

**Mayor's Report**  
**Buckeye Lake Village**

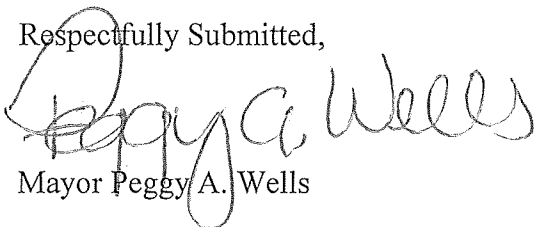
**November 12, 2018**

1. I supported the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation by attending an October 23 meeting of the Licking County Commissioners. Union Township Trustee President Charlie Prince and I were asked to support Yaromir Steiner's presentation and request that the commissioners continue to financially support BLRC. Executive Director Mike Fortanaro also attended.
2. I am serving as the acting zoning officer until we find a replacement for Doug Stewart.
3. The village was well represented at last Thursday's dam dedication ceremony. Governor John Kasich invited Council President Kitty Zwissler and I to join the ribbon-cutting group. Council members John Geiger, Doug Poorman, DVM and Arletta Ruton were also present.
4. The fiscal officer and I continue to work on the 2019 budget.
5. Police Chief Vicki Wardlow and I participated in the Trunk or Trick event at the Buckeye Lake Youth Association clubhouse. The Chief made a lot of new friends. With the possible sale of that property, we may have to find a new home next year for the popular event.
6. Resident and master woodworker Al Segna generously donated his time and equipment to build a new cabinet/counter set for the police station. Both pieces are ready for final installation.
7. Police Chief Wardow, the Mayor's Court Clerk and I met recently to make sure that we are in compliance with the handling and storage requirements for "privileged" documents from the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) and the Law Enforcement Automated Data Systems (LEADS) databases.
8. Some Planning Commission members, Fire Chief Clifford L. Mason and I have participated in several recent meetings with the developers and engineers of The Landings at Maple Bay regarding changes to their plans and emergency access points allowing for alternative detours.
9. Toby Miller and I meet with the Energy Cooperative to discuss an existing gas line easement on village property and the need to install a larger line to supply the Buckeye Lake Brewery's production plant in the Dollar General building.
10. The Fire Chief and I attended a "Stop the Bleed" training class organized by Chief Mason at the Union Township complex. The class, conducted by our regional Class 1 trauma center Ohio Health's Grant Hospital, focused on the use of tourniquets and packing

wounds to stop potentially fatal bleeding. Ohio Health donated several tourniquets that can be self-applied which have been passed on to the Police Department.

11. Two Street Department workers attended a "Snow and Ice Class" hosted by the Licking County Engineer's Office. Their participation will help reduce our Workers Compensation rates.
12. Toby Miller and I met with Sue Spiker of the Licking County Planning Commission and the project contractor for a pre-construction meeting for the final phase of the Ohio 79 sidewalks and curbs project. Most of the cost is coming from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
13. The Water Department has winterized the bathrooms at Ryan/Braden Park and the restrooms are now closed until next spring.
14. The trench repair work started this morning in the Myer Addition on Highland, Central and at the corner of Slocum and Park. The total cost is \$51,000 and is coming out of village funds.
15. The complex wind-down of our former health insurance coop, OPEC-HC, continues in Franklin County Common Pleas Court. Our joint group is opposing Jefferson Health Plan's petition to intervene in the case for procedural reasons. The Court recently quickly granted our group's motion to strike the non-party State Auditor's memorandum supporting the Receiver's motion to the Court that former members pay for a full financial accounting of OPEC-HC. The State Auditor's Office should have demanded such an accounting back in 2016. Requiring former OPEC-HC members to now pay for such an accounting reduces the funds remaining to pay medical bills and creates an accounting that Jefferson Health Plan could use in their attempts to assess former members for its \$9 million in unpaid "loans." Full "loan" repayment, if ordered, would cost the Village another \$19,494 and additional creditor claims, if allowed by the Court, could cost us another \$3,000 or so.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mayor Peggy A. Wells