

Mayor's Report for Council meeting on May 13, 2024

Spring has sprung, and the Village is getting very busy! Since the last Council meeting, I've been meeting and discussing future Tourism Plans and Development. The Summer Food Program, which will start June 3rd in the Recreation Center at Ryan-Braden Park is moving forward. We have received a donation from Randy Torres of The Boatyard at Buckeye Lake of 6 heavy duty picnic tables for the park. Thank you, Randy! The skate ramp is receiving a coat of stain. Our new welcoming sign coming into the Village is up and looks great. It is a joint project between the Village and Chamber of Commerce. I attended the Full Pool Breakfast at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club. Continuing conversations with MORPC, Licking County Planning, and on KOA improvements. The kick off meeting for our Steering Committee for the new Zoning rewrite was held on May 8th and the Stakeholders meeting will be next. A very successful open house meeting was held on May 6th to discuss the road widening project which will begin in 2026. It was nice to see a packed house for the event and residents had many excellent questions. We are moving forward with the planning of the Cranberry Bay Paving Project and praying the weather cooperates with us. The schedule to update the residents is being prepared and will be announced in the next few days, but again, keep in mind that rain will impact this project if it should happen on certain days. Short-term rentals are being licensed and inspected. Currently there are a total of 19 that are in some part of the process. We have a date of May 31st as a deadline. Sometime after that we will have availability of software to know where every short-term rental is located in the Village. Our newly-formed Special Events Committee met for the first time this week and we have several great ideas suggested by residents in the Village and will continue to meet to move things forward, including a bigger Christmas Parade and festivities and expanding our Trunk or Treat event. Other ideas discussed were events in Ryan-Braden Park for the kids and a concert night. These are just some of the things happening right now in the Village. Soon to see a fresh look to our Village Office Building as we continue our painting project from last summer when the back of the building was cleaned up and painted. Now it's time for the front. Keep watching!

Linda Goodman

Mayor

Village of Buckeye Lake