

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding

Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Approval of the minutes for the Village Council meeting held on Monday, December 27, 2022

Bills

Committee Reports

Safety Services Committee: 01/09

Boards & Commissions

Allen County Public Health Board: 12/23

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023

1st Reading

Emergency

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2023 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023

1st Reading

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023

1st Reading

Emergency

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON IN SUPPORT OF THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SERVING AS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO STUDY AREA 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*)

Safety Services Committee – January 9th at 6:30 pm

Village Council – Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals – Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm

Village Council – Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm

Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow – Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting December 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on December 12, 2022. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Steiner motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

During the Finance Committee report, Councilman Steiner presented the need to place an order for a new Ford F-250 truck to replace the 15 year old truck currently in use and also to replace the old leaf machine which failed this past fall. Both items are planned for in the 2023 budget and included in the 2023 temporary appropriation measure.

Following the report, Steiner motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the ordering of a Ford F-250 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 and the ordering of a new leaf vac machine at a cost not to exceed \$95,000. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

1st Reading:

Ordinance 05-2022 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 02-2022 (the annual appropriation ordinance) and declaring an emergency. Kingsley motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Ordinance 06-2022 – An Ordinance advancing monies to the water/sewer improvement fund to cover the expenses associated with the current waterline projects and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Sehlhorst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Steiner. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 33-2022 – A Resolution authorizing the temporary appropriations for the year 2023 for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Stahl. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 34-2022 – A Resolution making certain transfers and declaring an emergency. Stahl motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Kingsley motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 35-2022 – A Resolution making certain transfers at the legal level of control and declaring an emergency. Kingsley motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Stahl motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Cupples. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 36-2022 – A Resolution to renew the current contract with the firm Hackenberg, Feighner & Werth, LLC, with Attorney Elliott T. Werth as the Village Solicitor for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio for a period of one (1) year effective January 1, 2023 and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Kingsley. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Steiner motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Kingsley motioned, seconded by Steiner, for the Village to proceed with the purchase of the property located at the intersection of Spring & Riley St. for the price of \$20,000. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Steiner. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Council agreed to continue holding regular meetings on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month for 2023.

Cupples motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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

Complete Streets Task Force on Tuesday, January 3 at noon.

Pathway Board on Thursday, January 5 at noon.

Safety Committee on Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Village Council on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning & Building Appeals on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 1/9/2023

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC	807.50	Park	PORTABLE TOILETS
ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	55,608.73	Administrative	DISPATCH SERVICES
ALLEN COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSN	20.00	Police	2023 DUES
ALLEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSN INC	40.00	Multiple	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	12,626.44	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	45.07	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	687.62	Land & Buildings	ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	1,511.00	Land & Buildings	1ST FLOOR WATER HEATER
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	180.00	Land & Buildings	BOILER CONDENSATE DRAIN
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	270.00	Land & Buildings	RTU PRESURE SWITCH
BASINGER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	8,490.00	Airport	PACKAGED UNIT REPLACEMENT
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	4,000.00	Airport	BEACON & TAXIWAY
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BOBCAT COMPANY	190.75	Multiple	PARTS
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	162.41	Multiple	CABLE
CHERRY'S OUTDOOR WORLD	40.00	Police	L. KENT RETIREMENT GIFT
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	465.00	Multiple	GENERAL ENGINEERING
CINTAS	76.16	Administrative	UNIFORMS 12/27/22
CINTAS	76.16	Administrative	UNIFORMS 1/3/23
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	197.95	Multiple	CONTINUING EDUCATION
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	24.00	Administrative	MAILINGS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	193.20	Multiple	CONTINUING EDUCATION
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	21.50	Administrative	POSTAGE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	171.20	Water	CONTINUING EDUCATION - BLACKBURN
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	64.00	Administrative	TAX MAILING POSTAGE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	76.00	Administrative	POSTAGE - TAX MAILINGS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	48.00	Administrative	STAMPS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	8.50	Administrative	POSTAGE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	44.57	Police	FUEL
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	15.91	Police	LUNCH AFTER STATE HOUSE EVENT
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	26.12	Police	FOOD - COLUMBUS
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	630.00	Police	JOHN REID & ASSOC. TRAINING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	50.00	Police	HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK- HSA	21,520.00	Multiple	HSA CONTRIBUTIONS
CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION	211.66	Administrative	PHONES
ESRI	600.00	Multiple	LICENSE
FRESH ENCOUNTER CORPORATE	24.44	Administrative	SUPPLIES
FULTZ SIGN CO., INC.	550.00	Administrative	REHAB VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON SIGN
GLOBAL ELECTRIC, INC	1,085.00	Street	STREET LIGHT REPAIR
HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOLUTIONS INC./MEDIC FIRST AID	520.00	Rescue	EMS TRAINING
IACP	190.00	Police	2023 DUES
JUSTIN SHANNON	532.42	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC.	271.20	Street	SHOVEL HOLDERS
KLEEM	243.93	Street	STREET SIGNS
Lexipol	5,496.24	Police	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC.	50.00	Administrative	ADDRESS SEARCHES
M&R PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.	192.15	Multiple	SUPPLIES/PARTS
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	1,244.60	Multiple	FUEL
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	196.00	Land & Buildings	MONITORING
OHIO ASSN. CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC	700.00	Police	2023 OAPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OHIO MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION	125.00	Administrative	WEBINAR
OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	125.00	Administrative	TRAINING
OHIO TREASURER	38,339.66	Multiple	LOAN PAYMENT
OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	241,213.29	Capital Improvements	OWDA LOAN PAYMENT
PERRY CORPORATION	2,250.46	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	129.27	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	21.39	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PERRY CORPORATION	28.11	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
Railroad Management Company IV LLC	610.61	Water	LICENSE FEE

RUMPKE	23,100.72	Refuse	TRASH SERVICES
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	586.70	Administrative	TAX FORMS
SMARTBILL	1,143.00	Multiple	BILLING SERVICES
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	23,792.43	Multiple	ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT
SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	2,140.00	Multiple	ANNUAL HARDWARE SUPPORT
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	85.28	Multiple	SUPPLIES
TOMMY TIRE SALES LLC	28.00	Police	PD CRUISER TIRES
TOWN & COUNTRY FLOWERS	87.40	Multiple	FLOWERS
TOWN & COUNTRY FLOWERS	84.50	Multiple	FLOWERS
TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	3,804.80	Administrative	AUDIT FEES
TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	2,600.00	Sewer	ELIMINATION SYSTEM
VERIZON WIRELESS	160.58	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VERIZON WIRELESS	87.56	Multiple	CELL PHONES
VETTER LUMBER CO.	200.00	Sewer	MISC PARTS
VETTER LUMBER CO.	85.81	Multiple	SUPPLIES
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	436.62	Administrative	INCOME TAX REFUNDS
	<u>466,761.62</u>		
BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 12/30/22	42,793.81		
MEDICARE	581.66		
OPERS	2,400.94		
OP&F	2,301.09		
DECEMBER MONTHLY	2,569.00		
MEDICARE	37.22		
OPERS	192.17		
FICA	40.14		

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

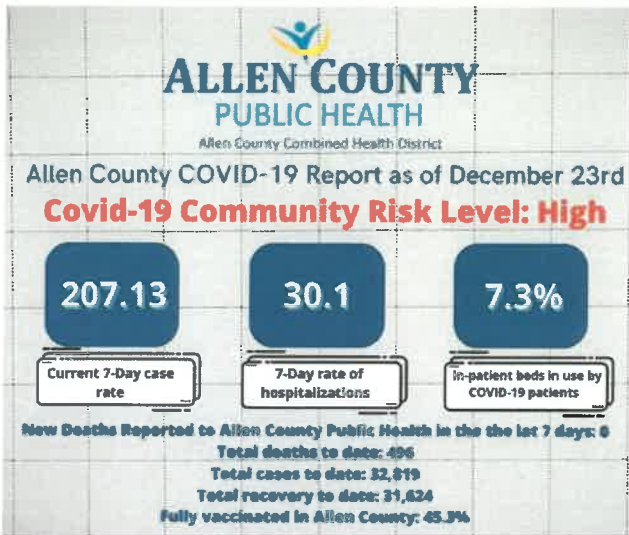
COVID-19 Update December 23, 2022

As of 12/23/2022, Allen County is at High risk for transmission of COVID-19.

There have been **207 new reported cases** in Allen County in the past 7 days.

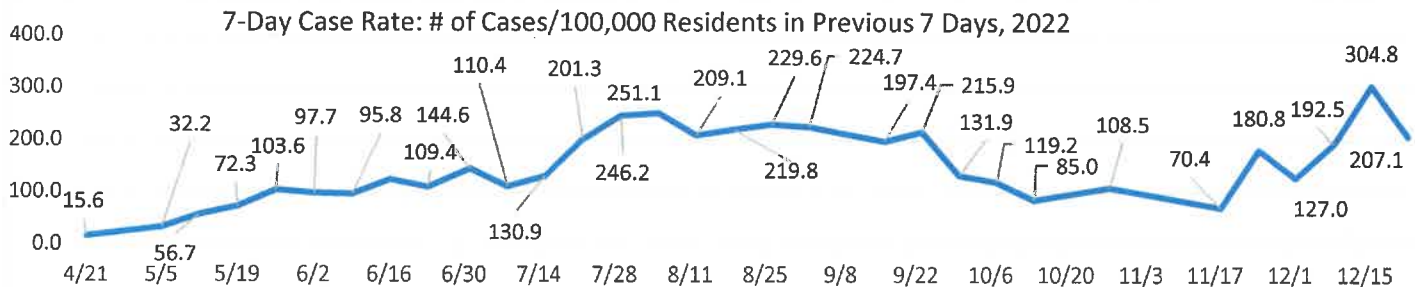
There have been **30 new hospitalizations** in Allen County in the past 7 days.

No new deaths have been reported to ACPH by local healthcare providers in the past 7 days.



What you can do to protect yourself:

- Stay up to date on Vaccination, including boosters
- Maintain ventilation improvements
- Avoid contact with people who have COVID-19
- Follow isolation guidelines (below) if you have COVID-19
- Wear a mask indoors
- Self-test if you have COVID-19 symptoms



What To Do If You Are Exposed or Test Positive for COVID-19

The CDC COVID-19 guidance no longer includes quarantining if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. However, you should still wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure and watch for symptoms. Those who test positive for COVID-19 should continue to isolate for 5 days, and wear a mask for the next 5 days. You can remove your mask sooner than day 10 if you have two negative antigen tests in a row, 48 hours apart. **Regardless of when you end isolation, avoid being around people who are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 until at least day 11.**

Off-Site Fall Vaccine Clinic

It's not too late to get a flu vaccine. Allen County Public Health's vaccine clinic remains open on **Mondays and Fridays until Dec. 30 2022 from 9am-3pm.**

Last off-site clinic date will be this Friday 12/30

The vaccine clinic will be offering COVID-19 booster doses and influenza vaccinations to the general public.

The vaccine clinic is located in Clock Tower Plaza: 927 N. Cable Rd., Lima, Suites 195 and 200.

Please bring your COVID-19 vaccination card and your Medicare (red, white, or blue card) and/or your health insurance card.
Walk-ins welcome.

Vaccine Clinic for 2023

ACPH vaccine clinic will continue on Mondays (except Jan 16th and Feb. 20th) and Fridays for January and February. Walk-ins will be seen from 9-11:30 and 12:30-3:30. Appointments can still be scheduled. Both COVID and influenza vaccines.

The Importance of Flu Shots This Season

A seasonal flu shot is the best way to help protect yourself and those around you against the flu. The benefits of flu shots are particularly important this year, given the bad flu season we are having, ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and high rates of RSV. This could further strain an already overwhelmed health system, challenging our ability to provide care to all patients. Allen County Public Health encourages all persons 6 months and older to get their flu shot.

CDC Recommends Bivalent Covid-19 Vaccine 6 months – 5 years of Age

- Children ages 6 months through 4 years who are currently completing a Pfizer primary series will receive a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent vaccine for their third dose of the primary series. Children in this age group who completed their 3-dose monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 primary series are not eligible for the bivalent product at this time.
- Children ages 6 months through 5 years who previously completed a Moderna primary series are eligible to receive a Moderna bivalent booster 2 months after their final primary series dose.

For any questions, please call Allen County Public Health’s nursing department @ 419-228-4457.

CDC Recommends the First Updated COVID-19 Booster

On September 1, the CDC announced updated recommendations for Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 boosters for those that are eligible. The updated booster doses both boost immunity against the original coronavirus strain and also protects against the newer Omicron variants that account for most of the current cases.

On October 12, the CDC expanded the use of the updated, bivalent COVID-19 vaccine boosters to children ages 5-11 years. This follows the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) authorization of updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech for children ages 5 through 11 years, and from Moderna for children and adolescents ages 6 through 17 years.

Vaccination history	→	Next dose
Primary series	At least 2 months →	1 bivalent booster dose
Primary series + 1 booster	At least 2 months →	1 bivalent booster dose
Primary series + 2 booster	At least 2 months →	1 bivalent booster dose

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2023 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Legislature enacted various legislation that caused changes to be made to American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code.

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, reflects the changes made to Ohio Law during 2021.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the Village and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Village that this ordinance take effect at an early date.

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

Section 1. American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, as reviewed by the Village Council, is hereby adopted and enacted. Any prior version of the Ohio Basic Code which may have been previously adopted by the Village of Bluffton is hereby obsolete and is hereby replaced in its' entirety by this Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition.

Section 2. One copy of American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, certified as correct by the Mayor and Village Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bluffton, as required by Ohio Revised Code §731.23, shall be kept in its initial form on file in the office of the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Bluffton. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to publish a summary of all new matters contained in the Code of Ordinances as required by Ohio Revised Code §731.23. Such summary is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit A".

Section 3. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of the Ohio Basic Code, as adopted in Section 1 hereof, are hereby repealed as of the effective date of this ordinance, except as follows:

(A) The enactment of the Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, shall not be construed to affect a right or liability accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of such enactment, or an action or proceeding for the enforcement of such right or liability. Such enactment shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment for an act committed in violation of any such legislative provision, nor to affect indictment or prosecution therefore. For such purposes, any such legislative provision shall continue in full force notwithstanding its repeal for the purpose of revision and codification.

(B) The repeal provided above shall not affect:

- a. The grant or creation of a franchise, license, right, easement or privilege;
- b. The purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property;
- c. The appropriation or expenditure of money or promise or guarantee of payment;
- d. The assumption of any contract or obligation;
- e. The issuance and delivery of any bonds, obligations or other instruments of indebtedness;
- f. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges;
- g. The establishment, naming, vacating or grade level of any street or public way
- h. The dedication of property or plat approval;
- i. The annexation or detachment of territory;
- j. Any legislation enacted subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance.
- k. Any legislation specifically superseding the provision of the Ohio

Basic Code.

Section 4. That the following sections are hereby made part of and added to the Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Ed. that is adopted as the Code of Ordinances of the Municipality of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio pursuant to Section 10.15 thereof:

72.018 Nuisance Operation of Motor Vehicle

72.019 Regulations on Golf Carts, Utility Vehicles, and Other Under Speed Vehicles

76.13 Parking during Snow Emergency

76.04(A)(17) Maximum Distance from Curb or Edge of Roadway

76.04(A)(18) Minimum Distance from an Intersection

76.04(A)(19) Parking/Storage of Inoperative Vehicle

96.20 Regulation of Use of Loud Sound Amplification Systems

132.15 Intoxication

139.01 Curfew

139.02 Reward for Information leading to conviction of Vandals

The full text of which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 5. That an emergency exists in the operation of the Village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof.

Section 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance 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 the _____ day of _____, 2023, by the
the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

CERTIFICATION OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES

We, the Mayor and the Clerk of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §§ 731.23 and 731.42, hereby certify that the general and permanent ordinances of the Village of Bluffton, as revised, rearranged, compiled, renumbered as to sections, codified and printed herewith in component codes and titles are correct as and constitute the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

EXHIBIT A

ADDITIONAL MATTERS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4

EDITOR'S NOTE

This section contains municipal ordinances which supersede the Ohio Basic Code section of the same number.

§ 72.018 NUISANCE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(1) Operate any motor vehicle, except when necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law, in such a manner that the vehicle or its motor is so rapidly accelerated or started from a standing position that the exhaust system emits a loud, cracking, chattering or other noise unusual to its normal operation, the rubber tires of such vehicle squeal or leave tire marks on the roadway, or throw gravel or debris commonly called peeling;

(2) Operate any motor vehicle so as to race or accelerate the motor while the vehicle is not in gear or in motion in such manner as to produce unnecessary or unreasonably loud noise; or

(3) Operate any motor vehicle so as to race or accelerate excessively the motor while the vehicle is in motion in such manner as to produce unnecessary or unreasonably loud noise.

(B) The creation or production of noise by squealing of rubber tires, by a cracking, chattering or clattering noise from the exhaust or the creation of tire marks on a roadway accompanying such squealing of tires shall each be considered prima facie evidence of an intent on the part of the operator to violate this section.

(C) Whoever violates any provision of division (A) above shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

§ 72.019 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.

(A) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

GOLF CART. A vehicle powered by gas or electricity and is the type of vehicle typically operated on a golf course and includes under speed vehicles or low speed vehicles.

OPERATOR. Any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a golf cart.

OWNER. Any person or entity, other than a lien holder or dealer having title to a golf cart or legal rights to possession thereof.

(B) *Equipment.*

(1) Golf carts operated on the streets, highways and public property within the village shall have a minimum of the following functional equipment thereon:

(a) At least one working rear red-colored tail light;

(b) License plates in the front and rear of the golf cart, bracketed to the cart;

(c) A light to illuminate the rear license plate and make the plate legible from a distance of 50 feet;

(d) At least one working brake light;

(e) Two headlights, white or clear in color;

(f) A horn;

(g) A rearview mirror;

(h) A windshield;

(i) Turn signals;

(j) One seat belt per occupant of the cart;

(k) A child safety seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant under the age of four or under 40 pounds in weight; and

(l) A child booster safety seat installed to manufacturer specifications for any occupant between the ages of four and eight or four feet, nine inches in height.

(2) Whoever violates this division (B) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

(C) *Licensing requirements of operator.*

(1) The operator of a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village shall have a valid driver's license.

(2) The operator of a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village shall be no less than 16 years of age.

(3) Whoever violates this division (C) shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than six months.

(D) *Insurance requirements of owner and operator.*

(1) The owner of a golf cart that is driven on public roadways or on public property in the village shall carry liability insurance thereon as required by the R.C. § 4509.101(A)(1).

(2) The operator of a golf cart that is driven on public roadways or on public property shall have in his possession proof of insurance while operating the golf cart.

(3) Whoever violates this division (D) shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than six months.

(E) *Inspection and title requirements.*

(1) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village without first obtaining an inspection by the Chief of Police, the County Sheriff or the law enforcement official of another jurisdiction within the state to ensure compliance with state laws and this section.

(2) No person shall operate a golf cart on the public roadways or on public property in the village without a certificate of inspection in his or her possession.

(3) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property without first obtaining a certificate of title from the Clerk of Courts.

(4) Whoever violates this division (E) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

(F) *Prohibited acts.*

(1) No person shall operate a golf cart on public roadways or on public property in the village without first ensuring all occupants are securely seated in a fixed seat and wearing all available elements of a properly adjusted safety belt that is fixed to the vehicle.

(2) No person, being an operator of a golf cart operated on public roadways or on public property in the village, shall fail to wear all available elements of a properly adjusted safety belt that is fixed to the vehicle.

(3) No person, being a passenger of a golf cart operated on public roadways or on public property in the village, shall fail to wear all available elements of a properly adjusted safety belt that is fixed to the vehicle.

(4) No person shall operate a golf cart on a public roadway with a posted speed limit greater than 25 mph unless the vehicle is driven with the right side of the golf cart being within one foot of the right curb or edge of the roadway.

(5) No person shall operate a golf cart on restricted areas of the public bicycle path, except municipal employees operating municipal vehicles in accordance with their duties.

(6) Whoever violates this division (F) shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined accordingly.

(a) A violation of division (F)(1), (F)(4) and (F)(5) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$100.

(b) A violation of division (F)(2) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$30.

(c) A violation of division (F)(3) above shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and fined not more than \$20.

(G) *Accident reports.*

(1) The owner or operator of a golf cart involved in any accident resulting in injury or death to any person shall immediately report the accident to the Police Department.

(2) The owner or operator of a golf cart involved in any accident resulting in damage to the property of any person in excess of \$100 shall report the accident within 24 hours to the Police Department.

(3) Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a first degree misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than six months.

§ 76.04 PARKING PROHIBITIONS.

(A) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this title, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(17) Maximum distance from curb or edge of roadway.

(a) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there is an adjacent curb or where there is not a curb, to paved edge of the roadway, shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and not more than 12 inches from the right-hand curb, or where there is not a curb, to paved edge of the roadway.

(b) Whoever violates this division (A)(17) is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100. This division (A)(17) is in addition to parking regulations in the codified ordinances.

(18) Minimum distance from an intersection.

(a) No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic-control device within any intersection or within three feet of any intersections of streets with streets or any intersections of streets with alleys.

(b) That whoever violates this division (A)(18) is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100. This division (A)(18) is in addition to parking regulations in the codified ordinances.

(c) For purposes of this division (A)(18), **INTERSECTION** means:

1. The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict;

2. Where a highway includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of the divided highway by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate intersection. If an intersecting highway also includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then every crossing of two roadways of the highways shall be regarded as a separate intersection; and

3. The junction of an alley with a street or highway, or with another alley, shall constitute an **INTERSECTION**.

(19) Inoperative motor vehicle.

(a) 1. For the purpose of this division (A)(19), the term **INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE** shall be deemed to mean any motor driven vehicle that cannot, physically and lawfully, under its own power, be operated on the public highways of this village, and have remained in an inoperative condition for 72 or more consecutive hours notwithstanding that the said motor driven vehicle is legally licensed by the state.

2. a. No person shall park or stand any inoperative motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts on any dedicated street, alley, sidewalk or other public place at any time.

b. No person shall store or place any inoperative motor vehicle or motor vehicle parts on any property, or allow any inoperative motor vehicle or parts to remain on any property, except to the extent that the inoperative motor vehicle or parts are stored, placed or housed completely within in a building where it shall not be visible from the street or other private property.

3. This division (A)(19) shall not be applicable to properly zoned service garages normally engaged in the business of repairing or servicing automobiles; provided, however, that the persons engaged in the business of repairing automobiles shall store the inoperative motor vehicle in a neat and orderly fashion so as not to constitute a fire hazard or health menace nor create an unsightly appearance.

4. Should a vehicle remain parked in violation of this division (A)(19) for a period of more than 72 consecutive hours after being notified by the village by notice delivered to the owner of the property when the inoperative motor vehicle is located or upon placing a visible notice upon the said inoperative motor vehicle parked on any public street, alley or sidewalk, then in that event, the inoperative motor vehicle shall be considered a nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the village and impounded. The vehicle shall not be released from impound until any and all costs of towing and storage shall be paid.

5. Any peace officer or zoning officer of the village may request the owner of any suspected inoperative motor vehicle to demonstrate that a vehicle appearing to be inoperative is or is not capable of movement legally under its own power. If the owner fails to comply with a request, then, in that case, such a refusal may be considered as prima facie evidence that the said vehicle is an inoperative motor vehicle as defined in this division (A)(19).

(b) Whoever violates this division (A)(19) is guilty of minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$100. Each day constitutes a separate offense. This division (A)(19) is in addition to parking regulations in the codified ordinances.

(B) A person is permitted, without charge or restriction, to stand or park on a sidewalk a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter that has an engine not larger than 150 cubic centimeters, a low-speed micromobility device, or a bicycle or electric bicycle, provided that the motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, low-speed micromobility device, bicycle, or electric bicycle does not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic. This division does not authorize any person to operate a vehicle in violation of R.C. § 4511.711, or any substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division (C), whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(R.C. § 4511.68)

(Ord. 23-15, passed 12-21-2015; Ord. 24-15, passed 12-21-2015; Ord. 25-15, passed 12-21-2015; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

§ 76.13 PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY.

(A) A snow emergency exists where freezing rain or two inches or more of snow has fallen whereas constituting a serious public hazard.

(B) During such snow emergency, in order to properly clean the streets, vehicles will be legally parked on all village streets except for the downtown business districts between College Avenue and Jefferson Street and Jackson Street and Vance Street, and any streets which currently restrict parking to one side of the street only, when:

(1) On odd-numbered calendar days, vehicles are parked on the side of the street which has odd-numbered building addresses; and

(2) On even-numbered calendar days, vehicles are parked on the side of the street which has even-numbered building addresses.

(C) No vehicles shall be permitted to park in village parking lots or in the downtown business districts between College Avenue and Jefferson Street and Jackson Street and Vance Street, or any streets which currently restrict parking to one side of the street only, for a longer continuous time than 24 hours until such time that the snow has been cleaned up.

(D) Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle parked in violation of this section, such officer may require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the same, to a position off the street or parking lot, or such officer may cause the vehicle to be moved or impounded at the owner's expense.

(E) Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor and may be fined not in excess of \$100.

§ 96.20 REGULATION OF USE OF LOUD AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS.

(A) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle.

(B) No person shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet or more from the location of said sound amplification system.

(C) For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

PLAINLY AUDIBLE. Any sound produced by a sound amplification system which can be heard at a distance of 50 feet or more. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses, based upon direct line of sight. Word or phrases need not be discernible and base reverberations are included.

SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM. Any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loud speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of the human voice.

(D) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:

(1) The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;

(2) The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;

(3) The vehicle was owned and operated by the village or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;

(4) The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons;

(5) The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions and other activities which have the approval of the department of the village authorized to grant such approval.

(Ord. 17-96, passed 4-22-1996; Ord. 11-99, passed 6-14-1999; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018) Penalty, see § [96.99](#)

§ 132.15 INTOXICATION.

(A) No person shall be found in the state of intoxication or, being intoxicated, shall disturb the peace and good order or shall conduct himself or herself in a disorderly manner.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.
(Ord. 15-12, passed 8-27-2012; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

§ 139.01 CURFEW.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to be upon the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, playgrounds, places of amusement and entertainment, or other unsupervised places between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless the minor is exempted by one or more of the following:

(1) Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian;

(2) On an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

(3) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(4) Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

(5) Involved in an emergency;

(6) On the sidewalk abutting the minor's residence or abutting the residence of a next-door neighbor if the neighbor did not complain to the police department about the minor's presence;

(7) Attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the village, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the village, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;

(8) Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or

(9) Married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with state law.

(B) Whoever, being the parent, guardian or person having the care and custody of a minor, shall allow or permit such minor to violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided hereinafter.

(C) Any person who shall aid, abet, influence or encourage a minor to violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided hereinafter.

(D) Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$50 or imprisoned for not more than three days, or both.

(Ord. 13-72, passed 9-5-1972; Ord. 25-02, passed 9-9-2002; Ord. 03-04, passed 2-9-2004; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

§ 139.02 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO CONVICTION OF VANDALS.

The Council of the village is hereby authorized to pay the sum of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons responsible for vandalism of any property of the village, including park property and including, but not limited to, any damage to or destruction of trees, shrubs, growing plants and buildings.

(Ord. 7-85, passed 6-4-1985; Ord. 25-02, passed 9-9-2002; Ord. 03-04, passed 2-9-2004; Ord. 02-18, passed 2-12-2018)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton's vision for Complete Streets is the thoughtful creation of a connected street network which improves safety and facilitates movement for all users in the Village of Bluffton community including pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bluffton (Bluffton) recognizes that streets are a key factor in the way people experience public space and play a vital role in promoting public safety, health, quality of life and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the design and function of streets has historically favored the motorist over the needs and safety of other users of the transportation network, particularly pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton is committed to providing increased mobility choices and improved safety for all its residents, as embodied in the Bluffton Complete Streets Policy developed in partnership with Allen County Public Health - Creating Healthy Communities, Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, Smart Growth America, Toole Design, Complete Streets Task Force; and

WHEREAS, investments in pedestrian, bicycle and transit infrastructure will help promote "active transportation" and offer physical activity options into the daily lives of the residents of Bluffton which will improve their health, reduce the incidence of diseases related to inactivity and improve air quality by reducing vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton seeks to create an interconnected network of transportation facilities that accommodate all modes of travel in a manner consistent with the community context and goals that incorporate health, economic, environmental, & social benefits;

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

SECTION 1: Council hereby adopts the Bluffton Complete Streets Policy set forth in attached Exhibit A.

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 made 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 _____, 2023 by the Council of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

Fiscal Officer

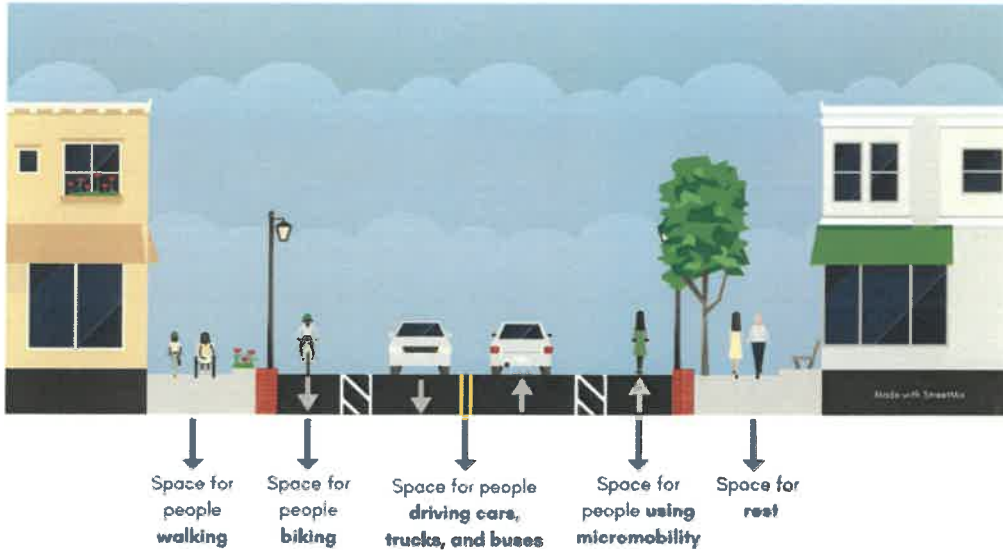
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Elliott T. Werth, Esq.
Village Solicitor



COMPLETE STREETS FOR ALL



OVER 160 YEARS OF STREET EVOLUTION

BECAUSE STREETS ARE PUBLIC SPACE FOR EVERYONE

Complete Streets Steering Committee

Jesse Blackburn – Village Administrator

Joseph W. Sehlhorst – Chair, Village Council Member

Ryan Shoemaker – Community Member

Travis Music – Community Member

Adam Hahnhorst – Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission

Bri Buzard – Allen County Public Health, Creating Healthy Communities

Tobi Otulana – Toole Design

1. Vision and Intent

1.1. Complete Streets are streets designed and operated to enable safe use and to support comfortable, convenient, and independent mobility for all users. Complete Street elements examples may include but are not limited to:

- Pedestrian Improvements – sidewalks, crosswalks, median crossing islands
- Traffic Calming – center turning lanes, on-street parking
- Trees and Greenspace – tree lawns, neighborhood parks, landscaping
- Bike Improvements – bike lanes, trails and paths, bike parking
- Disability Facilities – reachable buttons, wheelchair friendly sidewalks, median crossings
- Public Transit Facilities – bus shelters, well-lit waiting areas, bus lanes

Complete Streets benefits may include:

- Health – Lowered risk of chronic disease, reduced daily stress from driving, less motor vehicle congestion, and improved air quality
- Environment – Reduced motor vehicle emissions and more compact development with less impermeable surface
- Economy – Lowered health care costs, increased productivity, increased retail sales in pedestrian-oriented environments, and reduced costs for roadway updates.
- Social – Increased interaction and community building; greater social safety; roads turned into people-oriented spaces, increased mobility options for all, and community wide solutions to address systemic inequalities
- Equity – Improved access to affordable, safe mobility for vulnerable populations in Bluffton including people with disabilities, older adults, people with low incomes, and people with limited access to a vehicle

This Complete Streets policy is one of many steps in Village of Bluffton (Bluffton) efforts to provide safe and accessible streets for everyone and every mode. This Complete Streets policy will standardize how new and reconstruction transportation projects will improve access and livability throughout the village, including all new, reconstruction, and scheduled maintenance projects within the limits of Bluffton. By implementing Complete Streets principles, the transportation network will contribute to improving the community's health, environment, economic vitality, and quality of life for those living and frequenting the Village of Bluffton.

1.2. Bluffton's vision for Complete Streets is the thoughtful creation of a connected street network which improves safety and facilitates movement for all users in the Village of Bluffton community including pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders.

2. Diverse Users

2.1. This policy acknowledges priority users, rather than neighborhoods, due to the small village context of Bluffton. Complete Streets priorities for the Village include, but are not limited to:

- Improving connectivity for people walking and biking.
- Prioritizing access for youth, older adults, and people with limited mobility to parks and trails.
- Prioritizing safe and equitable access to community resources and amenities.

- Improving safety and facilitating movement for all users regardless of age, disability status, race, ethnicity, religion, income, gender, identity, immigration status, language spoken, or access to a personal vehicle.

3. Commitment in all Projects and Phases

- 3.1. The Village shall approach every street project (village, state, federal, and private development) and each project's phase as an opportunity for improvements for all users. These phases include, but are not limited to, planning, programming, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction engineering, reconstruction, operation, and maintenance. Complete Streets facilities shall be considered during capital improvements, street resurfacing, street repaving, street restriping, or other roadway rehabilitation.
- 3.2. Where possible, the Village shall provide safe and reasonable accommodations for all modes of transportation to continue to use the road safely and efficiently during construction or repair work that infringes on the right-of-way and/or sidewalk.
- 3.3. Privately constructed streets and parking lots shall adhere to this policy.
- 3.4. The Village shall coordinate with local businesses and local school districts to improve multimodal connections to key destinations and amenities.

4. Clear, Accountable Exceptions

- 4.1. Exceptions to providing for all modes in each project include:
 - 4.1.a. Accommodation is unnecessary on corridors where specific users are prohibited, such as interstate freeways or pedestrian malls. Excluding certain users on particular corridors should not exempt projects from accommodating other permitted users.
 - 4.1.b. Cost of accommodation is excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use.
 - 4.1.c. A documented absence of current and future needs.
 - 4.1.d. Emergency repairs such as a water main leak require an immediate, rapid response; however, temporary accommodations for all modes should still be made. Depending on the severity of the repairs, opportunities to improve multimodal access should still be considered where possible.
 - 4.1.e. Engineering judgment determines that Complete Streets facilities are not feasible due to terrain, ownership/jurisdiction, and/or existing structures that cannot be accommodated through design.
- 4.2. Exceptions to the Complete Streets policy will be reviewed and documented by the Village Administrator or their designee and approved by the Village Council. The Village Administrator or their designee will add requested exceptions to the Village Council meeting agenda for discussion in open forum. Documentation of the proposed exception will be published in the Planning Commission and Village Council meeting minutes and accessible to the public via the Village website.

- 4.3. On an annual basis, the Village Administrator, or their designee, shall provide documentation of all exceptions to the Village Streets Committee, Village Council, and Village Pathways Board.

5. Jurisdiction

- 5.1. All public and private development projects which propose improvements within the public right-of-way shall comply with this Complete Streets policy. Approval of necessary permits is contingent upon meeting the Complete Streets requirements.
- 5.2. Private development projects proposing privately owned rights-of-ways shall be reviewed for consistency with this Complete Streets policy as part of the approval process. Owners of private parking lots, streets, and rights-of-ways shall adhere to this policy.
- 5.3. The State of Ohio controls several principal transportation corridors which traverse through Bluffton. The Village shall work cooperatively with the Ohio Department of Transportation to plan and implement Complete Streets improvements and major maintenance within these rights-of-ways.
- 5.4. To support connectivity between local political subdivisions, the Village shall coordinate with and foster project partnerships with surrounding jurisdictions and agencies including but not limited to Orange Township, Richland Township, Allen County, and Hancock County.

6. Design

- 6.1. The Village shall follow the best and latest versions of practices concerning design guidance, standards, and recommendations in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Multimodal Design Guide (MDG). Other best practice guidance, documents, and entities may include, but are not limited to:
- Public Right of Ways Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)
 - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Technical expertise of the Village's engineering counsel and/or hired consultants
 - Any applicable Village of Bluffton design code including not limited to, Title XV Land Usage
- 6.2. The Village of Bluffton Streets, Alleys, Lights, and Sidewalks Committee (Streets Committee) shall use a Complete Streets Checklist to direct the design of the Village's roadways, bridges, pathways, and sidewalks.
- 6.2.a. The Complete Streets Checklist will be developed within twelve (12) months of policy adoption. The checklist will align with design guidance in the ODOT MDG and support creation of a comprehensive, integrated transportation network that is safe, accessible, comfortable, accommodating, and welcoming to all modes.
- 6.3. The Village will revisit the list of best practice standards and guidance every two years.

7. Land Use and Context Sensitivity

- 7.1. Transportation networks do not exist independently of communities and neighborhoods. Plans and policies will consider the surrounding context of land uses, residents, and future development. Streets should serve the needs of all users, whether they live along the street or are passing through. Streets will be designed in a context-sensitive manner that responds to roadway characteristics (such as volume, speed, turning movements, and curbside uses), the character of the surrounding neighborhood, its current and planned building forms and uses, and its current and expected transportation needs.
- 7.2. To support cohesion between land use and transportation, the Village Administrator, or their designee, shall provide coordination with this Complete Streets policy for the Planning Commission and the Streets Committee by attending meetings and serving in an advisory role. The Village Administrator, or their designee, will ensure that Complete Streets principles are understood by the Planning Commission, Streets Committee, and all other entities related to transportation planning, land-use planning, and economic development activities.
- 7.3. The Village will adhere to Complete Streets principles when developing or revising land use tools. Village zoning, subdivision regulations, land-use plans, and other relevant policies will abide by the Complete Streets policy. When policies, regulations, ordinances, and plans are revised they will incorporate the Complete Streets principles and standards outlined in this document.
- 7.4. The Village will track performance measures and use community engagement (including but not limited to community surveys) to evaluate any negative unintended consequences for vulnerable populations, caused by the implementation of this policy.

8. Performance Measures

- 8.1. The Village shall track Complete Streets policy implementation with the short-term and long-term performance measures listed below.

Short-term performance measures:

- Mileage of sidewalk added
- Mileage of bikeways added
- Number of Complete Streets projects constructed (i.e., crosswalks, ADA improvements, transit improvements, bicycle parking, traffic calming),
- Number of Complete Streets projects implemented within ¼ mile of schools, health care services, grocery stores, retail and service stores, banks, parks, or recreational facilities
- Net number of new street trees added
- Number of crashes (location and type)
- Number of non-infrastructure programs or events implemented (e.g., education or encouragement activities)
- Utilization – number of bicycle and pedestrian counts
- Number of maintenance activities completed
- Number of, and reasons for, Complete Streets policy exceptions approved
- Number of completed Complete Streets checklists

Long term performance measures:

- Increase in sidewalk and path connectivity

- Increase in the amount of people who utilize active transportation for transportation and recreation
 - Improvement in public health outcomes including but not limited to obesity and chronic disease rates for both youth and adults
- 8.2. The Village Administrator, or designee shall report annually on short-term performance measures at a Streets Committee meeting and develop an annual report to be shared publicly. The short- and long-term performance measures reflect the priorities and priority groups listed under Section 2 Diverse Users.
- 8.3. The Village shall collect data with assistance from agencies and organizations including but not limited to: Bluffton Public Works Department, Bluffton Administration, Bluffton Pathways Board, Bluffton Police Department, Allen County Public Health (ACPH), Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC), Activate Allen County, ODOT - Transportation Information Mapping System (TIMS), and Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

9. Project Selection Criteria

- 9.1. The Village shall incorporate the following project selection criteria into the transportation decision-making process:
- Safety for all roadway users, especially pedestrians. Areas with a high rate of traffic crashes or with higher populations of peoples with disabilities, older residents, and other vulnerable populations are to be prioritized.
 - Cost
 - Funding availability
 - Number of people impacted by the project
 - Connection to planned or existing pathways identified by the Bluffton Pathways Board
 - Impact on the Complete Streets priorities listed in Section 2 of this policy
 - Connectivity – Areas that fill a gap or lead to a more connected walking and bicycling network are to be prioritized.

10. Implementation Steps

- 10.1. The Village Streets Committee shall dedicate one meeting per year to Complete Streets to discuss the annual report of performance measures, policy implementation progress, community engagement needs, and/or other topics relevant to the implementation of this policy. Representatives from the agencies, organizations, and groups listed below will be invited to attend and participate in this annual meeting for policy implementation oversight.
- Schools
 - Police
 - Fire/Emergency Medical Services
 - Allen County Public Health (ACPH) Complete Streets Policy Task Force
 - Economic Development
 - Bluffton Entrepreneurs
 - Tree Commission
 - Planning Commission
 - Public Neighborhood Associations
 - Senior citizen groups
 - Daycare centers

- Human services and/or social organizations
- Bluffton University
- Bluffton Hospital
- Safe Communities Coalition

10.2. The Village shall view Complete Streets as integral to everyday transportation decision-making practices and processes. To this end:

10.2.a. The Village Pathways Board, Village Streets Committee, and Village Council shall oversee implementation of this Complete Streets Policy. Accountability will be ensured through annual reporting requirements including exceptions and short-term/long-term performance measures.

10.2.b In accordance with Village led comprehensive planning efforts, Zoning Code reevaluation and updates shall align with this Complete Streets Policy. Within twelve (12) months of adopting this Complete Streets policy, the Village Administrator, or their designee shall make recommendations for updates to the Village Comprehensive Plan and Village Zoning Code.

10.2.c. In addition to local funds, the Village shall seek regional, state, federal, and private funding sources to implement Complete Streets including but not limited to: Lima Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC), Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Bluffton Lions Foundation, Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and Hancock County Community Foundation.

10.2.d. The Village will support ongoing education for staff through trainings and educational offerings including but not limited to:

- LACRPC Crash and safety reviews
- ODOT Active Transportation Academy trainings
- Educational activities such as bicycle rodeos

10.3. Policy implementation will include community engagement through strategies including but not limited to:

- Public comment opportunities at the annual Complete Street focused Streets Committee meeting and at Village Council meetings where policy exceptions are being heard.
- Walk audits. The Village will make walk audit forms publicly available.
- Community surveys. The Village will survey the community about Complete Streets implementation, priorities, unintended consequences, and other relevant information as needed.
- Educational, encouragement, and engagement activities led by local and regional partners including bicycle rodeos, professional development bicycle rides, and youth traffic safety education events.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON IN SUPPORT OF THE LIMA-ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SERVING AS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO STUDY AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has named the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission (LACRPC) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Allen County, Ohio Area; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO's function is to work collaboratively with ODOT and the FHWA, FTA and the EPA to facilitate the comprehensive transportation planning within Allen County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, Village of Bluffton is a member also agrees to maintain its membership in the LACRPC and to comply with the Bylaws of the LACRPX and the Bylaws of the Transportation Coordinating Committee and the LACRPC and,

WHEREAS, Village of Bluffton agrees to participate in the transportation planning process, and to actively support the public involvement process as it relates to the development and adoption of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Annual Unified Planning Work Program and the publication of an Annual Report.

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

Section 1. That Village of Bluffton joins with other political subdivision in Allen County, Ohio in pledging its support and cooperation with such other political subdivisions within Allen County, Ohio of the LACRPC as the MPO for the Lima, Ohio Urbanized Area (Allen County, Ohio).

Section 2. That the Village of Bluffton will maintain its membership in LACRPC in compliance with the Bylaws of the LACRPC and the Bylaws of the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

Section 3. That the Village of Bluffton shall participate in the transportation planning process and actively support the public involvement process as it relates to the development and adoption of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Annual Unified Planning Work Program and the publication of the Annual Report.

Section 4. That the Village of Bluffton will comply with the Bylaws of the LACRPC and the Bylaws of the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

Section 5. That the Village of Bluffton understands that any member government may withdraw its agreement and pledge of support for the LACRPC at any time by

adoption of a Resolution indicating that the Village of Bluffton is withdrawing its support for the programs and delivering a copy of the Resolution to the Executive Director of the LACRPC, not less than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the actual date of withdrawal. The withdrawal shall be effective on the one hundred eightieth (180th) day after the date on which the Executive Director receives the copy of the Resolution to withdraw.

Section 6. That the presentation of the Resolution to withdraw shall not relieve the withdrawing member of its obligations as a member for the year in which the withdrawal occurs, nor shall the withdrawing party withdraw its area from the study area of the LACRPC during the year of withdrawal.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall be effective at the earliest date permitted by law, provided, however, that the Village of Bluffton shall not be bound by the agreements set forth in this Resolution if there is not sufficient participation from the other political subdivisions in the Allen County, Ohio area to make the existence of the LACRPC feasible.

Section 8. That the Executive Director of the LACRPC shall, upon receipt of the certified copy of this Resolution, include the Village of Bluffton as a member of the LACRPC and that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to ODOT as testimony of the relationship between the LACRPC and Village of Bluffton.

Section 9. That an emergency exists in the operation of the Village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof.

Section 10. 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 the open meeting of this Council and that all deliberation 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 the _____ day of _____, 20__, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

Attest:

FISCAL OFFICER

MAYOR

Approved as to Form:

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



01-09-23

Construction Project Update:

Lawn & Jackson Watermain Replacement:

- 6" water main has been installed on Lawn Ave.
- 6" water main will be completed on Jackson St. later this week.
- Installation of service lines will follow with work to begin on Lawn Ave.

Village-owned farmland leases:

Bids were opened on January 6th.

High bid for the Airport Farm was submitted by Dave Warren and high bid for the Stager Well Field Farm was submitted by Zach Scoles.

These leases will run through the 2025 harvest.

Board Of Zoning & Building Appeals Public Hearing

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing before the Bluffton Board of Zoning and Building Appeals on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the third-floor Community Room at the Bluffton Town Hall located at 154 North Main Street, Bluffton, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following:

The property owner of 104 East Elm St. located in a C-I Commercial District, is requesting to convert the existing building into 8 apartment units. The hearing is to consider both the approval of a conditional use for this property along with approved variance from the following Chapters and Sections of Village Code:

- Chapter 153.142 Conditional Uses with Approval by the Village Board of Zoning and Building Appeals after a Public Hearing. (A). Single-, two-, three- and multi-family residential structures.
- Chapter 153.145 Required yards in the C-I district (A), Residential uses. Each residential use to be accommodated in the C-I Commercial District shall meet the minimum requirements of the R-III Residential District.
- Chapter 153.123 Required Lot Area, Frontage and yard in the R-III Residential District
 - Variance from the minimum standards for a multi-family unit will be requested for: lot area (sq. ft.), lot width (ft.), front yard (ft.), and side yard (ft.).
 - Chapter 153.306 Number of Parking Spaces Required. Off-street parking.

H2Ohio Public Water System Equipment Grant

Request Council Approval to apply and make use of the funding made possible by Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio Initiative.

Public Works Department has prepared a grant application for \$9,681.00 worth of equipment relating to the improvement of Bluffton's water infrastructure along with supporting the grant purpose to help public water systems increase their technical capacity to provide a continuous source of safe drinking water.

S.R. 103 Pathway Update:

Construction is still planned for the summer of 2023. Hancock County Permissive Motor Vehicle Taxes can be used as a funding source for the purchase and installation of new roadway lighting fixtures. This funding source is expected to provide over \$12,000 by the time of construction.

Mayor Johnson:

Election of Council President

Executive Session:

An Executive Session meeting is being requested to discuss contracts and legal matters.

Council Committee Meetings: Request for meetings with: Personnel – Policy Manual Review Update





BLUFFTON BEYOND TOMORROW 2.0 SURVEY RESULTS

105 online responses and approximately 90 Open House Attendees

Total engagement of about 200 persons













Bluffton's current population of about 4,000 is spread over roughly four square miles. Would you be in favor of increasing Bluffton's population without adding land to the Village? (Question 1& 2 online)

Yes	No	
77%	23%	Would you support modest growth?
51%	49%	Would you be in favor of increasing Bluffton's population without adding land?

-  More growth brings new opportunities
-  I think downtown would be better off if our population were denser. Spread can get ugly and require more construction.
-  Moderate growth- but limited
-  Do not need to expand the foot print of the village

Would you be in favor of zoning and building code changes that make it easier to build housing options including apartments, condos, and smaller "starter homes" for young working families?





















Yes	No
77%	23%

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|  Keep character of community in mind |  More requirements for upkeep of rentals |
|  Market/Mid-level housing |  Actually enforce the code and zoning. |
|  Affordable housing in a reasonable price range is needed |  Schools already bursting- this would be tricky |
|  More senior condos |  Some rules should apply- reduce current rules equally |
|  Nice apartments and condos would be nice |  People who work in Bluffton should have the option of living here |
|  Could they be owned and operated locally? |  No more subsidized housing |

Would you support a strategy to encourage a downtown bustling with pedestrians moving freely between shopping, dining, and recreation options?

Yes	No
93%	7%

 = In support	 = Against
 = Cautious	 = Question

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|  Find a way to discourage truck traffic |  DORA Area |
|  Agree, no trucks on Main Street |  Vine Street would be perfect! |
|  Disagree, trucks bring jobs and economic activity |  Senior citizens need transportation |
|  Bypass for large vehicles- noise is too much for sidewalk seating and enforcement for speed and noise on Main Street. |  Just need more dining/shopping and less financial offices |
|  True for County Line Rd also |  Agreed! |
|  Walking path to connect downtown to a Riverwalk path would add access to the water |  Feels like Bluffton already has a bustling downtown with easy access for pedestrians and vehicles |
|  More art galleries |  Agree!-Yes, maybe issues are less the type of business and pedestrian traffic, and more how to draw and retain visitors for extended periods of time. |
|  Thriving district invites others to join in |  Eliminate bump out sidewalks @ Main and Elm |
|  Close Vine Street between Main and alley- create pedestrian space |  Totally agree, hate the bump outs- Also agree on bump outs- |
|  agree- I like this yes! |  Disagree, I like these |

The survey indicated many people would like more restaurant options. Would you support more fast-food restaurants or sit-down restaurants?

Fast Food	Sit Down
8%	92%

Suggestions

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-chain quick serve • Something like Bonefish Grill in Columbus • Irish pub- not a chain • Family dining • American home cooking • Brewery • Keep what we have open | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream parlor- open all year round • More local restaurants like Greenhorn • Late night place for after activities/games • Live music • Quick serve • Food trucks and/or pop-ups (shared kitchen idea, ex. Buddy Dairy Hall) |
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How would you describe your ability to access high-speed internet at your Bluffton home?

27 Good

5 Negative

24 Need Competitor

24 Decent

3 Very Negative

6 Not Applicable

- Great speed, need to end the monopoly by provider
- In town works great, 200 mbps
- Pay \$75 for 300 mbps which is fair, but ending the virtual monopoly would benefit all
- Spectrum is alright, but would love a gigabit connection with symmetrical upload and download speed like Amplex, which looks like it currently has plans of expanding onto county line rd. and east, but not into town. I don't know what regulations/etc. it takes to get into town, but I would strongly encourage it. The prices are 79.99 for 1000/1000, where I currently pay 94.99 for 400/25 with Spectrum. There is a growth map available at <https://amplex.net/residential-fiber>
- We have CenturyLink and have been having trouble with it. It shuts down frequently.
- Fairly easy, but internet seems to go out quite often
- Affordable high-speed internet access is important - we saw this highlighted during the pandemic when schools were closed - many other things are also available through mobile access - how do we make this affordable for all?
- I work from home and have 400Mbps down and 20Mbps up. The upload speed is the limiting factor and I would like to see faster symmetric options typically only available with fiber.
- More options- higher speeds
- More options
- Poor
- Good but expensive
- Expensive, we pay our own
- Just okay
- Too expensive
- Inconsistent, drops out several times a week
- Awful! Live outside Bluffton, it has stopped 1/3 mile from house

What kind of new recreational facilities would you (or your family) participate in?

Walking/Biking/Hiking/Parks- 12 mentions

We would spend lots of time in parks, playgrounds, walking paths, and using the bike paths. A splash pad for kids would be tremendous.

Continue network of pedestrian pathways - safe commute to other facilities - businesses - without being on roadways. Connect to other communities.

Indoor Pool/Pool- 14 mentions

Indoor swimming pool is the major missing recreational facility missing. The college and high school have a swim team but they have to use Ottawa's pool for practice and meets.

Splash pad

Indoor pool not just at a nursing home. community center for kids, dog park

Indoor Play Area/Gym- 4 mentions

Indoor playgrounds for winter time!

A free recreation center, like the Lincolnview community has.

Another indoor facility that teams could use for indoor practice during the winter months would be nice.

Community Center/recreation spots- 21 mentions

Dog park, pickle ball, climbing wall, racquetball courts

Anything geared towards kids or kids with disabilities

Indoor walking

Put-put Golf, band shell/amphitheater performance space,

Exercise classes with certified instructors

Indoor pool, yoga studio, upgrade tennis courts, HS track

For a population of 4,000 residents, Bluffton already has plenty of outdoor parks and recreational options - most of which are connected via miles of bike paths. I would support some sort of partnership between the village and Bluffton Family Recreation to expand and/or improve the indoor recreation options.

Fitness Park. Nature Park

A real auditorium for plays and concerts

Daycare for elders not in institutions.

Pickle ball, covering the pool for all year use, adding saunas/steam rooms at BFR. An electronics cafe for learning and recreational use.

Indoor pool not just at a nursing home. community center for kids,

Need more shops- 5 mentions

The town has no nightlife to speak of. More restaurants, cafes, art galleries, wine tastings and maybe even a craft brewery. A record store!

Pizza, video game type restaurant

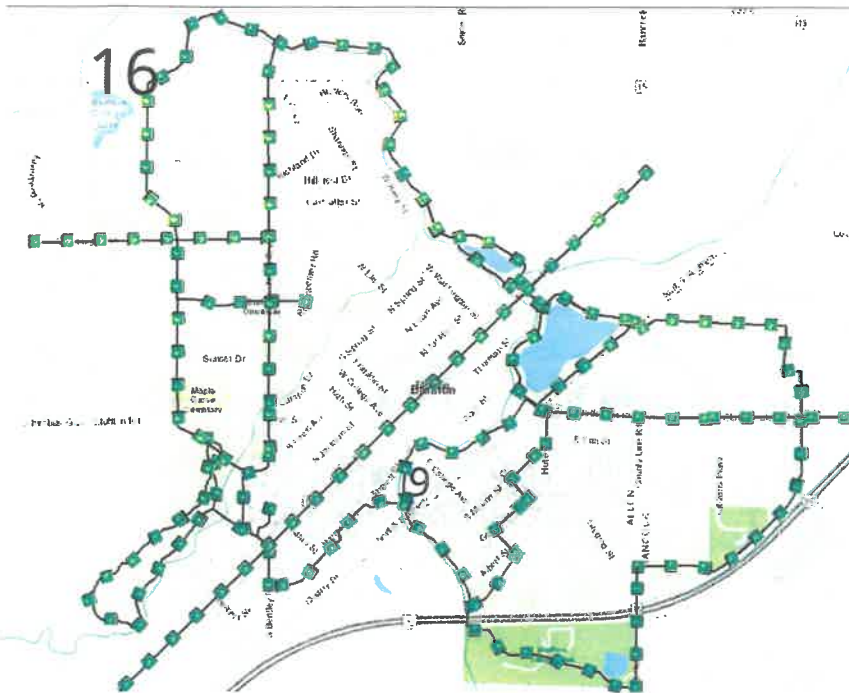
A shooting range, archery, axe throwing

Would prefer locally owned, unique restaurants to "chain" restaurants. Would like to see a "fine" dining option and another sit-down restaurant. Preferably, not a burger/pizza joint.

Responses from Oct 19th Open House Event:

- Lego room
- nice putt putt (pirate themed)—I love this idea! Even Findlay and lima don't have good courses
- splash pad
- Laser tag
- high robes course
- hiking trails
- Art/pottery
- mountain bike trails
- outside obstacle course
- Bocce court
- Outside movies
- horseback riding
- Thai chi classes
- Computer/tech classes
- Basketball court at the village park
- climbing wall
- nature/outdoor ed center
- skatepark
- outside pickleball
- more bike trails
- indoor pool
- covered farmers market (pavilion)
- Amphitheatre
- Foreign films
- Update BFC would also be a good start
- escape room
- dog park
- Park building with education classes
- Tennis wall
- board game parlor/rental
- business
- tracks for HS, JH, and others

Where would you like to see additional parks and rec space added?



Is expanding the sidewalk network important to you?

Yes	No
73%	27%

- Sidewalks have a "cleaner" look, gives opportunity to explore all areas and see different homes and buildings- Let's make Bluffton really walkable
- Need wider sidewalks and not next to road
- Maybe not a pressing? Recent events over the last decade have made it much better
 - Crossing County Line to Lion's Club pathway is a little challenging
- Need walk on E. Elm for children
- Sidewalk from Benty Rd to Buckeye Park
- Start by enforcing current zoning rules by having new/recent builds. Put in the required sidewalks
- Sidewalk to bowling alley
- Have the current curbs that are new repaired- shamefully crumbling already and new.
- Connect the paths to each other please
- Safer for kids to walk around

Does Bluffton need more entertainment for young adults?

Yes	No
78%	22%

- Suggestions:
- Pump track, skatepark, RC plane park
 - Music/concerts
 - Professionals Club
 - Bluffton needs a permanent billboard on I75 reading: *America's Best Town- Next Exit*
 - Hangout space for teens (like junior center)
 - Connection help with M.H. and social investment to community that increase by maintaining community image
 - Shut Vine Street evenings and weekends, allow outdoor seating/eating/alcohol during these times.

■ = In support ■ = Against
■ = Cautious ■ = Question

Where would the funding both initial and ongoing come from?

- None/Don't Know- 23
- Expand/Maintain- 4
 - Expand village park or improve use of Motter Park
 - Fix up Buckeye Park
- General Support- 4
- Need/Request (unspecified)- 6
 - Would like to see a dedicated soccer and baseball/softball facility. Soccer fields are spread throughout the area. Baseball and softball struggle for field time and parking is a challenge during peak season at the village park. Additional bike/walking paths. x3 (specific mention of yearly tournament)
 - Wherever there is room to accommodate adequate parking and restroom facilities
 - Easy biking or walking distance from center of town
 - Annex more land
- Suggestion- 27

- By arboretum
- Out by the fast food joints
- Especially if making use of current brown field sites like the old car wash opposite the community market
- Around the Bluffton Benroth bridge area and the park there. Behind the Centre or beside it in the field.
- Owners of this area include high school and Riley View apartments.
- South end of town
- To the pool, water park
- Green/nature corridor between Motter park and Bluffton U. Nature preserve, so there is a natural hiking path between them (not a paved path)
- Where main street intersects with county line. Maybe on Main out by the bowling alley.
- Beside the high school tennis courts. Nature park with bushes and trees since it's in a flood zone location. Recreational items could include simple park bench with swing
- Mini parks in the alleys
- Behind John's Body shop by the lake
- Close to downtown, ex the old Family Dollar converted into a park
- Further extension of the bike path would be great! I'm not sure what spots have been evaluated for this but an extension back into the nature preserve would be a nice feature (or connection of the path to Pandora!). A splash pad would be amazing...these are quite popular and would be a great attraction for the town to people from other communities with small children. We could find a spot near the pool or Buckeye for this. The connection of Motter Metro park to the Parkview development via a bridge over the Riley would be nice for people walking in town that want access without walking down Cols Grove Bluffton Rd. Large area of land behind Cobb Lake on Lake street could be used for a park/playground area.
- Adding an indoor pool near the BFR would be great. More dedicated bike trails anywhere
- Off SR 103 between existing businesses and the CNB offices

Would you support a program to add more art/beautification around the village?

Yes No
85% 15%

What kind?

Would this create more division, i.e. thin blue line on Main Street

- Fewer flags- more decorations
- Bury as many powerlines, etc. on old streets as possible
- Support local artists
- Beautiful entrance @ 103, lights on the rock @ 140 exit
- The arboretum should be finished and interspersed with picnic tables and a walking trail. There should be more picnic tables around Cobb Lake. Also, there should be directional signage at exit toward arboretum, lakes, and picnic spots.
- Would love to see the "control boxes" that is for the stop lights decorated. I've seen some beautiful art on those in other cities and countries.
- Would love to see the manholes say Bluffton and have an image of town hall or something like that.

- Yes, great way to make the space more welcoming to younger people (specifically art installations- also way to bring in more people)
- Love the Stratton flower arrangements! Always uplifting
- I think our downtown is the prettiest around
- Depends on cost, scope, size, and how funded
- We do a nice job of this now. Maintain but more with caution.
- Maybe a lower lever priority. Still a good option though.

	= suggestion		= cautious
	= support		= question

Do you think the Village needs more resources for?

Fire
Yes No
85% 15%

EMS
Yes No
85% 15%

Police
Yes No
85% 15%

Equipment is good, volunteer pool is limited

I don't know, but I fear if there would be a large emergency we would struggle. But I now if we had an emergency text line to civilians- many would jump to help

Sustainability of volunteer service is at risk

"Thank you to All First Responders!!"

Would you support a downtown electric vehicle charging station to serve visitors at local retail and dining establishments?

Yes No
62% 30%