meeting: The following topics were discussed**

1. Commissioners' comments
2. Motion to seat Officers for 2023
3. Financial Report and Motion to approve 2023 budget
4. Regional Planning/Executive Director Report
5. Private Resources Development
6. Communications Report
7. Watershed Report
8. BLRC Trails Committee
9. Government Affairs
10. New Business/Open Floor – We want to hear what's going on in your area of the Lake region!

Next meeting scheduled for March 16, 4:00 PM

**January 13, 2023 Meeting Rudy Stefanitsis Sr., Craig Stephenson, Obie Stillwell, Buyers of 074-335568-00.00**

Continued: These developers came back and sat with Toby Miller and later Dick Williams with engineers and Building designers. They are doing a flyby at the next Planning and zoning meeting with their plans and a cad of the housing style they are discussing adding to the above-mentioned property located on Worth Road. They did take the suggestions and ideas that we gave them from the previous meeting to heart and did a great job of bringing some plans and the engineer with them to this meeting. Like I mentioned they are on the agenda for the next planning and zoning meeting on February 2, 2023.

**January 16, 2023 Martin Luther King Holiday**

**January 17, 2023 Meeting with Linda Goodman, Council President, Councilman John Lemmon Fiscal Chair, Council Person Deb Julian Chair Personnel, and Jennifer Dennis, Fiscal Officer. Purpose of the meeting to discuss the Fire Chief position and making this a salary position. The decision yet to be determined.**

**Meeting with the officers of the Fire Station a standing meeting on Tuesday evening. They usually hold these on the third Tuesday of the Month. Feel Free to attend.**

**January 18,2023 attended a tour of Bellefontaine, being hosted by Small Nation Strong. This was an all-day event to walk the down town of a community in distress a few years ago to see the wonderful progress they have made and continue to work on. They had a downtown that was falling apart and no business to help sustain any growth or hope what so ever. But this small group that named themselves Small Nation Strong are quickly turning things around. Much like our neighbors in Sommerset the buildings have been renovated and they have found businesses to believe and come to Bellefontaine to open and propure. The website to go and get more information on this wonderful group is: [SmallNationstrong.com](http://SmallNationstrong.com)**

**January 19, 2023 Meeting with Mike Fornataro BLRC, Linda Goodman, President of Council, and Toby Miller Public Works Director. We talked about 1<sup>st</sup> street and the possibility of taking that street as a continuance into the Ryan Braden Park for the Nature walk, Bike and walking path to divert the pedestrians safely off of 79 to provide a way to enter the State Park Tow Path in a safe manner.**

**Also, discussed the Phase II of the Pavilion and completion of the park and Ampatheatre as well parking. More to come if progress is made in any way to move forward.**

**Please remember The Winterfest activities will start at the North Shore State Park 6:00 AM to see if Benny the Bass will predict 6 more weeks of winter 😞 or an early spring 😊. Incase any of you forgot the chant: Spring Can't Waite Take the Bait .....**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Jeryne A. Peterson**

**Don't Drink and Drive**