# Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

November 09, 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 Monday, October 26, 2026.

**Bills**

**Committee Reports** **Boards & Commissions**

## LEGISLATION

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026** **2nd Reading** **Emergency**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 37.059(A)(8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO, TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC W-2 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2026** **2nd Reading**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RATE CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA, OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO FOR BULK WATER BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2026** **2nd Reading**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE 2027 COOPERATIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

**Village Administrative Reports:**
**Mayor:**
**Safety Services Reports:**
**-EMS-** **-Fire Dept.-** **-Police Dept.-**

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

- Council Meeting – Monday, November 9th at 7:00 pm
- Bluffton In Bloom – Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm
- Tree Commission – Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission – Monday, November 16th at 7:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment** – Motion

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

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

Gordon-Hancock motioned, seconded by Downey, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on October 12, 2026. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. .

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

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:
1st Reading:
Ordinance 06-2026 – An ordinance amending Section 37.059(A)(8) of the codified ordinances of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, to establish electronic W-2 filing requirements for employers. Talavinia motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 25-2026 – A resolution to accept the rate charged by the Village of Ottawa, Ohio to the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for bulk water beginning January 1, 2027. Sehlhorst motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Hill. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 26-2026 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District for the purpose of making application and accepting funds from the 2027 Cooperative Park Improvement Grant Program. Downey motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Gordon-Hancock motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve entering into a contract with Light Up Lima to put up and take down the tree lights for the Blaze of Lights. Roll Call: Yes (5) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, Sehlhorst, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Gordon-Hancock motioned, seconded by Downey, to approve the special event request from Bluffton University for the Christmas at the Houshower House event on November 22, 2026. Spring Street between College Ave. and Franklin St. will be closed from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Yes (4) Downey, Gordon-Hancock, Hill, and Sehlhorst. No (0), Abstain (1) Talavinia, motion approved.

Talavinia motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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

Street Committee & Pathway Board Open House on Monday, November 2, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Pathway Board on Thursday, November 5 at noon.
Council Meeting on Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Tree Commission on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 11/09/2026

| VENDOR | AMOUNT | DEPARTMENT | DESCRIPTION |
|---|---|---|---|
| ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC | 582.50 | Multiple | PORTABLE TOILETS |
| AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER | 16,438.69 | Multiple | ELECTRICITY |
| AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER | 1,216.93 | Multiple | ELECTRICITY |
| ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD | 222.75 | Multiple | LIFE INSURANCE |
| BASINGER, JAN | 325.88 | Administrative | BOOTS |
| BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE | 5,000.00 | Airport | AIRPORT MANAGEMENT |
| BLUFFTON STONE CO. | 86.06 | Multiple | STONE |
| BLUFFTON STONE CO. | 244.25 | Multiple | STONE |
| BLUFFTON STONE CO. | 153.67 | Multiple | STONE |
| BRETT BAXTER | 532.22 | Sewer | SEWER LINE REPAIR |
| BROUGH, CALEB | 52.31 | Rescue | REIMBURSE EMS SUPPLIES |
| BRYAN LLOYD | 95.77 | Administrative | BOOTS |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS | 53.40 | Administrative | INTERNET |
| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS | 175.35 | Multiple | INTERNET |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 3,777.84 | Park | BLUFFTON COMMUNITY SOCCER PARK |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 1,619.08 | Multiple | GENERAL ENGINEERING |
| CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING | 724.90 | Street | NORTH MAIN ST. ENGINEERING |
| CINTAS | 40.53 | Multiple | FIRST AID SUPPLIES |
| CINTAS | 55.67 | Administrative | UNIFORMS |
| CINTAS | 99.82 | Administrative | UNIFORMS |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 1,056.05 | Street | CONCRETE PATCH |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 1,042.73 | Street | CONCRETE SEALER |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 62.86 | Police | MEETING SUPPLIES |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 29.78 | Police | TRAINING |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 47.87 | Police | TRAINING |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 307.97 | Police | TRAINING |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 27.63 | Police | TRAINING |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 385.00 | Rescue | TRAINING - BABCOCK |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 385.00 | Rescue | TRAINING - BROUGH |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 190.00 | Land & Buildings | GARAGE DOOR SPRING |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 35.00 | Park | PESTICIDE LICENSE - FRUCHEY |
| CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK | 75.30 | Police | RIFLE/FIREARM TOOL |
| CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. | 250.00 | Administrative | RETAINER & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES |
| CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION | 306.95 | Administrative | PHONES |
| CREATIVE PRODUCTS SOURCING, INC. | 2,185.99 | Police | DARE MATERIALS |
| DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC. | 2,239.60 | Sewer | ROW ON AUGSBURGER |
| DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC. | 1,022.91 | Sewer | ROW ON AUGSBURGER |
| DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC. | 3,326.46 | Sewer | LIFTSTATION & WET WELL CLEANING |
| ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC | 143.40 | Water | DMRQA STUDY |
| EUROFINS DRINKING WATER & WASTEWATER CENTRAL, LLC | 100.00 | Multiple | TESTING |
| EVERETT J PRESCOTT INC | 1,034.02 | Multiple | MISC SUPPLIES |
| FRUCHEY, LOGAN | 100.83 | Administrative | BOOTS |
| HANCOCK CLEANING, LLC. | 676.50 | Land & Buildings | TOWN HALL CLEANING |
| K & L READY MIX INC | 496.85 | Street | CONCRETE SEALER |
| KZ EVERETT LLC | 4,910.00 | Administrative | BLAZE OF LIGHTS INSTALL |
| LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC. | 50.00 | Administrative | ADDRESS SEARCHES |
| MARATHON FLEET SERVICES | 2,313.59 | Multiple | FUEL |
| NATHAN JORDAN | 325.58 | Administrative | BOOTS |
| NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS | 567.68 | Administrative | PHONES |
| NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS | 208.00 | Land & Buildings | MONITORING |
| OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE | 935.00 | Administrative | ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP |
| STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE | 53.80 | Multiple | SUPPLIES |
| STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE | 166.56 | Multiple | SUPPLIES |
| SUPERIOR UNIFORM SALES, INC. | 152.00 | Police | UNIFORMS |

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| SWANK, KYLE | 293.82 | Administrative | BOOTS |
| TOM AHL CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH INC. | 982.30 | Police | CRUISER REPAIR - FLUIDS & PARTS |
| TOWN & COUNTRY FLOWERS | 123.90 | Police | FUNERAL FLOWERS |
| USA BLUE BOOK | 659.90 | Multiple | MOTOR COUPLINGS & WATER TAP CUTTERS |
| USA BLUE BOOK | 340.66 | Sewer | CONTROL CABLES |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | 130.41 | Multiple | CELL PHONES |
| VETTER LUMBER CO. | 177.38 | Multiple | SUPPLIES |
| INCOME TAX REFUNDS | 44.00 | Administrative | INCOME TAX REFUNDS |
| | 59,460.90 | | |

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| OCTOBER MONTHLY | 2,569.00 |
| MEDICARE | 37.22 |
| OPERS | 223.70 |
| FICA | 60.21 |
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| BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 10/30/26 | 85,178.63 |
| MEDICARE | 1,190.29 |
| OPERS | 7,838.97 |
| OP&F | 5,691.20 |

Council Signature :_____ Date:_____

**Bluffton in Blooms**
**Meeting Minutes**

**3/3/2026**

Attendance: Rich Johnson, Jesse Blackburn, Susie Stratton, Elizabeth Barham, Lauren Beasley

Speakers: John & Gail Steffen (part owners of Pizza Arcadia)

1) Liz Gordon-Hancock has stepped down due to conflict of interest, as she serves on another board.
2) Ryan DeMarco will no longer be able to serve. He suggested Lauren Beasley from his office take his place on Bluffton in Blooms committee.
3) John & Gail Steffen reviewed Vine St. Action Plan: Installation of Parklet(s) information with Bluffton in Blooms in Liz Gordon-Handcock place.

    People want more active downtown.

    Vine Street is already identified as the opportunity zone.

    Strong community support for walkability & outdoor experiences

    Demand for entertainment and social spaces

    $7,500.00 grant funding to make this happen

    Strategy for downtown Bluffton is: increase pedestrian activity, add trip generators (restaurant and retail), enhance outdoor experiences + traffic calming, and potential closure of Vine St

    This project directly supports: increased downtown pedestrian activity, expand outdoor dining/DORA potential, enhance beautification and public space, activation of Vine St as event corridor

    Parklet pictures were given. John and Gail said they would add flower boxes on the side, bring in their own tables, and clean, if placed in front of Pizza Arcadia.

4) Susie researched Ottawa parklets and brought information about America in Blooms ideas for 2026 award possibilities.

    Parklets tend to get messy. Who will upkeep?

    Unable to move parklets, once placed.

    Ottawa has Pickleball Court, DORA liquor license, and Brewery which attracts population to parklets.

    Built 2 years age and showing age. Who will upkeep?

    There were 21 ideas listed for America in Blooms for 2026 award ideas. Laura Kunkle, Executive Director, was interested in the top twelve ideas from the

judges. Susie thought it would be good for us to look at the list for possible projects in Bluffton. I will attach a copy of this document for review.

5) Concerns about parklets

Loss of 2 parking spaces

Where will they be located?

Will area need to be shut down for pedestrian safety and how will that limit customers to current businesses (especially new restaurant)?

Will lighting need to be added? Who is charge of electricity and lighting?

What is the goal of parklets?

How will this enhance other initiatives in Bluffton (Farmer's Market, July 4th, Car Show, and other events)?

If Bluffton in Booms helps with parklet funding, it would need to be a public place, not specifically Pizza Arcadia.

Does Pizza Arcadia have a liquor license to the parklet?

How does the parklet grant work?

Limited usage, if no roof.

Initiative for parklets would need be taken to Council. Will not happen until fall at earliest

6) Discussion on closing Vine St.

How to close the street down?

Should Vine Street be closed down all summer with new restaurant just starting up? How will that effect customer traffic?

What about closing Vine Street down for bigger festivals in Bluffton?

7) Possible future projects –

Bluffton Water Sign on 103

Edwards Jones Alley – Paved and metal panels?

Other alleys in Bluffton that wouldn't affect closing down streets

Gmail

Susie Stratton <tcp@strattongreenhouses.com>

# special awards - please rank

2 messages

**Laura Kunkle** <laura@americainbloom.org> Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 1:07 PM
To: Lori Kelly <lori.kelly@bobsmarket.com>, Mason Day <mday@jrpeters.com>, Charlie Hall <c-hall@tamu.edu>, Delilah Onofrey <donofrey@gmail.com>, Susie Stratton <tcp@strattongreenhouses.com>

Here is the list of non-sponsored awards we are considering to be published Special Awards at this year's symposium.

There are 21 ideas listed here. Please send back to me your top **TWELVE (12).** *Please return by next Sunday, March 8.* Our meeting is on March 10 at 10:30 ET. A calendar invite was sent to each of you.

Best Hidden Gem

Focused on Fitness

Branching Out: Best Tree Diversity

The Bringing it Back Award

Stars and Stripes Award

Buds to Bloom: Youth Involvement Award

Trash Talker: Best Clean-Up Program

Butterfly Effect: Tiny Actions with Big Impact

Hazardous Beauty Award

Art in the Landscape Award

Best Pocket Park

Best Use of Local Resources

Big & Bold: Best Billboard Program

First Impressions: Gateways

Best Urban Forest Expansion

Front Porch to Park

Pollinator Pathways

Four-Season Beauty

Bloom Equity

Partnership Power

Putting Out the Welcome Mat! Hospitality & First Impressions

**ORDINANCE NO. 06–2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 37.059(A)(8) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO, TO ESTABLISH ELECTRONIC W-2 FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Bluffton has established a municipal income tax pursuant to Chapter 37 of the Bluffton Codified Ordinances and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to update its employer income tax reporting requirements to improve the efficiency and accuracy of municipal income tax administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the electronic submission of Forms W-2 will assist the Village in processing employer wage and withholding information in a timely and accurate manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village wants to require employers issuing ten (10) or more Forms W-2 annually to submit such forms electronically, beginning with Tax Year 2026, while encouraging voluntary electronic filing by employers issuing fewer than ten (10) forms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That Section 37.059(A)(8) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, is hereby amended by adding the following language at the end of said subsection:

"Beginning with Tax Year 2026, employers issuing ten (10) or more Forms W-2 during a calendar year must file electronically using the EFW2 Format and Guidelines prescribed by the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service (EFW2), including the municipal tax information required under this section.

Employers issuing nine (9) or fewer Forms W-2 during a calendar year are encouraged, but not required, to submit Forms W-2 electronically."

**Section 2.** That all existing provisions of Section 37.059 not expressly amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** That the amendments established by this Ordinance shall be administered in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718 and all other applicable provisions of the Bluffton Codified Ordinances.

**Section 4.** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, and particularly to provide for the timely and efficient administration of employer income tax reporting requirements for Tax Year 2026. Accordingly, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, as provided by law.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2026**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RATE CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA, OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO FOR BULK WATER BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027**

**WHEREAS:** The Village of Ottawa and the Village of Bluffton agree each year on the rate that is charged for water purchased by the Village of Bluffton under its existing water contract.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO THAT:**

**Section 1**: That the Village of Bluffton accepts the negotiated water rate charged by the Village of Ottawa, Ohio beginning on January 1, 2027 as follows:

$3.98 per CCF

**Section 2**: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the 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 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 of _____, 2026 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: _____ No: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

_____ _____

Fiscal Officer Mayor

Approved as to form:

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Village Solicitor

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2026**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE 2027 COOPERATIVE PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS,** the Commissioners of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park and the Village of Bluffton desire to provide improved and increased recreational opportunities to residents in the areas each organization services; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to make funding available to political subdivisions of the State of Ohio throughout Allen County as enabled by the provisions of Section 1545.14 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in that the timeliness of the approved agreement is necessary for making application for available grant funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.**

**Section 1.** That the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District and the Village of Bluffton agree to cooperate for the purpose of improving public parklands under the terms and provisions of the Cooperative Park Improvements Grant Program administered by the Board of Park Commissioners for a period of one year and from year to year thereafter, unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

**Section 2.** That the Village Administrator, of the Village of Bluffton is authorized to make application for Grant Program funding to the Board of Park Commissioners for the 2027 fiscal year.

**Section 3.** That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth in this resolution

**Section 4.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the 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 in open meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted the _____ day of _____, 2026, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton:

Yes:_____ No:_____ Abstain:_____

Attest _____ _____

Fiscal Officer Mayor

Approved as to Form:_____

Village Solicitor

**Village of Bluffton**
**Administration Report**
To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members

**11-09-26**

## Blaze of Lights

- An anonymous donor has generously contributed $5,000 toward the installation of the lights for the Blaze of Lights.
- THANK YOU to this kind donor for helping brighten our community!

| Product / Service | | Total |
|---|---|---|
| **Blaze of Lights Professional Holiday Lighting Installation & Removal**<br>Complete professional holiday lighting services for six evergreen trees at the Bluffton Blaze of Lights celebration.<br>Services include:<br>- Custom lighting design and installation.<br>- Six trees illuminated with provided C9 lighting. (Provided by Village of Bluffton)<br>- Professional installation using commercial aerial lifts.<br>- Seasonal maintenance and troubleshooting.<br>- Complete removal following the holiday season. |  | $17,820.00 |
| **Light Up Lima Community Sponsorship**<br>Community partnership contribution supporting the Bluffton Blaze of Lights tradition and helping bring an enhanced holiday lighting display to the community. | | -$3,000.00 |
| **Sponsorship**<br>A sponsor has donated to help cover the cost of the event. | | -$5,000.00 |
| | Subtotal | $9,820.00 |

# Riley Street Open House Feedback Summary

Village of Bluffton | Open house November 2, 2026 | Summary November 3, 2026

The Pathway/Road Widening Option received the most support among the 20 submitted forms. Residents' comments show that safety, property impacts, and cost remain important issues to resolve. The results establish a preference but do not settle design or funding questions.

| Response | Forms | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Pathway/Road Widening Option | 10 | 50% |
| 5 ft. sidewalk option | 5 | 25% |
| Either option acceptable | 1 | 5% |
| Undecided | 2 | 10% |
| No preference selected | 1 | 5% |
| Multiple or unclear selections | 1 | 5% |
| Neither option | 0 | 0% |
| **Total** | **20** | **100%** |

# Main themes

## Residents generally want safer pedestrian facilities

Comments describe regular walking and bicycling, children traveling through the corridor, and connections to Buckeye Park, the pool, YMCA, soccer fields, and town. No respondent selected "neither option," although this is not unconditional support for either design.

## Pathway supporters emphasized property and driveway impacts

Several respondents believed the pathway would affect fewer homes and avoid more utilities, mailboxes, and front-yard improvements. Others preferred its width, asphalt surface, or suitability for bicycling. Concerns about the sidewalk included vehicles backing across it and loss of driveway parking.

## Sidewalk supporters emphasized separation and constrained yards

Reasons included perceived protection for children, fewer road crossings from the "town side," appearance, and preserving limited front-yard space along the creek side. One respondent questioned safety on the outside of the curve near Hunter's Run; another identified possible tree removal there.

## Safety concerns apply to both options

Residents raised vehicle speeds, curves, visibility, driveway crossings, and adequate separation from traffic. Some pathway supporters considered driveway conflicts the greater risk, while some sidewalk supporters considered proximity to moving traffic the greater risk. Engineering review should address both.

## Cost and maintenance need clearer explanation

Several comments referenced homeowner payments, assessments, grants, or an expectation of "no cost." These are residents' understandings, not confirmed funding arrangements. Comments also raised snow and ice removal, surface smoothness, and long-term upkeep.

## Recommended follow up- Joint Meeting of Streets Committee with Pathway Board

- Verify driveway lengths, parking impacts, and house-to-facility measurements.
- Review drainage complaints, including reported backups during heavy rain.
- Evaluate curves near Spring Street and Hunter's Run, and parking-related visibility at Riley and Garmatter streets.
- Confirm utility, mailbox, landscaping, and tree impacts for each option.
- Explain funding responsibilities and maintenance obligations before requesting a final preference.

Assessment: Advance the Pathway/Road Widening Option for further evaluation while addressing sidewalk supporters' concerns about traffic separation, crossings, and creek-side property constraints.

## Legacy Park – Shelterhouse bidding

Re-bids will be opened on Thursday, November 19th at 9:00 at the Town Hall.

## Residential & Small Business Electric Aggregation Program

- **New Rate Increase of 1.96¢ per kilowatt-hour** (current rate is 9.78¢ per kWh)
- **Dynegy is the certified electric generation supplier** (same as current contract)
- **Price is good through June 2029**

## Information regarding new contract:

Your County and other counties in the region recently executed a new electric aggregation agreement with Dynegy at a program rate of 11.74¢ per kilowatt-hour (kWh), or $0.1174 / kWh. The new rate will provide long-term price stability for residential and small business participants through the June 2029 billing period.

**In a time when electric prices remain unpredictable, continuing the electric aggregation program offers participants several key benefits:**

- **Protection From Market Volatility** – electricity pricing has increased dramatically across Ohio over the last several years and remains volatile. This trend is expected to continue with growing electric demand and higher costs to maintain infrastructure. This will impact electric generation costs across Ohio, including rates directly from your local utility or other third-party suppliers.

- **Budget Stability** – the program provides a fixed price for a known term. While one of the goals of the aggregation program has historically been to provide savings when compared to the utility's Standard Service Offer (also known as the price-to-compare or PTC), ongoing market volatility means savings cannot be guaranteed over the contract term. However, the program's fixed energy rate will offer budget certainty and price protection in an uncertain energy market.

- **Buying Power** – your community partnered with other local communities to negotiate on behalf of all eligible residents and small businesses in the areas included. A competitive bidding process was used where offers were received from various suppliers to secure the best price and contracting opportunity possible at this time.

- **Contract Flexibility** – the program allows participants the opportunity to opt out without penalty, or leave with no cancellation or termination fees at any time during the contract term. If you relocate in the area, move out of the area, or find a better offer, you can do so without a financial penalty.

- **Green Pricing Option** – a 100% green price is available as an alternative for interested participants.

Customers may enroll in this product for a price backed by renewable energy.

Eligible participants are beginning to receive opt-out notices from Dynegy in the mail. The opt-out letters will provide new program details, including budget billing information, and no action is needed to participate. You will continue to receive one invoice from your utility each month, with the new rate reflected approximately 45-60 days after receiving the opt-out letter

# VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

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

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: Annual Blaze of Lights DATE(S) OF EVENT: November 28th 2026

APPLICANT: Bluffton Chamber CONTACT PERSON: Hannah Warwick

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: _____ CONTACT'S PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): hwarwick@blufftonareachamber.com

LOCATION OF EVENT: Main Street, Vine Street, Elm Street, Church Street and Cherry Street

TIME(S) FOR EVENT: 4pm- 11pm

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Annual Blaze of Lights, Vine Street tent for after Blaze, food trucks, Elm Street for food trucks, Church Street for trolley rides, Cherry Street for cookie decorating and ornaments

**SERVICES REQUESTED FROM VILLAGE:**

TRAFFIC CONTROL: X 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: X

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: _____

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

ALCOHOL SERVED: YES X 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 |
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* FOOD VENDORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ANY NECESSARY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERMITS

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Hannah L Warwick DATE: 11/2/26

**APPROVED**

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____


Vine St
N Jackson St
W Elm St
N Main St
E Jefferson St
Thurman St
Bluffton Auto Repair Center
Bluffton Elementary School
A To Z Portion Control Meats
Abigail J Nartker APRN-CNP
Casey C Counts, APRN-CNP
The Village of Bluffton
Bluffton Local Superintendent
Kira's Fireside Grill - Bluffton, OH
Campito Lindo
Mexican
Bluffton First Methodist Church
Family Eye Care Clinic Of Bluffton
S Jackson St
Church St
E Elm St
Faith Investment Services LLC
Bluffton Presbyterian Church
Jazzercise Bluffton Downtown Bluffton
Citizens National Bank
Verizon
Cell phone store
High School
Layers
Google Maps
BLANKETS/ TENT/ FOOD
TROLLEY
COOKIES/ ORNAMENTS
FOOD TRUCKS

# VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

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

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: Live llamas + Childrens Sidewalk Sale DATE(S) OF EVENT: Dec 12
APPLICANT: World Goods Et Cetera CONTACT PERSON: Wendy Chappell-Dick
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 115 S. Main St CONTACT'S PHONE: 419-303-9769
E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): world.goods.etc@gmail.com
LOCATION OF EVENT: 115 S. Main St.
TIME(S) FOR EVENT: 9-11am
DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Live llamas will be on display in a pen located in two parking spots in front of the store

**SERVICES REQUESTED FROM VILLAGE:**

TRAFFIC CONTROL: 0 NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: 0
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: 0
SECURITY: 0 NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: 0
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: 0 FIRE DEPT. SERVICES: 0
WATER SERVICE: 0 OTHER SERVICES: 0 cones to block parking space

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

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

EVENT'S INSURER: Webb * 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 |
|---|---|
| Hard Rock Llama Co. | |
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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: Wendy Chappell-Dick DATE: 11-9-26

**APPROVED**

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY): 11/05/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

**PRODUCER**
Webb Insurance Agency, Inc - Bluffton
105 S Main St
Bluffton, OH 45817

CONTACT NAME: Erin Shook
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (419) 228-3211 FAX (A/C, No): (419) 229-7894
E-MAIL ADDRESS: eshook@webbinsagency.com

| INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE | NAIC # |
|---|---|
| INSURER A : OWNERS INSURANCE | 32700 |
| INSURER B : | |
| INSURER C : | |
| INSURER D : | |
| INSURER E : | |
| INSURER F : | |

**INSURED**
WORLD GOODS ET CETERA
Et Cetera Thrift Shop, Ten Thousand Villages
327 N Main St
Bluffton, OH 45817

**COVERAGES** **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

| INSR LTR | TYPE OF INSURANCE | ADDL INSD | SUBR WVD | POLICY NUMBER | POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY) | POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY) | LIMITS | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | ☑ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY<br>☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☑ OCCUR<br>☐<br>☐<br>GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:<br>☑ POLICY ☐ PRO-JECT ☐ LOC<br>☐ OTHER: | | | 05308730 | 03/31/2026 | 03/31/2027 | EACH OCCURRENCE<br>DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)<br>MED EXP (Any one person)<br>PERSONAL & ADV INJURY<br>GENERAL AGGREGATE<br>PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG<br>$ | $ 2,000,000<br>$ 300,000<br>$ 10,000<br>$ 2,000,000<br>$ 3,000,000<br>$ 3,000,000<br>$ |
| A | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY<br>☐ ANY AUTO<br>☐ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☐ SCHEDULED AUTOS<br>☑ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☑ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY | | | 05308730 | 03/31/2026 | 03/31/2027 | COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)<br>BODILY INJURY (Per person)<br>BODILY INJURY (Per accident)<br>PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)<br>$ | $ 2,000,000<br>$<br>$<br>$<br>$ |
| | ☐ UMBRELLA LIAB ☐ OCCUR<br>☐ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE<br>☐ DED ☐ RETENTION $ | | | | | | EACH OCCURRENCE<br>AGGREGATE<br>$ | $<br>$<br>$ |
| A | WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY<br>ANYPROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) Y/N ☐<br>If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below | N/A | | 05308730 Ohio Stop Gap | 03/31/2026 | 03/31/2027 | ☐ PER STATUTE ☐ OTH-ER<br>E.L. EACH ACCIDENT<br>E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE<br>E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT | $ 300,000<br>$ 300,000<br>$ 300,000 |

**DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES** (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
154 NORTH MAIN
BLUFFTON, OH 45817

**CANCELLATION**

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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