

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

June 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding
Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Bills

Committee Reports

Boards & Commissions

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026

2nd Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND RECOGNIZING A DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SAFETY ZONE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS RELATED TO BICYCLE, ELECTRIC BICYCLE, AND SCOOTER SAFETY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Village Administration Report:

Mayor:

Safety Services Reports:

-EMS- -Fire Dept.- -Police Dept.-

Meeting Dates (meetings held at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*)

- Finance Committee – Monday, June 8th at 6:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm
- Parks & Recreation – Wednesday, June 10th at 5:15 pm
- Planning Commission - Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm
- Personnel Committee - Friday, June 12th at noon
- Council Meeting – Monday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm
- Board of Zoning & Building Appeals – Monday, June 29th at 5:30 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting May 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson presiding. Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia present.

Sehlhorst motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 11, 2026. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Hill, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

3rd Reading:

Resolution 10-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Bluffton University for the display of the Bluffton University name and logo on the Village's East Water Tower. Hill motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Downey. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Sehlhorst motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Gordon-Hancock. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, and Stahl. No (0), Abstain (1) Talavinia, motion passed.

Resolution 11-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application for funding through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program for the construction of a public pickleball complex.

Downey motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (1) Hill, motion approved.

1st Reading:

Resolution 12-2026 – A Resolution establishing and recognizing a downtown sidewalk safety zone within the Village of Bluffton, Ohio; authorizing the installation of educational signage and pavement markings related to bicycle, electric bicycle, and scooter safety. Gordon-Hancock motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 13-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the Village of Bluffton, OH to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, for an ODOT Direct Grant for a new AWOS III/PT for SFY 2027 and declaring an emergency. Downey motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Talavinia. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Stahl motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Hill. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Resolution 14-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the Village of Bluffton, OH to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, for an ODOT Infrastructure & Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Direct Grant for a new fuel system for SFY 2027 and declaring an emergency. Downey motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Hill. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Hill motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Gordon-Hancock. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Resolution 15-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the Village of Bluffton, OH to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, for an ODOT Direct Grant for a project to rehabilitate apron pavement for SFY 2027 and declaring an emergency. Sehlhorst motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Downey. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Talavinia motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Downey. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Resolution 16-2026 – A Resolution authorizing the Village of Bluffton, OH to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, for an ODOT Infrastructure & Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Direct Grant for a project to replace hangar doors for SFY 2027 and declaring an emergency. Downey motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Hill. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Gordon-Hancock motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Hill motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the hires of Sawyer Bowling as Lifeguard and Bodey Benroth as Slide Guard for the 2026 summer pool season. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Sehlhorst motioned, seconded by Gordon-Hancock, to approve the special event request for the America250 Drone Show on June 19, 2026. College Ave. from the bridge to Railroad St. will be closed prior to and during the event. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Hill motioned, seconded by Downey, to approve the special event request for the Festival of Wheels on June 19, 2026 from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Main St., Vine St. & W. Elm St. will be closed during the event. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Talavinia motioned, seconded by Downey, to approve the hire of Ethan Luginbill as a Police Department Intern for compensation of \$1.00. Roll Call: Yes (6) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion passed.

Talavinia motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The following meetings/events were included on the agenda and/or scheduled during the meeting.

Council Meeting on Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee on Wednesday, June 10 at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee on Friday, June 12 at noon.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 6/8/2026

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC	482.50	Multiple	PORTABLE TOILETS
ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVEL. GROUP	1,500.00	Administrative	ANNUAL SUPPORT
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	18,738.82	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	175.35	Multiple	INTERNET
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	53.40	Administrative	INTERNET
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	170.00	Multiple	GENERAL ENGINEERING
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	10,270.40	Street	NORTH MAIN ST. ENGINEERING
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	467.50	Street	SR 103 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	2,492.50	Capital Improvements	SR103 SOUTHEAST LOOP ENGINEERING
CINTAS	129.70	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	83.11	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	45.86	Sewer	EPA FEE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	138.15	Multiple	LADDER - PEP GRANT
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	1,465.69	Police	MEMORIAL TRAVEL
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	161.18	Pool	POOL CAULK
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	554.00	Pool	POOL OFFICE SUPPLIES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	11.71	Rescue	TOILET REPAIR
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	120.53	Police	TRAINING - BURKHOLDER
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	144.44	Police	TRAINING - OGLESBEE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	60.58	Police	TRAINING MEAL
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	45.53	Police	TRAVEL/FUEL/MEALS - TRAINING
CONCRETE SEALANTS	168.32	Sewer	MASTIC
CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION	239.84	Administrative	PHONES
CORE & MAIN LP	1,053.20	Water	METER LIDS
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	912.00	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	950.00	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	427.50	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	1,235.00	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC.	641.00	Sewer	EMERGENCY JETTING & CLEANING
EUROFINS DRINKING WATER & WASTEWATER CENTRAL, LLC	1,775.00	Multiple	TESTING
FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST	398.19	Multiple	SUPPLIES
FROST ROOFING INC	1,192.10	Rescue	ROOF REPAIR
GRAINGER INC	829.50	Water	CHLORINE TANK
HANCOCK CLEANING, LLC.	615.00	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
HAWKINS INC.	772.00	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
HAWKINS INC.	1,846.50	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
HAWKINS INC.	675.00	Pool	POOL SUPPLIES/MAINTENANCE
HIREUAVPRO.COM	6,612.50	Administrative	AMERICA250 DRONE SHOW
HOHENBRINK EXCAVATING	90,431.76	Street	WEST ELM ST. RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II
LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC.	50.00	Administrative	ADDRESS SEARCHES
MASTERPIECE SIGNS & GRAPHICS, INC.	444.50	Street	SIDEWALK SLOW DOWN STICKERS
MIDNET MEDIA	360.00	Administrative	WEB HOSTING
NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS	565.52	Administrative	PHONES
NIESE TIRE & SERVICE CENTER, LLC	331.00	Park	MOWER TIRES
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	208.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	400.00	Administrative	OML CONFERENCE
OHIO UTILITIES PROTECTION SERVICE	4.00	Administrative	MANUAL CALLOUTS
PROBST, GREG	2,100.00	Cemetery	CEMETERY RECORDS VERIFICATION
PROMO HITS	150.00	Multiple	UTILITY PAYMENT RECEIPTS
RUMPKE	27,874.41	Refuse	TRASH SERVICES
SEE MY LEGACY LLC	1,999.00	Administrative	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
SMARTBILL	267.75	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	70.24	Multiple	SUPPLIES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	116.10	Multiple	SUPPLIES

STATE OF OHIO UST FUND	1,100.00	Airport	AIRPORT FUEL TANKS
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	346.25	Administrative	ELEVATOR LICENSE
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	126.00	Multiple	PO BOX RENEWALS
VANCE'S OUTDOOR INC.	3,895.71	Police	AMMO & SUPPLIES
VETTER LUMBER CO.	66.63	Multiple	SUPPLIES
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	2,420.18	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
	195,980.65		

MAY MONTHLY	2,569.00
MEDICARE	37.22
OPERS	223.70
FICA	60.21

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 5/29/26	88,689.39
MEDICARE	1,240.52
OPERS	8,346.13
OP&F	5,669.42

Council Signature : _____

Date:_____

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2026

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND RECOGNIZING A DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SAFETY ZONE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS RELATED TO BICYCLE, ELECTRIC BICYCLE, AND SCOOTER SAFETY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton has experienced increased use of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric scooters, and similar mobility devices within the Downtown Business District; and

WHEREAS, Village Administration, the Bluffton Pathway Board, the Streets, Alleys Lights and Sidewalk Committee along with members of the public have identified concerns regarding conflicts between pedestrians and riders utilizing downtown sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, a public survey and capstone study conducted regarding downtown sidewalk use found that many residents expressed concern regarding the speed and operation of bicycles and scooters on downtown sidewalks, including concerns regarding pedestrian safety, near-miss incidents, and rider speed; and

WHEREAS, the study further concluded that implementation of a walking-only expectation or related safety measures within the downtown sidewalk system would improve safety conditions for pedestrians and riders alike; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton desires to promote safe and courteous shared use of sidewalks through education, awareness, signage, pavement markings, and voluntary compliance measures prior to consideration of additional regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village finds that establishment of a Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone will promote public safety, improve pedestrian comfort, encourage responsible riding behavior, and support a welcoming downtown environment;

WHEREAS, An emergency exists that the installation of signage for this safety zone is time sensitive and immediate installation of said signage is needed for the safe operations of downtown Village infrastructure all for the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, and:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Bluffton Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: The Village of Bluffton hereby formally establishes and recognizes a “Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone” generally encompassing the Downtown Business District and associated public sidewalks as determined appropriate by Village Administration.

SECTION 2: The purpose of the Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone shall be to encourage safe, slow, and courteous interaction between pedestrians and operators of bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, and similar mobility devices within the downtown area.

SECTION 3: Within the Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone, the Village shall encourage the following safety practices:

- A. Pedestrians shall maintain priority and right-of-way on downtown sidewalks;
- B. Operators of bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, and similar devices are encouraged to travel at a safe and controlled speed not exceeding five (5) miles per hour while operating within the downtown sidewalk system;
- C. Operators are encouraged to dismount and walk bicycles and scooters in congested or heavily utilized pedestrian areas; and
- D. Operators shall exercise due care and courtesy toward pedestrians, businesses, outdoor dining areas, and downtown visitors.

SECTION 4: The Village Administrator is hereby authorized to install educational signage, pavement markings, decals, vinyl stickers, informational displays, and related public awareness materials promoting the Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone and associated safety expectations.

SECTION 5: The Village Administrator is further authorized to coordinate with the Streets, Alleys, Lights and Sidewalk Committee, Bluffton Pathway Board, Bluffton Police Department, and other stakeholders regarding placement, design, public outreach, and future evaluation of the Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone.

SECTION 6: Village Administration shall periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the Downtown Sidewalk Safety Zone and may provide future recommendations to Council regarding additional education, signage, or potential regulatory measures if determined necessary.

SECTION 7: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

ATTEST:

Kevin Nickel, Fiscal Officer

Richard Johnson, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

Village Solicitor

Village of Bluffton

Administration Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



06-08-26

Projects:

S.R. 103 Roundabout:

Construction update:

- Phase 1 asphalt installation has been completed.
- Final site restoration, striping and sign installation are scheduled for the next 10 days
- Phase 2 construction will begin after these tasks are completed which includes re-routing the detour traffic

W. Elm St. Improvements Phase II:

Final measurements are being taken to correctly determine the amounts assessed to abutting property owners. Property owners will be assessed for 50% of curb installation, 100% of sidewalk and drive approach installation.

S.R. 103 Speed Limit:

Following speed studies and engineering evaluations provided by Choice One Engineering and ODOT District 1, along with following conversations with each party, the Village will respectfully request for the speed limit to be lowered to 40 mph due to the presence of pedestrians & cyclists along the S.R. 103 Corridor.

The engineering studies, data and roadway standards do not support a lower speed limit at this time.

Mosquito Spraying Notice

- The Village of Bluffton has started its annual mosquito spraying program.
- Spraying is scheduled to occur primarily on Wednesday evenings, weather permitting, with Thursday evenings serving as alternate dates when necessary
- Applications will begin at dusk and continue until route is completed.

Planning Commission Meeting:

Items to be discussed:

- Proposed lot split of a 4 acre lot from existing 58.86 parcel owned by Tom Schumacher
- Proposed addition of a single residential unit at the end of Chestnut Lane.

Mayor Johnson: Applications for Special Events

- Terri Steinmetz – Cottage Art Haus Workshop



VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report For 2025



The Village of Bluffton has prepared the following report to provide information to you, the consumer, on the quality of your drinking water. Included within this report is general health information, water quality test results, how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

License to Operate (LTO) Status

In 2025, the Village of Bluffton was issued a license to operate our water system.

License (0200112-1670094-2025) “Green,” pursuant to ORC §6109.21, expires January 30, 2026.

What’s the source of your drinking water?

The Village of Bluffton receives its drinking water from the Village of Ottawa. We have a current, unconditioned license to operate our water system. The Village of Ottawa Public Water System draws its drinking water from the Blanchard River, which runs south of the Water Treatment Plant. For the purposes of source water assessments in Ohio, all surface waters are considered to be susceptible to contamination and require extensive treatment before being used as drinking water. By their nature, surface waters are readily accessible and can be contaminated by chemicals and pathogens, which may rapidly arrive at the public drinking water intake with little warning or time to prepare. The Village of Ottawa’s drinking water source protection area contains potential contaminant sources such as agriculture, home construction, septic systems, combined sewer overflows, wastewater treatment discharges, commercial and industrial sources, roadways, and railways.

The Village of Ottawa’s Public Water System treats the water to meet drinking water quality standards, but no single treatment technique can address all potential contaminants. Implementing measures to protect the Blanchard River can further decrease the potential for water quality impacts. More detailed information is provided in the Village of Ottawa’s Drinking Water Source Assessment report, which can be obtained by calling (419)523-5020.

What are sources of contamination to drinking water?

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; (B) Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (D) Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for the public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Who needs to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders and the elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Lead Education Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Bluffton is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Per the Lead and Copper Rules, Public Water Systems were required to develop and maintain a Service Line Inventory. A service line is the underground pipe that supplies your home or building with water. To view the Service Line Inventory, which lists the material type(s) for your location, you can visit the Bluffton Town Hall at 154 N. Main St. or call 419-358-2066.

About your drinking water:

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The Village of Ottawa conducted sampling for total coliform bacteria, inorganics, and synthetic and volatile organic contaminants during 2025. Samples are collected for more than 80 different contaminants, most of which were not detected above minimal amounts in the Village of Ottawa's water supply. The Ohio EPA requires the Village to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though accurate, may be more than one year old. The data presented within the Consumer Confidence Report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Drinking and Ground Water regulations.

The Village of Ottawa routinely monitors its drinking water for contaminants to ensure drinking water safety. The following pages contain summarized information on those agents for which testing has been done. The EPA requires certain terminology and abbreviates, and that specific calculations be performed for different contaminants. To help better understand these terms, definitions have been provided. The analytical results presented in the tables are the most recent testing results done in accordance with regulations.

The value reported under the “Level Found” section for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) is the lowest ratio between the percentage of TOC actually removed to the percentage of TOC removal required by the EPA. A value of greater than (1) indicates that the water system is in compliance with TOC removal requirements, whereas a value of less than one (<1) indicates a violation of the TOC removal requirements.

Turbidity

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water and an indication of the effectiveness of the filter system. The turbidity limit is set by the EPA is 0.3 NTU in 95% of the daily samples and shall not exceed 1.0 NTU at any time. As reported on the spreadsheet, the Village’s highest recorded daily turbidity result for 2025 was 0.23 NTU and the lowest percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits was 100.0%. Meaning Ottawa’s filtration system is highly effective in limiting turbidity (cloudiness) in your drinking water.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

As part of the federal 2024 PFAS drinking water rule, Public Water Systems were required to monitor finished drinking water for PFAS by April 26, 2027. The Village of Ottawa completed this monitoring by participating in the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR 5) program, which monitored multiple contaminants including the six regulated PFAS: PFOA, PFOS, HFPO-DA, PFBS, PFHxS, and PFNA. For the results, refer to the “UCMR 5 Results — 2024 Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Report” section below. Bluffton’s results are also included in the table. The Village is in compliance with the 2024 PFAS drinking water standards.

How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?

Public participation and comments are encouraged at regular meetings of Council which meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 154 N. Main Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817. If you would prefer to address your concerns in letter form, you may send it to:

Jesse Blackburn, Administrator

P.O. Box 63

Bluffton, OH 45817-0063

Or call: 419-358-2066 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The following definitions and tables contain information about the contaminants that were found in the drinking water *in 2025*.

Definitions

AL: Action Level; The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Cyanotoxin: Toxin produced by cyanobacteria. These toxins include liver toxins, nerve toxins, and skin toxins. Also sometimes referred to as “algal toxin.”

Cyanobacteria: Photosynthesizing bacteria, also called blue-green algae, which naturally occur in marine and freshwater ecosystems, and may produce cyanotoxins which at sufficiently high concentrations can pose a risk to public health.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level; The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal; The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Microcystins: Liver toxins produced by a number of cyanobacteria. Total microcystins are the sum of all the variants/congeners (forms) of the cyanotoxin microcystin.

MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level; The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal; The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

n/a: Not applicable.

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units; A measurement of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

TT: Treatment Technique; A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

“<” symbol: A symbol which means “less than.” A result of <5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.

ppb / µg/L: Parts per Billion or Micrograms per Liter; units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

ppm / mg/L: Parts per Million or Milligrams per Liter; units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter; A common measure of radioactivity.

PFAS: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals applied to many industrial, commercial and consumer products to make them waterproof, stain resistant, or nonstick. PFAS are also used in products like cosmetics, fast food packaging, and a type of firefighting foam called aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) which are used mainly on large spills of flammable liquids, such as jet fuel. PFAS are classified as contaminants of emerging concern, meaning that research into the harm they may cause to human health is still ongoing.

2025 Table of Water Quality Test Results

Data is from the most recent testing done in accordance with Ohio EPA regulations.

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Viol?	Year	Typical Source
Microbiological Contaminants							
Results from Bluffton Distribution System							
Total Coliform Bacteria	*See Note	0	0	0-1	No	2025	
Results from Ottawa Distribution System							
Microcystins (µg/L)	AL=0.3	n/a	< 0.240	n/a	No	2025	Produced by naturally occurring cyanobacteria.
Total Organic Carbon	TT	n/a	1.860	1.47–2.28	No	2025	Naturally present in the environment.
Turbidity (NTU)	TT	n/a	0.23	0.03–0.23	No	2025	Soil runoff
Turbidity (% meeting std)	TT	n/a	100%	n/a	No	2025	Soil runoff
*Total Coliform Bacteria MCL: Systems that collect fewer than 40 samples per month, one (1) positive sample.							
Inorganic Contaminants							
Results from Ottawa Distribution System							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.016	n/a	No	2025	Discharge of drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.075	n/a	No	2023	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Zero out of 25 samples exceeded the copper Action Level of 1.3 ppm.							
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	< 2.0	n/a	No	2023	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Zero out of 25 samples exceeded the lead Action Level of 15.0 ppb.							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.12	0.83–1.30	No	2025	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive for strong teeth; fertilizer & aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	3.0	0.53–3.0	No	2025	Fertilizer runoff; septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits
Radioactive Contaminants							
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	0	3.61	3.61–3.61	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-228 (pCi/L)	5	0	<1	<1.0–<1.0	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Residual Disinfectants							
Results from Bluffton Distribution System							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	1.870	1.05–2.73	No	2025	Water additive used to control microbes
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Results from Bluffton Distribution System							
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] (ppb)	60	n/a	32.5	20.4-45.3	No	2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes [TTHM] (ppb)	80	n/a	46.2	29.8-69.0	No	2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants							
Results from Ottawa Distribution System							
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	n/a	n/a	28.1	9.2–28.1	No	2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	n/a	n/a	13.7	5.6–13.7	No	2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromoform (ppb)	n/a	n/a	1.6	0.6–1.6	No	2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chloroform [trichloromethane] (ppb)	n/a	n/a	87	22.5–87.0	No	2025	By-product of drinking water chlorination

UCMR 5 Results — 2024 Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Report (UCMR)

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining occurrence and whether future regulation is warranted. In 2024, the Village of Ottawa participated in UCMR 5. Sampling was conducted March, June, September, and December 2024. Results below:

Compound	Results from Ottawa Distribution System				Notes
	MCLG (ng/L)	MCL (ng/L)	Avg Level (ug/L)	Range (ug/L)	
Lithium	No Limit	No Limit	10.727	0–11.9	Unregulated
PFOA	zero	4	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected — compliant with 2024 PFAS rule
PFOS	zero	4	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected — compliant with 2024 PFAS rule
PFHxS	10	10	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
PFNA	10	10	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
HFPO-DA	10	10	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
PFHxA	No Limit	No Limit	0.029	0.015–0.052	Unregulated. Detected 3 of 4 events.
PFPeA	No Limit	No Limit	0.049	0.018–0.090	Unregulated. Detected 3 of 4 events.
PFBS	No Limit	No Limit	0.006	0.003–0.008	Unregulated. Detected 3 of 4 events.
PFBA	No Limit	No Limit	0.011	0.009–0.012	Unregulated. Detected 2 of 4 events.

UCMR 5 Results — 2025 Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Report

In 2025, Bluffton participated in UCMR 5. Sampling was conducted in February, May, August and November of 2025. Results below:

Compound	Results from Bluffton Distribution System				Notes
	MCLG (ng/L)	MCL (ng/L)	Avg Level (ug/L)	Range (ug/L)	
Lithium	No Limit	No Limit	5.25	0 - 11	Unregulated
PFOA	zero	4	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
PFOS	zero	4	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
PFHxS	10	10	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
PFNA	10	10	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
HFPO-DA	10	10	< MRL	< MRL	Not detected
PFHxA	No Limit	No Limit	0.025	0.0099 – 0.055	Unregulated.
PFPeA	No Limit	No Limit	0.054	0.015 – 0.14	Unregulated.
PFBS	No Limit	No Limit	0.00545	0.0030 – 0.0084	Unregulated.
PFBA	No Limit	No Limit	0.00685	0 – 0.015	Unregulated.

"< MRL" means the contaminant was not detected above the minimum reporting level. Detection of unregulated contaminants does not mean the water is unsafe. PFOA and PFOS are regulated PFAS with MCLs of 4 ng/L each; all results were non-detect. PFHxA, PFPeA, PFBS, PFBA, and lithium are unregulated — no federal MCL is established at this time.



Date: June 2nd, 2026

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

May 2026

Police Calls for Service- 630

Police Chief Calls for Service- 81

Traffic Stops - 29

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Driving Under Suspension	-	1
Fraud	-	1
Juvenile Offense	-	1
Menacing	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	-	1
Protection Order Violation	-	1
Robbery	-	1
Sex Offense	-	1
Theft	-	1
Warrant	-	1
Total	-	11



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 06/02/2026 12:10
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Year: 2026

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident Property	9	32.1	6	21.4	3	10.7	3	10.7	7	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	28
Accident w/Injuries	0	0.0	1	25.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Administrative	159	22.1	128	17.8	108	15.0	200	27.8	117	16.3	8	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	720
Aiding Other	13	22.4	6	10.3	13	22.4	12	20.7	14	24.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	58
Alarm	3	12.5	3	12.5	10	41.7	7	29.2	1	4.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	24
Animal Complaint	1	8.3	3	25.0	0	0.0	4	33.3	4	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12
Assist Police	4	8.3	5	10.4	17	35.4	9	18.8	12	25.0	1	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	48
B&E	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Civil Complaint	2	25.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	2	25.0	3	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
Criminal Damage	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Deceased	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Domestic	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Escort	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Fight Complaint	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Follow Up	3	16.7	4	22.2	2	11.1	2	11.1	6	33.3	1	5.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18
Hazmat	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Hit Skip	1	12.5	2	25.0	2	25.0	2	25.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
House/Building	353	21.3	327	19.8	328	19.8	344	20.8	280	16.9	23	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1655
Intoxicated Person	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Investigate Vehicle	23	20.0	15	13.0	28	24.3	25	21.7	23	20.0	1	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	115
Lock Out	7	17.1	5	12.2	11	26.8	7	17.1	10	24.4	1	2.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	41
Menacing	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Mentally Ill Person	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Miscellaneous	35	12.0	47	16.2	57	19.6	62	21.3	87	29.9	3	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	291
Missing Adult	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Missing Juvenile	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1



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Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Motorist Assist	4	17.4	3	13.0	5	21.7	8	34.8	3	13.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	23
Paper Service	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Pedestrian Stop	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Prisoner Escort	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Prowler	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Shoplifting	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Suspicious Person	4	20.0	3	15.0	5	25.0	2	10.0	6	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20
Telephone	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	4	80.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Theft	2	40.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Traffic Stop	24	14.8	44	27.2	24	14.8	40	24.7	29	17.9	1	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	162
Unnuly Juvenile	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Unsecured Door	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	2	40.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Unwanted Guest	0	0.0	1	14.3	1	14.3	0	0.0	5	71.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Violating PTO	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Warrant Service	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Total:	656	19.9	610	18.5	625	19.0	738	22.4	630	19.1	39	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3298



Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 06/02/2026 12:14
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Statute: All

From Date: 05/01/2026
To Date: 05/31/2026
Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Warning													
4549.08A Illegal Plates - Fictitious, Counterfeit, or Copy	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4513.071 Motor Vehicle Stop Lights	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.43A Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21A SPEED/ACDA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Warning Totals	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Traffic													
4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.43A Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4513.241C WINDOW TINT	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4513.071A 2 BRAKE LIGHTS REQ/ 1 ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4503.11A Expired License Plates	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.13 Traffic Control Device (Red Light)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.12A FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4511.21A SPEED/ACDA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4510.111A Driving Under Suspension - License Forfeiture	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Totals	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Totals	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30



Ticket Summary

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Bluffton Police Department

ORI Number: OH0020100

As Of Date:

06/02/2026

Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
1 TAIL LIGHT REQ./ LIC. PLATE LIGHT REQ.	0	0	0	2
2 BRAKE LIGHTS REQ/ 1 ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	6	0
2 HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED/ 1 HEADLIGHT ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	0	2
Directional Signals Required	0	1	0	1
Display of License Plates	0	1	1	2
Display of License Plates	0	0	1	0
Driving and Parking Upon Sidewalk or Sidewalk Area	0	0	0	1
Driving Under Suspension - License Forfeiture	0	0	1	0
Expired License Plates	0	2	16	30
Failure to Control - Weaving Course	0	0	0	1
FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	0	4	3	6
Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	14	7	27
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Any Other Place (Driveways)	0	1	0	1
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Pedestrian in Crosswalk	0	0	0	1
Failure to yield the right of way when turning left	0	0	1	0
Following Too Closely	0	0	0	1
Illegal Plates - Fictitious, Counterfeit, or Copy	0	0	1	0
Left of Center	0	0	0	2
Lights required at Dark	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Stop Lights	0	1	1	6
No Drivers License (NO OL)	0	2	2	3
Overtaking, Passing to Left of Center	0	0	1	0
Parallel Parking Far From Curb - Not More than 12"	0	0	0	1
PARKING FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC	0	1	1	9
PARKING WHERE SIGNS PROHIBIT	0	0	0	8
PARKING WITHIN 10 FT. OF FIRE HYDRANT	0	0	0	1
PARKING WITHIN INTERSECTION	0	0	0	1
Plates from Another Vehicle	0	0	0	2
Reasonable Control	0	0	2	2
Right-of-Way When Turning Left	0	1	0	1
Rules for Changing lanes	0	1	0	1
Rules for Starting and/or Backing	0	0	0	1
Safety Belt - Driver	0	0	1	0
SHIFTING LOAD, LOOSE LOADS	0	0	1	0
Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	8	15
Speed - 70MPH Freeway	0	3	2	4
Speed 25 MPH	0	12	21	68
Speed 35 MPH	0	16	60	61
Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH)	0	0	0	1
SPEED/ACDA	0	0	5	0
Stopping After Accident - Other than Public Road	0	0	1	0
Stopping for School Bus	0	0	0	2
Texting While Driving	0	0	1	0
Traffic Control Device (Red Light)	0	0	2	0
U-Turn on w/o 500 feet visibility	0	0	0	1
WINDOW TINT	0	4	7	9
Grand Totals	0	64	153	275

BASIC CAR SEAT SAFETY

Be sure to buckle up the right way on every ride!

**SAFE
K:DS**
WORLDWIDE

All children must use a car seat, booster seat or seat belt.

- My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an airbag.
- Everyone in my car buckles up on every ride using the right car seat, booster seat or seat belt for each person's age and size.
- My child's car seat has all of its parts, labels and instructions and has never been in a crash.
- I follow the instructions for my car and my car seat so that my child is buckled in right and tight.
- My child's car seat has never been in a crash.
- I never leave my child alone in a car.



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Babies under 2 use rear-facing car seats

- My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- My child always rides in a car seat made for his or her size and age.
- My child sits facing the back of the car in his or her car seat.
- The harness straps are snug on my child, and I can't pinch the buckled strap at the shoulder.
- My child's car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it where the seatbelt is buckled/attached.
- My child uses a bigger rear-facing car seat until he or she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 35, 40 or 45 pounds.
- I never leave my child alone in a car.



Toddlers and big kids use forward-facing car seats with a top tether

If my child is over age 2 AND has outgrown the weight or height limits for the rear-facing seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat.
- My child always rides in a car seat made for his or her size and age.
- The harness straps are snug on my child, and I can't pinch the buckled strap at the shoulder.
- My child's car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it at the belt path. I use the top tether.
- My child uses this car seat until he or she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 50 pounds or more.



Older, bigger kids use booster seats with lap and shoulder seat belts

If my child has outgrown the weight or height limit of the forward-facing car seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat.
- My child always rides on a booster seat using a lap and shoulder seat belt.
- The lap belt sits low on his or her hips, not the stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on my child's shoulder – not on the neck, under the arm or behind the back.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on my child.
- My child may be between 8-12 years of age before the seat belt fits without a booster.



Kids ready for seat belts

If my child has outgrown the booster seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat until age 13.
- My child always uses a lap and shoulder seat belt.
- The lap belt sits low on my child's hips, not the stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on my child's shoulder – not on the neck, under the arm or behind the back.
- My child's back is firmly against the vehicle seat back, his or her knees bend at the front edge of the vehicle seat, and he or she can sit this way for the whole ride.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on my child. If the seat belt does not fit right, my child must use a booster seat.



The status of Radar Signage Units has been ordered as of May 28th from ELAN CITY .

Additional information

- History
In 2019, the Streets, Alleyways , and Sidewalks committee held a meeting and part of the meeting focused on numerous amounts of speed complaints for citizens. I had just returned from a Chiefs In Service Training in Columbus for 3 days. During the conference, a vendor show was held covering all types of new technology, equipment, uniforms, etc. I gathered and collected quotes from several vendors from the conference. The committee requested to go with ELAN CITY .
- In 2019, the Village purchased 4 basic radar signage units for \$11,373.00
- In 2021 , the Streets, Alleyways, and Sidewalk committee request an additional 2 units based off the citizens' feedback for the cost of \$5,749.00
- In 2023, the Streets, Alleyways, and Sidewalk committee request an additional 2 units based off the citizens' feedback for the cost of \$5,749.00

The signage has several locations that I strongly recommend we leave them for pedestrian and bicycle traffic all year round. Highlighted below.

Current Locations

1. West Elm Street near MMH (Long stretch of roadway in the heart of the village with no stops signs and the amount of traffic going to the university & MMH)
2. Bentley Road @ Sunset Drive (High number complaints especially during early Fall thru Spring) additionally the main bike path in that area.
3. College Ave - Recently brought forward as a concern by Liz.
4. South Main @ High Street (School Zone)
5. North Main @ Snider Road (Especially concerning during May though pool season with children in the area) Additionally, SRK Traffic flow.
6. County Line @ Village Park (Sporting events and other outdoor activities)
7. St. Rt. 103 @ Countyline (Speed Zone change coming into town to reduce on potential accidents)
8. South Main Street @ Beaver Street (Entrance into the village and near the exiting of the village with it being a highly populated residential area).

Additional Areas

I strongly request that one go back out on Bentley Road @ Riley Street. We just currently removed this sign for the College Ave location. My concerns are the high rate of speeds that come in the village from the country, the location of the bike path, sporting events not just for the university and youth soccer events held at the university property.

I am completely open for suggestions for the last additional sign in the past . We have had one on Grove Street and Cherry Street. I received feedback by officers which were Riley Street @ Hillcrest or Bentley Road @ University Building and Grounds area facing the opposite direction.

Technology Advancements

Mr. Hill requested additional information on the data collecting . I reached out to our representative on this question since in the past I just put the quote together and made recommendations for locations based off of complaints and citations filed. Nathan Jordan (PWD) is the village employee who places and sets them up for us.

So , the two units order in 2023 have the ability to store data showing the speed coming in and going out. The other units do NOT have the capability to do so according to my phone call. ELAN CITY will be sending an email with how to program it and how to pull off the data. The data can be stored in the sign up to 10 years. The format will be in a report form.

In Conclusion

I support having this tool in the village to help deter potential accidents and create a safe environment for all. The new approach would be that after we receive these last two units we need to have them labeled , data pulled biannually, and data pulled prior to moving it to a new location so the report reflects and accurate account of what is going on in the area.



VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: <u>Cottage Art Haus Workshop</u>	DATE(S) OF EVENT: <u>Saturdays 6/18/2020 -- 10/3/24</u>
APPLICANT: <u>Teri Steinmetz</u>	CONTACT PERSON: <u>Teri Steinmetz</u>
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: <u>537 S. Main St.</u>	CONTACT'S PHONE: <u>419-604-9109</u>
E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): <u>teristeinmetz2@gmail.com</u>	
LOCATION OF EVENT: <u>Alley beside Book Reviews - S. Main St.</u>	
TIME(S) FOR EVENT: <u>8:30-11:00 a.m.</u>	
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: <u>make + take art projects</u>	

SERVICES REQUESTED FROM VILLAGE:

TRAFFIC CONTROL: N/A NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: N/A
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police

ROAD CLOSURE: N/A

SECURITY: N/A NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: N/A
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police

EMS SERVICES: N/A FIRE DEPT. SERVICES: N/A

WATER SERVICE: N/A OTHER SERVICES: N/A

Applicant must provide MAP of plans and any other information required.

ALCOHOL SERVED: YES _____ NO ☒ * Applicant is responsible for obtaining the proper alcohol permit from the Division of Liquor Control prior to the event.

EVENT'S INSURER: _____ * Village must be listed as Additional Insured

ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO APPLICATION

PLEASE LIST VENDORS, SERVICES, CONTRACTORS, ETC. INVOLVED WITH EVENT:	
NAME OF VENDOR	TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED
<u>Cottage Art Haus, LLC</u>	<u>make + take art projects</u>
<u>by Teri Steinmetz</u>	<u>- mini painted canvases</u>
	<u>- wind chimes</u>
	<u>- etc</u>

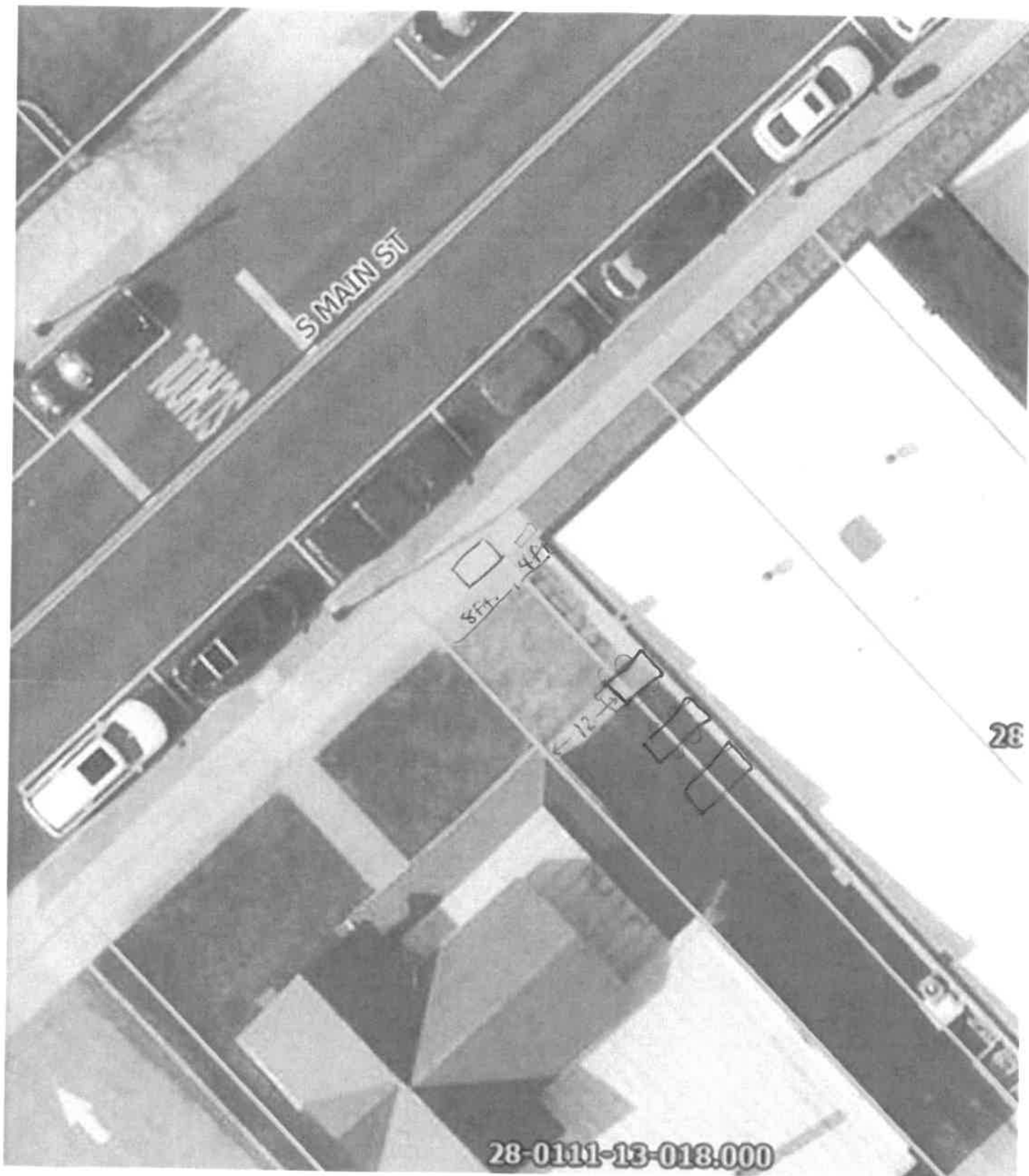
* FOOD VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMITS

I understand that the granting of this permit for the special event creates no agreement or guarantee, express or implied, to any person or entity for any liability whatsoever connected with this special event. Any liability is the sole responsibility of the person or organization responsible for the special event. By signing this application, I acknowledge that all statements made herein are true and correct and that I have the authority to bind the organization that I represent.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Teri Steinmetz DATE: 6/5/26

APPROVED

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



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