

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

July 14, 2025 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 Monday, June 23, 2025.

Bills

Public Hearing: 7:15 pm - Village of Bluffton Annual Budget Hearing

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: 06/25
Utilities Committee: 06/26
Streets, Alleys, Lights & Sidewalk Committee: 07/02

Boards & Commissions

Tree Commission: 07/09

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THE WEST ELM STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC BID ON THE WEST ELM STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT 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*)

- Parks & Recreation Committee – Monday, July 11th at 5:30 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, July 14th at 7:00 pm
- Annual Budget Hearing – Monday, July 14th at 7:15 pm
- Joint Finance & Safety Services Committee – Monday, July 14th at 8:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, July 28th at 7:00 pm
- Public Hearing: Vine St. Vacation – Monday, July 28th at 7:05 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson presiding. Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina present.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 9, 2025. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavina motioned, seconded by Steiner, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Steiner, to approve the renewals of the Property & Liability insurance with PEP, the Accident Insurance for Safety Services, the Cyber insurance policy, and the vision, dental, and life insurance policies. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavina motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to accept the resignation of Nichole Mikesell, effective June 30, 2025. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Talavina, to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee with Council, Mayor, Solicitor, EMS Chief, and Fiscal Officer present. No action is expected. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Talavina motioned, seconded by Cupples, to exit executive session and return to open session. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Steiner, and Talavina. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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

Finance Committee on Wednesday, June 25 at noon.

Streets, Alleys, Lights, and Sidewalks Committee on Wednesday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Tree Commission on Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting on Monday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 7/14/2025

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ACKERMAN, IZAK	407.38	Police	REIMBURSE HOTEL FOR TRAINING
ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC	482.50	Multiple	PORTABLE TOILETS
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	19,577.81	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	95.33	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	430.58	Land & Buildings	FILTERS & CAPACITOR REPLACEMENT
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	366.60	Land & Buildings	WATER PLANT AIR CONDITIONING
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	900.00	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
BLUFFTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	250.00	Police	FORWARD FIREWORKS CHECK TO CHAMBER
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BLUFFTON PAVING, INC.	19,540.00	Street	ANNUAL PAVING
BLUFFTON PAVING, INC.	57,233.00	Street	ANNUAL PAVING
BLUFFTON PAVING, INC.	3,680.00	Street	ANNUAL PAVING
BLUFFTON PAVING, INC.	4,900.00	Street	ANNUAL PAVING
BLUFFTON PAVING, INC.	2,940.00	Street	ANNUAL PAVING
BLUFFTON RILEY CREEK SPORTSWEAR, LLC	362.00	Pool	POOL SHIRTS
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	120.05	Multiple	STONE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	66.92	Multiple	STONE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	43.40	Administrative	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	170.00	Administrative	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	175.02	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	175.00	Multiple	CABLE
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	712.50	Multiple	GENERAL ENGINEERING
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	4,587.50	Street	W. ELM ST. RECONSTRUCTION
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	11,196.25	Street	RILEY ST. SURVEY
CINTAS	83.86	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	86.33	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	83.86	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	30.41	Police	TRAINING - OGLESBEE/BURKHOLDER
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	1,898.50	Police	NNO SUPPLIES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	877.56	Fire	OFFICE FURNITURE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	134.94	Police	TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	90.47	Police	TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	788.10	Police	TRAINING HOTEL - MICHAEL
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	1,055.37	Pool	UNIFORMS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	156.30	Pool	UNIFORMS
CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.	6,369.47	Administrative	RETAINER & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION	239.39	Administrative	PHONES
CORE & MAIN LP	7,950.00	Capital Improvements	FIRE HYDRANT
CORE & MAIN LP	3,576.00	Water	HYDRANT PARTS
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	427.50	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	950.00	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
COUNTY ELECTRIC LLC	285.00	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE
DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC.	1,142.86	Pool	MAIN DRAIN JETTING
DOTY, MICHAEL	105.00	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
DOTY, MICHAEL	70.50	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
DOTY, MICHAEL	361.92	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
DOTY, MICHAEL	523.75	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST	383.67	Multiple	SUPPLIES
GARY'S REPAIR	132.21	Multiple	SUPPLIES & PARTS
GEHRING & BURTCHIN CONTRACTING, INC.	55,797.57	Capital Improvements	FIRE STATION REMODEL
GREAT LAKES BILLING ASSOCIATES INC.	1,248.87	Rescue	EMS BILLING
GUTTER EXPERTS, LLC	500.00	Pool	GUTTER REPAIR
HACKENBERG, FEIGHNER, BISHOP & WERTH, LLC	1,000.00	Administrative	SOLICITOR FEES
HAWKINS INC.	562.17	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS

HAWKINS INC.	1,616.52	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
HAWKINS INC.	2,903.30	Pool	POOL CHEMICALS
JEFF FENIMORE	358.94	Park	REIMBURSE SHUFFLEBOARD PAINT & CLEAR COAT
JUSTIN SHANNON	571.25	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
K & L READY MIX INC	249.50	Pool	CONCRETE SEALER
KENT KARHOFF LLC	1,400.00	Cemetery	BURIALS & FOUNDATIONS
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	421.02	Multiple	BATTERIES FOR 2019 DUMP TRUCK
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	281.91	Multiple	PARTS
LEGACY FARMER COOP	1,816.23	Street	FUEL
LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC.	50.00	Administrative	ADDRESS SEARCHES
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	1,580.70	Multiple	FUEL
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	202.00	Police	REPAIRS/REPROGRAMMING
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	539.71	Multiple	BACKHOE REPAIR
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	138.13	Multiple	SKID LOADER REPAIR
NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS	560.28	Administrative	PHONES
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	202.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING	238.00	Police	TRAINING
OHIO UTILITIES PROTECTION SERVICE	4.00	Administrative	MANUAL CALLOUTS
OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	244,006.85	Multiple	LOAN PAYMENT
PERRY CORPORATION	86.65	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	99.86	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	1,245.00	Administrative	VIRTUAL TUNNEL ISSUE
PERRY CORPORATION	190.00	Administrative	SWITCH UPGRADES
PERRY CORPORATION	31,954.60	Administrative	SWITCH UPGRADES
PERRY CORPORATION	2,969.63	Administrative	BATTERY BACK UP
REINEKE FAMILY TIRE & SERVICE CENTERS	1,011.08	Police	CRUISER SERVICE
SAM'S CLUB	169.25	Multiple	SUPPLIES
SCHWAAB, INC.	31.57	Administrative	STAMPER INK
SITE INDUSTRIES, LLC	8,990.00	Cemetery	CEMSITES SOFTWARE PROGRAM
SMARTBILL	1,198.62	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	334.08	Multiple	SUPPLIES
STEVEN M. SWISHER	1,486.84	Police	REPAIR UNIT 599
STEVEN M. SWISHER	2,040.59	Police	REPAIR #594
STRATTON GREENHOUSES	170.10	Street	TREES
STRATTON GREENHOUSES	812.20	Street	TREES
STRYKER	37,112.57	Rescue	POWER COT
STRYKER	763.20	Rescue	POWER COT
STRYKER	(1,000.00)	Rescue	POWER COT
STUMP'S FIRE EXTINGUISHER CO.	72.40	Land & Buildings	FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECERTIFICATION
TAWA TREE MULCH DIVISION	495.20	Park	PLAYGROUND MULCH
THE LAWFT	1,579.90	Police	BODY ARMOR - ZIMMERMAN
TREASURER OF STATE	3,000.00	Police	LEADS ACCESS
UTILITY SERVICE CO, INC.	45,509.26	Water	WATER TOWER PEDISPHERE
VERIZON WIRELESS	160.44	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VERIZON WIRELESS	115.36	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VETTER LUMBER CO.	334.98	Multiple	SUPPLIES
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA	46,897.00	Water	WATER
WAYNE AUGSBURGER	680.00	Park	BANK MOWING
ZOLL DATA SYSTEMS	171.08	Rescue	EMS CHARTS
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	5,674.98	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
	671,820.20		
JUNE MONTHLY	2,569.00		
MEDICARE	37.22		
OPERS	269.03		
FICA	40.14		
JUNE FIRE & EMS	8,419.23		

MEDICARE	122.08
OPERS	897.94
FICA	117.81

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 6/27/25	81,712.95
MEDICARE	1,132.91
OPERS	7,397.48
OP&F	5,424.58

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 7/11/25	95,543.92
MEDICARE	1,330.76
OPERS	9,345.13
OP&F	5,614.63

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

**Village of Bluffton
Utilities Committee Meeting
June 26, 2025 @ 8:30 AM**

Committee members present: David Steiner & Jerry Cupples

Mayor Richard Johnson.

Staff present: Jesse Blackburn, Village Administrator, and Kevin Nickel, Fiscal Officer.

Allen County Representatives present Brad Niemeyer, Sanitary Engineer, Ronald Meyer, Assistant Sanitary Engineer and William Horvath, Operations Manager.

The Fiscal Officer presented a billing spreadsheet detailing a method of charging the Allen County Sanitary system to accept sewerage into the Bluffton Village system. The formula is based on the Ottawa water contract billing.

There was discussion with the Allen County representatives regarding what properties could be included in a drafted contract to be negotiated with Bluffton to treat sewage received from the Allen County Sanitary Sewer District operations in Eastern Richland Township. The Allen County representatives are going to present the framework of the plan to the Allen County Commissioners. If the Commissioners agree with the framework discussed there will be future meetings negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

David Steiner

Jerry Cupples

**Streets meeting July 2 7PM ; Johnson, Blackburn, Cupples
Paula and the Icon present. Selhorst absent**

**1. Bluffton ranks 4th in the nation in Complete Streets and 4th
in the State in Bike Paths**

**2. West Elm Street phase two is estimated at \$252,491.
Administration has met with all four owners on site. We
require a resolution of necessity and a resolution to
authorize the bid.**

3. West College Ave curb project will not be done in 2025

**4. The administration has reached out to regional planning
for a study on the elimination of Vine St.**

5. The Village has paved the area in Question on Sally Lane.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THE WEST ELM STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS; The Council finds that there is necessity to perform a public improvement project to qualifying sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, curbs and private driveway approaches on West Elm Street between the intersections of N. Spring Street and N. Lawn Avenue in the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, and;

WHEREAS; An emergency exists in the daily operation of the Village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof and in order to proceed with this project in an expeditious manner.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO (the requisite number voting in the affirmative) THAT:

§ 1. Determination to improve:

It is hereby determined to be necessary to improve the qualifying sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, curbs and private driveway approaches on that part of W. Elm St. in accordance with the plans and specifications referred to in § 2.

§ 2. Approval of plans and specifications:

The specifications of construction for areas of affected sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, curb and driveway approaches along with the estimate of cost for the improvement, prepared by Village Administration and placed on file in the office of the Clerk of this Council, are approved.

§ 3. Levy of assessment:

The cost of the improvement shall be paid as follows:

- a. The Village of Bluffton will pay the costs for:
 - 100% of removal costs for all sidewalk and curb
 - 100% of ADA curb installation
 - 50% of curb installation
- b. The remaining costs, being 100% of sidewalk installation, 50% of curb installation and 100% of private drive approach, will be assessed on all lots and lands bounding and abutting on the W. Elm St. Improvements Phase II project. These lots and lands are determined to be specially benefited by the improvement. The assessments shall be levied by the foot frontage of the property bounding and abutting upon the improvement to that part of W. Elm St., or the square footage of driveway approach replaced and shall be paid, when levied, in annual installments,

with interest on unpaid installments at the rate of 2% payable with the property taxes of said parcel for not more than 5 years. Provided that the owner of any property assessed may, at their option, pay the assessment in cash within thirty days after passage of the ordinance levying the assessments.

§ 4. Estimated assessments:

The Village Administrator is directed to prepare an estimated assessment of the cost of the improvement, based on the estimate of cost filed in the office of the Clerk of this Council in accordance with the method of assessment set forth in this resolution, and showing the amount of the assessment against each lot and parcel of land to be assessed. The estimated assessment shall be filed in the office of the Clerk and kept available for public inspection.

§ 5. Notice to property owner:

Upon the filing of the estimated assessment, the Clerk of this Council is directed to cause notice of the passage of this resolution and of the filing of the estimated assessment to be served on the owners of all lots and lands to be assessed, as provided by law.

§ 6: Sunshine Law provisions:

That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were made in open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements of the Open Meetings Law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this ____ day _____, 20__ by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

Elliott T. Werth, Village Solicitor

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC BID ON THE WEST ELM STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Council has previously passed Resolution No. 14-2025, A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THE WEST ELM STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT, which finds that there is necessity to perform a public improvement project to qualifying sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, curbs and private driveway approaches on West Elm Street between the intersections of N. Spring Street and N. Lawn Avenue in the Village of Bluffton, OH, and;

WHEREAS: An emergency exists in the daily operation of the Village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof and in order to proceed with this project in an expeditious manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Village of Bluffton Council that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to advertise to receive sealed bids for the construction of the West Elm Street Improvements Phase II project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advertisement for sealed bids shall conform to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Village of Bluffton reserves the right, in any event, to reject any and all bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025 by the governing body of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

ATTEST:

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

APPROVED: _____

SOLICITOR



Street Sweeping:

Progressive Sweeping will be here tomorrow morning at 5:30 AM to start sweeping in the downtown area and will continue throughout the rest of town on the curbed streets. Please park in your driveway tomorrow if on a curbed street.

Thank you.

S.R. 103 Roundabout - Updates from Preconstruction Meeting

The construction on the roundabout is planned to begin in December of 2025, but will not require the closing of S.R. 103 and the detour of traffic until March 1st of 2026.

The December – March construction will include the installation of storm sewer facilities that are primarily out of the roadway. The contractor (Hohenbrink Excavating) did mention that flagging operations will be necessary for short times during this portion when the storm line will need to cross S.R. 103 and that these times would be arranged to avoid peak travel times.

At least 30 days' notice will be provided before the Road Closure and Detour Route are enacted. The Road Closure and Detour Route are projected to be in effect from March 1st through June.



Bluffton, OH on the National Map

- **Bluffton's Complete Streets Policy** has been recognized as the **4th Best in the Nation** of those policies adopted in 2023 and 2024. Check it out!!

<https://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/signature-reports/best-complete-streets/>

- **Bluffton's bike network was ranked #35 in the Nation and #4 in Ohio** by the City Ratings released from PeopleForBikes. Check it out!!

<https://cityratings.peopleforbikes.org/cities/bluffton-oh>



National Night Out: Event will be held August 5th at the Bluffton Pool



Ride to Remember Saturday, July 12th.

More info at <http://www.ridetoremember.net>

ODOT AVIATION:

Will be at the Bluffton Airport this Friday to conduct a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to provide an updated assessment from those performed in 2015.

Zoning Department – RE: awning construction at 132 N. Main St.

The Sr. Citizens Association has submitted an Application for a Zoning & Building Permit to construct an awning along the back of their building at 132 N. Main St. This awning will extend into the public parking lot to the same extent as the accessible, ADA compliant entrance that was allowed through Village Council's granting of a revocable license. The Zoning Department recommends that the Village Council take action to allow the construction of this awning.

- See following pages for details of project and existing license.

Committee/Commission Meetings:

- Planning Commission
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Community

Complete Streets foster vibrant public spaces and a stronger sense of community and social connection. A Complete Streets approach also increases opportunities for participation by community members in the transportation planning process.

Complete Streets and active transportation are linked to greater social interaction with neighbors, lower depression rates, increased independence for children, older adults, and people with disabilities.

Economy

Complete Streets not only reduce crashes and costs associated with deaths and injuries, but also boost employment levels, property values, investment from the private sector, and net new businesses.

Complete Streets can provide a 10:1 return on investment (according to Researchers at the University of Arizona)

Environment

Walking, biking, rolling, and riding public transit are better for the environment than driving. They create fewer emissions and pollution and can also help other areas, such as stormwater management.

Transportation is the top contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., with 28% of total emissions. Half of all daily trips are less than three miles, and over a quarter of trips are less than one mile.

Health

Complete Streets encourage daily physical activity and recreation, improving both physical and mental health.

People in walkable neighborhoods are 1.5 times more likely to engage in adequate levels of physical activity, and 0.76 times less likely to have obesity.

Safety

Designed for all users, Complete Streets slow traffic, prevent crashes, and reduce severe injuries and deaths.

70% of Complete Streets projects resulted in reductions in crashes according to our study.

Benefits of Complete Streets



Smart Growth
AMERICA



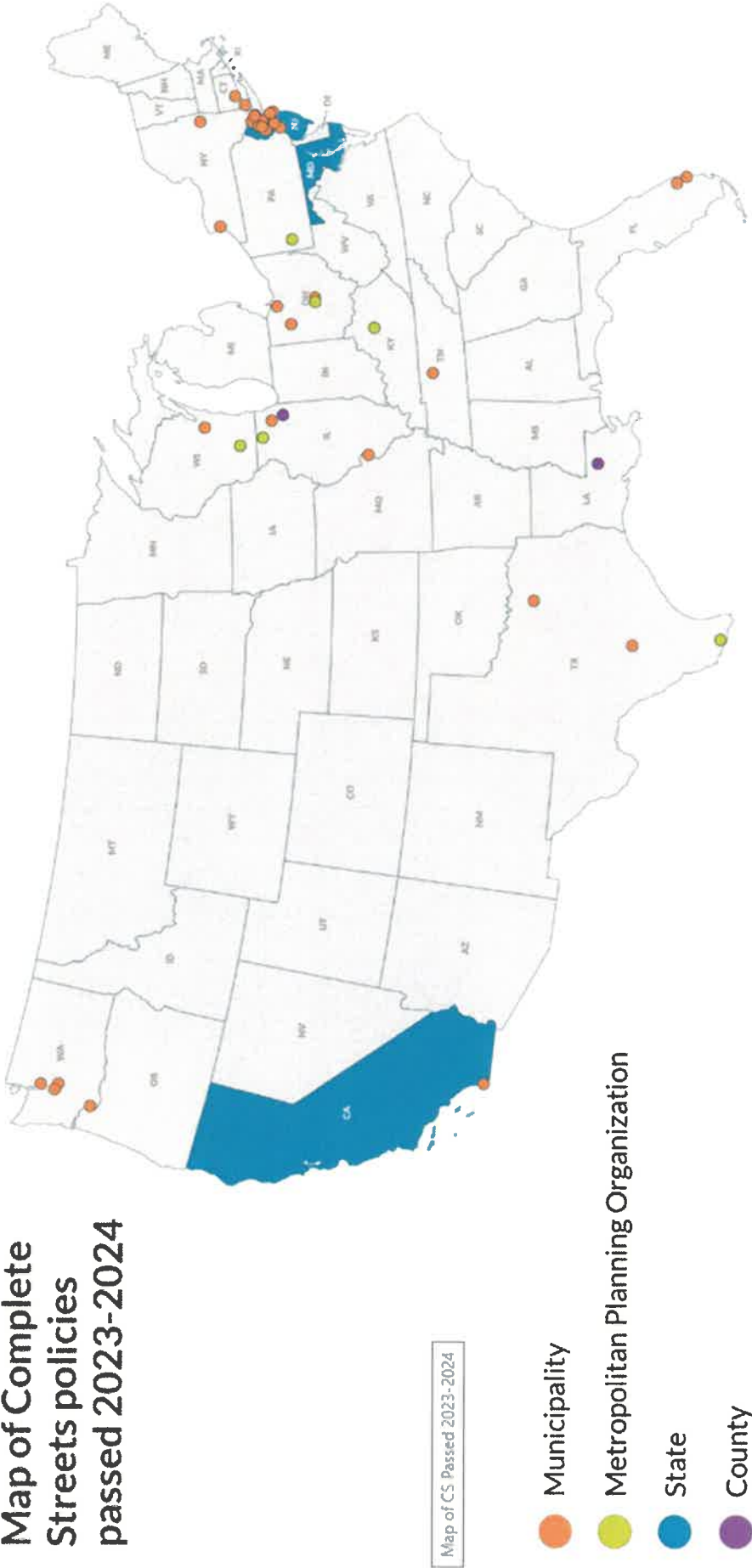
National Complete
Streets Coalition

The number of policies adopted in the last two years is less than in previous years

Year	New Policies
2018	114
2019	73
2020	31
2021	35
2022	18
2023	16
2024	27

In the U.S., there are over 19,000 incorporated places, more than 3,000 counties, and 50 states and territories, and the vast majority of jurisdictions still lack a Complete Streets policy. While there has been a steady stream of new policies—16 in 2023 and 27 in 2024—there remains significant opportunity for further adoption to meet the growing demand for effective policies.

Map of Complete Streets policies passed 2023-2024





Bluffton

Ohio, United States

SIZE: SMALL CITY
REGION: MIDWEST

72
CITY RATING

112 Overall City Ranking
OUT OF 2901 CITIES — 96TH PERCENTILE

35
IN THE U.S.

15
IN THE MIDWEST

4
IN OHIO

72 Network Score

AVERAGE NETWORK SCORE FOR ALL CITIES IN 2025 WAS 30.



[VIEW DETAILED SCORE >](#)

72 **People**
Access to parts of the city where residents live.

76 **Opportunity**
Access to jobs and schools.

74 **Core Services**
Access to places that serve basic needs, like hospitals and grocery stores.

73 **Recreation**
Access to recreational amenities like parks and trails.

66 **Retail**
Access to major shopping centers.

0 **Transit**
Access to major transit hubs.

GRANTING A LIMITED, PERSONAL AND REVOCABLE LICENSE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF BLUFFTON, OH FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING THAT IS COMPLIANT WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

This license is granted to the Senior Citizens Association of Bluffton, Inc. by the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for the purposes set forth herein.

The Senior Citizen's Association has a building at 132 North Main Street in Bluffton, Ohio and there is a need to provide an accessible, ADA compliant entrance to the rear of the building. This project would extend the entrance, consisting of a concrete pad with steps and electric lift, beyond the property line encroaching approximately 2 feet into the public parking lot area, and;

The Village of Bluffton, Ohio is willing to grant a license for said steps.

Therefore it is AGREED as follows:

That the Village of Bluffton, Ohio hereby grants Senior Citizen's Association a limited, personal and revocable license to build and install an accessible, ADA compliant entrance on the public parking lot of the Village in accordance with the plan drawings attached hereto.

That this license allows construction of steps and an electric lift; however that at any time, the Village shall have the right to revoke the license in whole or in part at any time.

Senior Citizen's Association, Inc shall assume any and all liability whatsoever related to the said entrance and will hold the Village of Bluffton harmless.

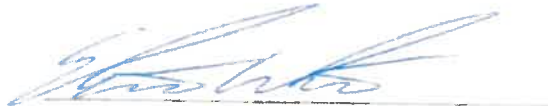
Done this the 1st day of May, 2023.

Senior Citizen's Association, Inc

Village of Bluffton, Ohio

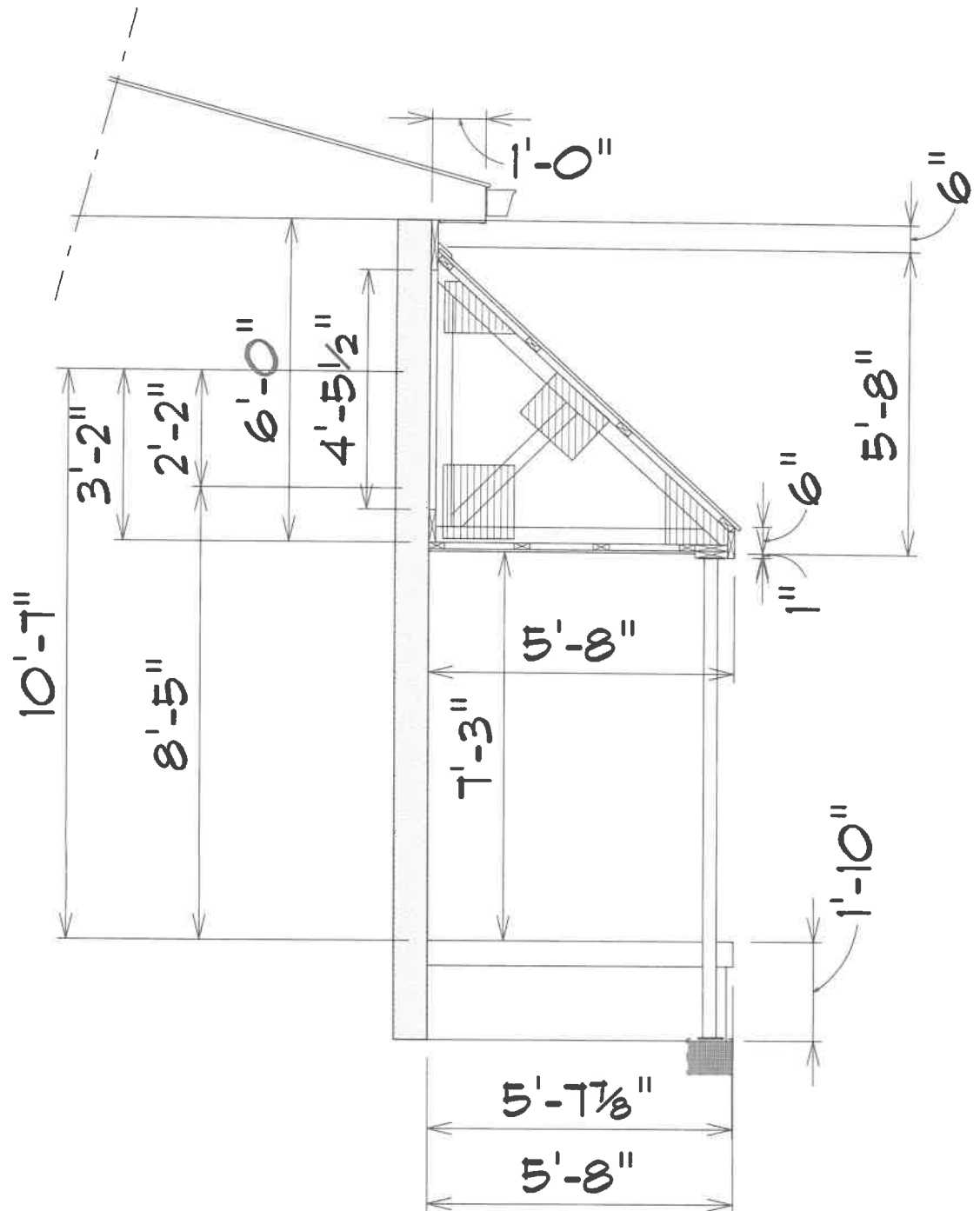


Approved as to form:



Elliott T. Werth, Village Solicitor

AWNING OVERHANG



SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

132 N. Main St.

5'8"

49'





VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

154 N. MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 63 BLUFFTON, OHIO 45817-0063
419-358-2066

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME:	Senior Football - Street Painting	DATE(S) OF EVENT:	July 27, 2025
APPLICANT:	Football Moms	CONTACT PERSON:	Jami Lovell
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	454 Cherry St.	CONTACT'S PHONE:	419-236-2944
E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL):	jamilovell85@gmail.com		
LOCATION OF EVENT:	College Avenue bridge near Harmon Rd.		
TIME(S) FOR EVENT:	5pm-8pm		
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT:	BHS senior football players and cheerleaders painting their names & #'s on the bridge.		

SERVICES REQUESTED FROM VILLAGE: Must provide map of plans and any other information required as necessary.

TRAFFIC CONTROL: _____ NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: _____
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: ☒

SECURITY: _____ NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: _____
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: _____ FIRE DEPT. SERVICES: _____

WATER SERVICE: _____ OTHER SERVICES: _____

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
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

* 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: Jami Lovell DATE: 6/16/25

APPROVED

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



Date: July 1st, 2025

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

June 2025

Police Calls for Service- 688

Police Chief Calls for Service- 72

Traffic Stops - 59

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Criminal Trespass	-	1
Missing Person (Adult)	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	4
Traffic Offense - No Operators License	-	1
 Total	 -	 7



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 07/01/2025 14:17
Login ID: rburkholder
Year: 2025

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	2	6.3	10	31.3	8	25.0	6	18.8	4	12.5	2	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	32
Accident w/Injuries	1	16.7	3	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Administrative	153	21.0	102	14.0	191	26.2	102	14.0	77	10.6	103	14.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	729
Aiding Other	12	20.0	7	11.7	7	11.7	9	15.0	12	20.0	13	21.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	60
Alarm	4	10.3	5	12.8	4	10.3	7	17.9	5	12.8	14	35.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	39
Animal Complaint	0	0.0	4	23.5	3	17.6	4	23.5	5	29.4	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	17
Assist Police	8	17.4	11	23.9	9	19.6	5	10.9	6	13.0	6	13.0	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	46
B&E	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
Child Abuse	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	0	0.0	2	22.2	3	33.3	3	33.3	0	0.0	1	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9
Criminal Damage	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	42.9	0	0.0	3	42.9	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Deceased	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	1	33.3	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
Domestic	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Escort	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	2	28.6	1	14.3	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Fight Complaint	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
Fire	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
Follow Up	8	22.9	3	8.6	9	25.7	9	25.7	2	5.7	4	11.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	35
Forgery	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
Hazmat	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	75.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Hit Skip	1	20.0	3	60.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
House/Building	381	14.7	483	18.6	498	19.2	473	18.2	382	14.7	370	14.3	7	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2594
Intoxicated Driver	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
Intoxicated Person	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
Investigate Vehicle	19	11.8	28	17.4	34	21.1	29	18.0	20	12.4	29	18.0	2	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	161
Lock Out	8	17.4	12	26.1	5	10.9	5	10.9	7	15.2	8	17.4	1	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	46
Menacing	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	1	16.7	2	33.3	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6



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Mentally Ill Person	0	0.0	1	14.3	2	28.6	2	28.6	2	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Miscellaneous	48	14.1	62	18.2	45	13.2	61	17.9	67	19.6	56	16.4	2	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	341
Missing Adult	0	0.0	0	0.0	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	2
Missing Juvenile	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
Motorist Assist	9	36.0	5	20.0	2	8.0	3	12.0	1	4.0	4	16.0	1	4.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	25
Paper Service	4	28.6	3	21.4	2	14.3	2	14.3	1	7.1	2	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14
Pedestrian Stop	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Receiving/Recover	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	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	3
Sexual Abuse	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
Shots Fired	0	0.0	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	1
Special Detail	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
Stolen Vehicle	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
Suspicious Person	3	11.1	4	14.8	5	18.5	6	22.2	6	22.2	3	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	27
Telephone	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
Theft	4	21.1	4	21.1	4	21.1	2	10.5	4	21.1	1	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	19
Traffic Obstruction	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
Traffic Stop	40	14.3	52	18.6	64	22.9	30	10.8	31	11.1	59	21.1	3	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	279
Unruly Juvenile	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Unsecured Door	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Unwanted Guest	0	0.0	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	4
Warrant Service	1	50.0	0	0.0	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	0	0.0	2
Total:	714	15.7	814	17.8	910	20.0	769	16.9	648	14.2	688	15.1	18	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4561

The bike shown below was left in a public parking spot for 30+ days and was removed by Village personnel. To claim this bike, please contact Police Chief Ryan Burkholder at 419-358-2066 ext. 109.

