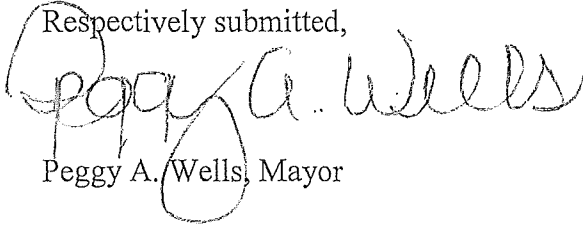


Mayor's Report
Village of Buckeye Lake
August 13, 2018

1. We have survived another unofficial "Supercruise" thanks to the efforts of Police Chief Vicki Wardlow, Fire Chief Clifford Mason, Assistant Fire Chief Dave Ruton and their staffs; Toby Miller; and some volunteers including Tonya Ritter, Art Hertlein, Sondra Facemeire, Ali Caldwell and Brandon Van Wey. Thanks to the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Ohio Homeland Security for providing the observation tower (located opposite the entrance to the North Shore Park) that Chief Wardlow requested. Thanks to ODOT for providing the mobile message board located behind the observation tower and giving the village dozens of used traffic control cones for our continuing use. Unfortunately, our original plan to confine tire squealing to the two innermost lanes of the four lane portion of Ohio 79 to provide a buffer between the vehicles and spectators was partially thwarted when the Ohio State Highway Patrol ordered us to open both southbound lanes to alleviate traffic backing up on I-70. Thanks to the many drivers who honored our "no violations" designation for the two-lane portion of Ohio 79 from the North Shore Park to the western village limits. We did not have enough officers available to actually issue citations to violators. Neither the Licking County Sheriff's office nor the Granville Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol were able to provide any deputies/troopers to this event. Thanks to Union Township who provided their officer and to the Village of Hebron for providing three special duty officers, supplemented with some on-duty officers. Thanks to Explore Licking County and the Buckeye Lake Region Chamber of Commerce for answering my call for financial assistance to pay for the special-duty officers. While the future of the Mopar Nationals at National Trail Raceway is uncertain at this time, we will reconvene our work group to critique this year's event.
2. We held a pre-construction meeting for the Hunts Landing Road project on July 30 with our contractor, The Shelly Company, and our engineering consultants, ADR & Associates. Work is scheduled to start Monday, August 27. The road will be completely closed the first day to grind the existing surface in place, creating a 12-inch thick, cement-stabilized new base. That new base must cure for three days; the road will be open to personal vehicles, but closed to commercial trucks. Once the base is cured, traffic will be maintained for all vehicles while the new base is covered with asphalt and the berms are graded and seeded. Toby Miller developed a notification letter that is being distributed to affected residents and neighbors. The connector road between Hunts Landing Road and Cranberry Lane has been cleared out and improved for use during the one-day total closure.
3. We had our Municipal Bridge project kickoff meeting with representatives from ODOT, LCATS and ADR on July 31. We reviewed a very tight, federally mandated schedule and will be working closely with ODOT throughout this project. Federal regulations require that we complete a formal consultant selection process. ODOT will be doing much of the work, including drafting the advertisement. Consultant proposals will focus on their qualifications and will NOT include fee proposals. Council must approve the consultant selection, but it will have to be an expedited process to stay on schedule and not jeopardize our award of up to \$1.7 million in federal funds to replace with one the two bridges currently heading into McDonalds, the motel and the Englefield property. Matt Hill with LCATS had some very good news for us. Approximately, \$135,000 of 80/20 money, is available this fiscal year (started July 1) for design services, right-of-way services and right-of-way acquisition. These costs were our responsibility in addition to our five percent share of construction costs. I have formally requested that LCATS reserve these funds for our project.
4. Our bootstrap renovation of the police station continues to make process. Thanks to John and Margaret Hanson for helping us paint the new drywall. Thanks to Anthony Ferrell and my son, Drew Snyder for installing the new laminate flooring. Other volunteers on this project include Corby Hall; my granddaughter, Abbi Snyder; Chief Mason; Julie Miller; and Courtney Hans.
5. The two-year lease with the Julians for our drive-thru property was signed August 10 and the first payment was received.

6. Our engineering consultants, ADR & Associates, recently completed the Highland Avenue Drainage Improvement Study and have submitted a written report. We have submitted a proposed ordinance to council tonight to apply for Ohio Public Works Commission funding for this long-needed fix.
7. I'll be working with the Planning Commission and Licking County to review our process for new developments and our subdivision regulations.
8. The on-line auction of our surplus property will start this week.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy A. Wells". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Peggy A. Wells, Mayor