

2025 Year End Report

A new zoning code was reviewed and recommended by Planning and Zoning this is a continuation of the New Zoning Code we received a CDBG grant for and it was written by OHM to follow our Comprehensive Plan Council now how is for it final review and a Town Hall meeting will be held on March 23@ 6:30 for a final review.

BLFD: Received \$2820.00 in grant funding they received a MARCS grant for new radios for \$1620.00 and \$1200.00 for EMS supplies from the State they received \$7350.00 in donations. Looking forward into 2026 they have received grants from BWC and Firehouse Subs these were applied for in 2025 but funding received in 2026, just under \$60,000.00 that will allow them to purchase a new Polaris Ranger and Power Cot, Life Pak was funded from the Public Safety Capital Fund. Chief Brooks completed the Firehouse Sub Grant and the BWC grant that our intern had started last summer. Thank you, Chief Brooks. The FD ran a record number of runs in 2025 and continued to develop good working relationships with our neighboring departments. New roof on the Firehouse and a maintenance schedule is now in place staffing is steady and hiring continues first Full time Fire Chief. 2026 goal is to purchase a new to us Fire Truck.

BLPD: Received a donation of a new Golf Cart in partnership with Mid -Ohio Golf Company the Village did pay for part of it \$9500.00 and the rest was donated. Staffing has improved and we now have 3 full time and one part time officers.

Public Works: Took delivery on a new dump truck adding to the Village fleet. North Bank west Storm Water Project was completed in June and work continues, on the 2027 turn lane and widening project on Walnut Rd. appraisals have been made and offers are starting to go out to property owners. Streets paved in 2025 were 6th, 7th, and Neil in between those two Streets our paving schedule continues and is making a difference in the condition of our Streets. Village Hall location received new doors and windows making the building much more energy efficient and new signs and logo on the outside of the building making it easier to identify the building. We continued to cut and clear out damaged trees along Hunt's Landing Road. The Village has negotiated with Mr. Barry Wright to acquire the private Streets in Crane Lake addition and awaiting a survey and paving in the Spring that business will be complete, the Village has a

signed agreement to do the snow removal for the winter of 2025- 2026 and that has worked out well for all. Public works and the Mayor have worked with Buckeye Lake Region Corp on the North Shore improvement Project and will continue into 2026. We thank BLRC for the new entry sign at the West end of the Village.

Parks and Rec: additional work on the Pickleball Courts should be complete in spring of 2026, the ballfield is now leased to Lakewood youth softball and we look forward to the partnership with them to improve our facilities and use of the field new backstops are scheduled to be installed for player safety and the league will be adding new dugouts. The park continues to improve and the cleanliness and appearance continues to improve, as well as rentals of the Rec Center. Thank you to Annetta and her Commission.

New business's OX-B's, Pak Mail, Licking County Transit Services started routes in July allowing residents to have greater accessibility in Licking County.

In November of 2025 we began negotiations with Buckeye Lake Historical Society to accept on permanent loan The Historic Holtsberry Log Cabin and as many of you know that project took a big step March 6, 2026 when it was moved to Village property on Mill Dam Rd please watch for more things to come with the cabin and it's new home in the Village. We thank the Historical Society for voting to donate it to the Village.

Escape Buckeye Lake will have a seasonal location in the Village and we welcome them and their mission of promoting tourism in the area the location will be staffed and have scheduled open hours to be able to answer questions and assist travelers to our area.

Event: We once again held BLAST for kids at Ryan Braden Park over the holiday weekend and it will continue in 2026 with added activities to celebrate America's 250, please take notice of the America 250 flag flying from our flagpole at Walnut and Hebron Rd, intersection. Christmas in the Village was another success and the Parade continues to grow with new things to be added in 2026. Trunk or Treat again was a night of fun for families in the Village. I would like to see an Event's Committee started, in the Village comprising of residents, elected officials and staff. Please attend and watch Village meetings to learn of new opportunities. Watch for new exciting developments in 2026 as developers remain interested in locating in the Village of

Buckeye Lake looking to bring additional housing and retail opportunities. Thank you all for a busy and successful 2025.

Thank you,

Mayor Linda Goodman