

# Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

June 12, 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, May 22, 2023

## **Bills**

## **Public Comment:**

### **Committee Reports**

Insurance Committee: June 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Boards & Commissions**

Tree Commission: May 30<sup>th</sup>

## **LEGISLATION**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-2023**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR NATURAL GAS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2023**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ALLEN-CHAMPAIGN-HARDIN-MADISON-SHELBY-UNION JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-2023**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEAVERDAM CONTRACTING, INC., OF BLUFFTON, OH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-2023**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

### **Emergency**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEAVERDAM CONTRACTING, INC., OF BLUFFTON, OH 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\*)**

Village Council – Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Natural Gas Aggregation Public Hearings – Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Village Council – Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Tree Commission – Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm

## **Public Comment**

**Adjournment** – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting May 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Stahl, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 8, 2023. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

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

The Fiscal Officer gave the following readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Resolution 18-2023 – A resolution authorizing the Allen County Commissioners to act as the purchasing agent and governmental aggregator for natural gas for the Village of Bluffton, Ohio. Cupples motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Steiner. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 19-2023 – A resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District. Talavinia motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Steiner. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Resolution 20-2023 – A resolution authorizing the submission of a NatureWorks Grant Program application and declaring an emergency. Cupples motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved. Stahl motioned to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Sehlhorst. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Stahl motioned, seconded by Sehlhorst, to approve the hiring of the 2023 Pool Staff as included in the attached document. Roll Call: Yes (4) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (1) Steiner, motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Talavinia, to approve the special event request for the 55<sup>th</sup> Bluffton Festival of Wheels event on June 16, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Main St. will be closed from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Steiner motioned, seconded by Cupples, to approve the special event request for a Baccalaureate service for the High School seniors on May 25, 2023. College Ave. between Main St. and Jackson St. will be closed from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Roll Call: Yes (5) Messrs: Cupples, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned to adjourn the meeting.

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

Bluffton Beyond Tomorrow on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Bluffton in Bloom on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Utilities Committee on Monday, May 15 at noon.

Tree Commission on Tuesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Natural Gas Aggregation Public Hearings on Monday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

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MAYOR

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FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON  
VOUCHER REPORT 6/12/2023

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ABIGAIL MICHAEL	279.68	Police	FLIGHT FROM DC COPS EVENT
AG-PRO	422.97	Street	SKID STEER SERVICE
AIM MEDIA MIDWEST	653.68	Administrative	ADVERTISING
ALL SERVICE AERATION, INC	882.50	Park	PORTABLE TOILETS
ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVEL. GROUP	1,500.00	Administrative	ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION
ALLOWAY TESTING	1,634.00	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	17,184.98	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	1,097.74	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
AQUIONICS, INC	4,790.88	Sewer	UV PARTS
BAIN ENTERPRISES, LLC	1,655.00	Water	VALVE KEYS
BIKE CRAZY LLC	235.81	Police	NEW BIKE ACCESSORIES
BLACKBURN, JESSE	36.20	Administrative	SUPPLIES
BLUFFTON FLYING SERVICE	5,000.00	Airport	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	93.60	Multiple	STONE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	60.89	Multiple	STONE
Bryan Lloyd	213.03	Administrative	BOOTS
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	43.40	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	168.93	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	169.98	Multiple	CABLE
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	2,750.00	Water	GARAU & GEIGER BIDDING
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	4,900.00	Street	MUNICIPAL LOT
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	1,750.00	Park	TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY - SRK PROPERTY
CHOICE ONE ENGINEERING	562.50	Sewer	SR 103 SANITARY ENGINEERING
CINTAS	76.16	Administrative	UNIFORMS
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CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	170.49	Police	BODY ARMOR EQUIPMENT
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	6,421.56	Police	NATIONAL POLICE WEEK EXPENSES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	3,953.55	Police	NATIONAL POLICE WEEK EXPENSES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	500.45	Multiple	DPW TABLET
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	24.46	Street	GOLF CART CABLE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	37.29	Pool	FLAG POLE RING
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	40.65	Police	MEALS FOR TRAVEL TO COURT CASE
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	1,377.55	Police	NATIONAL POLICE WEEK EXPENSES
CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK	130.00	Pool	POOL START UP CASH
CONNECT PARENT CORPORATION	211.75	Administrative	PHONES
DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC.	3,681.44	Sewer	SEWER CLEANING
DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC.	3,991.89	Airport	AIRPORT LATERAL CHAIN SCRAPING
DENNIS MORRISON	51.29	Administrative	MAYOR PHOTO FRAMING
DIPNARINE, SARA	142.15	Pool	PAINT SUPPLIES FOR POOL
DOMINION EAST GAS	694.13	Multiple	NATURAL GAS
DOTY, MICHAEL	323.71	Police	PD AUTO REPAIRS
GARY'S REPAIR	166.84	Multiple	PARTS & SUPPLIES
GARY'S REPAIR	31.18	Multiple	PARTS & SUPPLIES
GARY'S REPAIR	110.67	Multiple	PARTS & SUPPLIES
GLOBAL ELECTRIC, INC	1,187.28	Pool	SLIDE PUMP REPAIR
HOHENBRINK EXCAVATING	13,013.02	Capital Improvements	LAWN & JACKSON WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
HOWELL RESCUE SYSTEMS, INC.	852.50	Fire	PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
JUSTIN SHANNON	638.25	Land & Buildings	TOWN HALL CLEANING
KLEEM	1,578.86	Street	STREET SIGNS
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	471.80	Multiple	PARTS
LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC.	50.00	Administrative	ADDRESS SEARCHES
LONNY KENT	827.32	Police	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WASHINGTON DC
M&R PLUMBING & HEATING	76.40	Sewer	PARTS
MARATHON FLEET SERVICES	2,293.87	Multiple	FUEL

MATHEW OGLESBEE	23.94	Police
MIDNET MEDIA	180.00	Administrative
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	2,275.00	Police
NORTHWESTERN OHIO SECURITY SYSTEMS	196.00	Land & Buildings
OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING	375.00	Police
OHIO TREASURER	38,339.66	Multiple
PERRY CORPORATION	2,305.66	Administrative
PERRY CORPORATION	216.45	Administrative
PERRY CORPORATION	21.99	Administrative
PERRY CORPORATION	28.71	Administrative
PERRY CORPORATION	1,391.71	Rescue
RENT ALL MART	165.33	Park
ROQUEMORE ENTERPRISES, INC.	925.00	Street
RUMPKE	23,253.20	Refuse
RYAN BURKHOLDER	83.59	Police
RYAN BURKHOLDER	108.34	Police
RYAN BURKHOLDER	687.91	Police
SMARTBILL	951.74	Multiple
SMARTBILL	1,422.35	Water
SMITH PAVING & EXCAVATING	140,721.07	Street
SPARTA 2002 DESIGNS & PROMOTIONS INC.	740.00	Police
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	93.64	Multiple
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	96.82	Multiple
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	713.30	Multiple
STRATTON GREENHOUSES	363.42	Pool
SWANK, KYLE	161.35	Administrative
THE LAWFT	17.98	Police
THE LAWFT	57.10	Police
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	1,391.80	Land & Buildings
TREASURER OF STATE	346.25	Land & Buildings
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	114.00	Administrative
USA BLUE BOOK	2,174.77	Sewer
UTILITY SERVICE CO, INC.	43,065.32	Water
VERIZON WIRELESS	87.55	Multiple
VERIZON WIRELESS	160.58	Multiple
VETTER LUMBER CO.	43.05	Multiple
WALLACEPANCHER GROUP	4,208.71	Airport
WALLACEPANCHER GROUP	17,025.21	Airport
WALLACEPANCHER GROUP	31,477.50	Airport
WESSLER ENGINEERING	155.00	Sewer
Wilson, Jennifer	100.00	Pool
Wilson, Jennifer	1,024.08	Pool
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	4,772.01	Administrative
	<u>411,426.69</u>	

WASHINGTON DC REIMBURSEMENT  
WEB HOSTING  
CRUISER CAMERA SERVICE AGREEMENT  
MONITORING  
H. HANNAH SCHOOL OFFICER TRAINING  
LOAN PAYMENT  
IT CONTRACT  
IT CONTRACT  
IT CONTRACT  
IT CONTRACT  
EMS CHIEF WORKSTATION  
TRENCHER RENTAL  
VEHICLE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE  
TRASH SERVICES  
PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT  
MILEAGE FOR BACK THE BLUE EVENT  
WASHINGTON DC REIMBURSEMENT  
BILLING SERVICES  
CCR MAILING  
SR 103 CURB REPLACEMENT  
K9 ADVERTISEMENT COINS  
SUPPLIES  
SUPPLIES  
SUPPLIES  
FLOWERS FOR POOL  
BOOTS  
UNIFORMS  
UNIFORMS  
ELEVATOR REPAIR  
ELEVATOR CERTIFICATION  
PO BOX 63 RENEWAL  
TESTING SUPPLIES  
WATER TOWER PEDISPHERE  
CELL PHONES  
CELL PHONES  
SUPPLIES  
TAXI LANE REHABILITATION  
TAXI LANE REHABILITATION  
TAXI LANE REHABILITATION  
SANITARY ON-CALL SERVICES  
ID PRINTER  
LIFEGUARD SUITS  
INCOME TAX REFUNDS

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 6/2/23 51,654.80  
MEDICARE 708.91  
OPERS 4,205.43  
OP&F 4,215.08

MAY MONTHLY 2,569.00  
MEDICARE 37.22  
OPERS 269.03  
FICA 40.14

Council Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Insurance Committee met on June 7 at noon to discuss the renewal for Dental, Vision, and Life and Disability. In attendance was Mayor Johnson, Dave Steiner, Jerry Cupples, Jesse Blackburn, and Kevin Nickel.**

**Dental is up 4%, Vision stayed the same, and Life and Disability went down \$120.00 per year.**

**The Insurance Committee recommends to accept the new proposal.**

**Adjourned at 12:11**

**Jerry Cupples Chairman**

Insurance Committee  
6/7/2023

Dental	Current 2022-23 Premiums			New 2023-24 Premiums			Annual Increase	Pay Period Increase
	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Per Pay Period	Monthly Premium	Annual Premium	Per Pay Period		
Employee Only	23.85	286.20	11.01	24.80	297.60	11.45	11.40	0.44
Employee/Spouse	48.66	583.92	22.46	50.61	607.32	23.36	23.40	0.90
Employee/Child(ren)	53.76	645.12	24.81	55.91	670.92	25.80	25.80	0.99
Family	81.71	980.52	37.71	84.98	1,019.76	39.22	39.24	1.51
Vision	No change for 2023-24							
Life & Disability	\$120 Savings per year							

Tree Commission  
Village of Bluffton  
Tuesday, May 30th, 2023

Present: Leo Herrera, Radha Tague, Becky Ramey, John Summers, Jesse Blackburn, Ben Stahl.

### **Previous Action Items**

#### **Arbor Day 2023:**

A Burr Oak was planted in the Arboretum on April 29th, as well as a Pin Oak in the Village Park, and two London Plane trees in Buckeye Park; all donated, and planted as memorial trees.

### **Current Business**

#### **Riley Creek Village tree removal/replacement:**

Final draft of notification letter to homeowners and HOA was presented to Tree Commission members, and was approved for distribution to the homeowners. Jesse will send out notifications to homeowners, along with a response form for homeowner feedback. Tree commission members will review a list of trees currently available for Fall planting from Stratton Greenhouses—Becky will email list to the other members—and select 3-4 varieties as options for planting in Riley Creek Village. Selections will be reviewed at the next meeting, and a shortlist of 3-4 different trees will be selected for planting in the neighborhood. Homeowner feedback will be taken into consideration, and a planting plan will be developed.

#### **SRK:**

Tree Commission members were presented with the anticipated design layout of the soccer fields on the land donated by SRK. Potential locations for tree plantings were evaluated. There is potential for substantial planting along the northern edge of the property. Ideas for types of trees, the general layout, and the desired ambience/effect were discussed. Jesse will contact a landscape architect to provide a design draft to kickstart the design process. The design draft will be reviewed by Tree Commission members at the next meeting, and further refined.

#### **Tree Maintenance:**

Becky brought to the attention of the Tree Commission a potentially diseased Serviceberry tree on Lawn Ave. The tree has a black growth on the trunk, with the appearance of some type of fungus. A community member has offered to evaluate the substance under the microscope, to aid in identifying treatments to preserve the health of the tree. Appropriate remedial actions will be determined pending the evaluation.

A tree on the corner of College and Mound streets, which had been previously identified for potential removal, has been approved for removal by the homeowner. The homeowner has requested that another tree be planted in its stead. The Village of Bluffton has been notified that the tree should be removed at the earliest convenience.

**The next Tree Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 7:00pm.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR NATURAL GAS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON, OHIO.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2023, the residents of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio voted in favor of gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas generation rates to residential and small business consumers, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Allen County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of all Townships and Villages in Allen County as the governmental aggregator, and;

**WHEREAS**, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation and;

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

**SECTION 1:** The Village of Bluffton, Ohio Village Council hereby authorize the Allen County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas for the residents of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio.

**SECTION 2:** This resolution shall be copied to the Allen County Commissioners, 204 N Main St. Suite 301, Lima, Ohio 45801

**SECTION 3:** 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

I, the undersigned, Fiscal Officer of Village of Bluffton,  
Allen County, Ohio, do hereby certify.  
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official  
record of said Village of Bluffton as recorded in said Journal.

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Fiscal Officer, Village of Bluffton  
Allen County, Ohio





## North Central Ohio Solid Waste District

Serving Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union Counties

April 27, 2023

All NCO Solid Waste District Communities

Re: *NCO Solid Waste District Solid Waste Management Plan Update Ratification*

Dear Elected Official(s):

The NCO Solid Waste District (District) recently finalized its new solid waste management plan for 2024 to 2038. The District Policy Committee adopted the draft solid waste plan on April 24, 2023. The adopted draft solid waste management plan is the culmination of a lengthy process of data collection, analysis, program development, Ohio EPA review and public input, that took more than a year to complete. In accordance with Ohio law, the District is providing each board of county commissioners, and the legislative authority of each municipality and township located within the District, for ratification pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55.

You may review the District's adopted draft solid waste management plan update at the following link to the District's web site:

<https://www.ncowaste.org/nco-solid-waste-plan>

Using this link, you may download and review the plan prior to voting on its ratification. Please retain this letter, and the email it was attached to, along with an electronic copy of the plan or the link that provides a copy of the plan, for your records per the Ohio Public Records Law. A summary of the solid waste plan is also attached.

The link presents the plan documents in PDF format. If you need to upgrade your Adobe Reader you may go to the following web address to obtain a free copy of the latest version at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>. For your convenience, we have attached a summary of the new plan to this email which includes a comparison to the old plan.

The time period for ratifying the new plan is **May 1, 2023 to July 29, 2023**. Pursuant to Section 3734.55 of the Ohio Revised Code, each board of county commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation and township in the District shall approve or disapprove the new plan by ordinance or resolution returned to the District within the time frame above. The Plan is ratified by each county in the District if it is approved by (1) each board of county commissioners, (2) the municipal corporation having the largest population within each county, and (3) a combination of municipal corporations and townships representing at least sixty percent (60%) of each county's population.

**For the last two plan updates, your community did not vote against the District's plan in the ratification process. We appreciate your continued support for this Plan Update.**

Because of the 90-day period for ratification, which cannot be extended, we would appreciate your immediate attention to this request. A sample resolution is attached for your convenience.



Please mail or email your resolution or ordinance approving or disapproving the Plan to:

Mr. Jack DeWitt  
Executive Director  
NCO Solid Waste District  
815 Shawnee Road, Suite D  
Lima, OH 45805  
jack@ncowaste.org

We look forward to hearing from you with your resolution within the 90-day ratification period of **May 1, 2023, to July 29, 2023**. Resolutions passed prior to or after the ratification period are not countable towards ratifying the plan. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 419-228-8278 if you have any questions regarding the ratification process or the solid waste plan update document. If needed, I am happy to attend a meeting to further explain the process and to discuss the new plan.

Thank you for your assistance in this process.

Sincerely,

Jack DeWitt  
Executive Director

Enclosure



# North Central Ohio Solid Waste District

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## Introduction

The North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (District) will submit its updated Solid Waste Management Plan to all cities, villages and townships in Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby and Union Counties for approval. This approval process, also known as ratification, is the final step before the District seeks approval from Ohio EPA to implement this new solid waste plan.

The following executive summary of the solid waste plan has been created for the elected officials within each county to demonstrate how the District's solid waste plan benefits each community. The District offers a wide variety of programs and initiatives that offer real value to its counties and communities.



The District has been a leader in solid waste management programming including developing Pay-As-You-Throw curbside programs, conducting highly successful household hazardous waste recycling program including Ohio's first ever mobile HHW collection, assisting communities with trash and recycling contracts with private sector haulers and supporting and investing in recycling processing including the newly updated Union Recyclers in Marysville and the first recycling facility in Ohio to be partially powered by solar energy at the Shelby County Recycling Center.

## Recycling Programs

The District offers numerous recycling collection programs designed to divert as much solid waste from landfills as possible: The programs include with 2019 metrics:



- 21 Curbside Recycling Program – **7,000 tons recycled**
- 57 Drop-off Recycling Programs – **3,300 tons recycled**
- 26 Yard Waste Management Operations – **28,000 tons recycled**
- Household Hazardous Waste Management – **13 tons recycled**
- Scrap Tire Recycling – **7,000 tons recycled**
- Automobile Batteries and Used Oil Recycling – **35 tons recycled**
- Commercial Recycling – **22,500 tons recycled**
- Industrial Recycling – **162,500 tons recycled**
- Electronics Recycling – **33 tons recycled**
- Recycling Facilities – **12,800 tons recycled**

## Residential/Commercial/Industrial Grant Programs

- EPA Market Development Grants and Promotion
- EPA Community Development Grants and Promotion
- EPA Scrap Tire Grants and Promotion
- Recycling Assistance Funds – **\$74,417 awarded in 2019**
- Community Clean-Up Program – **\$27,351 awarded in 2019**

## Residential/Commercial Education and Awareness Programs

- Web site, direct engagement, flyers, mailers and video content will be offered



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### *Solid Waste Disposal Capacity*

This demonstration is one of the fundamental requirements of the solid waste plan. The District conducted a regional capacity analysis that has demonstrated that there is enough disposal capacity for all of the solid waste generated by residents and businesses for the entire planning period.

### *Goals*

The District meets or exceeds all of the State Solid Waste Management Plan goals as required by Ohio EPA. The District has demonstrated that over 80% of the population in each county has access to recycling such as curbside and drop-off programs. The District has programs in place to meet, exceed or work towards achieving all 10 goals of the 2020 State Solid Waste Management Plan.

### *Financing the Plan*

The District will finance the updated solid waste plan through the contract fee through designation. Solid waste generated and destined for disposal within the District must be sent to a designated facility. The District has a contract with each designated facility that submits \$6.00 for every ton received. The fee is split to fund the District operations (\$4.00) and for the MRF fund (\$2.00). The District portion of the fee has not changed since before 2007. The MRF fee funds the repayment of the loan for the capital improvements to Union Recyclers and also provides funds for overall support of the two District recycling facilities regarding repairs and improvements. The recycling centers fund their operating expenses from the sale of recyclables. Neither fee is projected to increase with this Plan Update.

### *Your Community's Responsibility*

Each community in the six-county area comprised of the District will be asked to approve the solid waste plan during the following ratification period: May 1, 2023 to July 29, 2023. The process requires each community to: review a copy of the plan, act on the plan within 90 days and submit a copy of the resolution or legislation to the District. Failure to act on the plan is considered by the State of Ohio to be a negative vote.

### *What if the Plan is Not Ratified?*

If local ratification does not occur, the Director of Ohio EPA is required, by state statute, to prepare a plan for the District and order the District to implement the state's plan. This could negatively affect the District because local control of our plan would be relinquished to Ohio EPA. The plan you will vote on was developed through a local planning process and contains the recommendations, programs and initiatives from the District's Policy Committee. These programs and initiatives will provide for a cost effective and environmentally safe solid waste system for the District and will expand recycling opportunities and increase recycling participation. The District urges communities to learn more about this plan in order to make an informed decision.

For more information, contact the District at 419-228-8278 or visit online at [www.ncowaste.org](http://www.ncowaste.org).

You may review the District's adopted draft solid waste management plan update at the following link to the District's web site: <https://www.ncowaste.org/nco-solid-waste-plan>

**Thank you for reviewing the plan and voting for its approval between  
May 1, 2023 and July 29, 2023!**

**Resolution No. 19-2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ALLEN-CHAMPAIGN-HARDIN-MADISON-SHELBY-UNION JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS; the Village of Bluffton, Ohio (Village) is located within the jurisdiction of the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District (District).

WHEREAS, the District Policy Committee prepared and adopted a final draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3734.53, 3734.54 and 3734.55.

WHEREAS; the District has provided a copy of the Draft Final Solid Waste Management Plan for ratification to each of the legislative authorities of the District.

WHEREAS; the Village must decide whether it approves of said Solid Waste Management Plan within ninety days of receipt of the Final Draft Plan.

NOW, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Village Council of Bluffton, Ohio:

1. The Village of Bluffton either (please indicate):
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ approves the District Solid Waste Management Plan; or
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ disapproves the District Solid Waste Management Plan
2. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to send the District a copy of this resolution to the attention of Mr. Jack DeWitt, Executive Director, Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste Management District, 815 Shawnee Road, Suite D, Lima, OH 45805 or by email at jack@ncowaste.org.
3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution/ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Sections 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by the governing body of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio by the following vote:

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
SOLICITOR

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEAVERDAM CONTRACTING, INC., OF BLUFFTON, OH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, The Council finds that competitive bidding has been held for the Geiger Street Water Main Replacement project, and;

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the bidding process was conducted according to law. Bids were opened on the date and time advertised and thereafter reviewed by Choice One Engineering. That review finds that Beaverdam Contracting, Inc., of Bluffton, OH has the lowest, best bid for the project.

WHEREAS, An emergency exists in that approval and timely acceptance of this bid is needed for efficient maintenance of Village infrastructure all for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio and;

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

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to accept the bid and execute an agreement with Beaverdam Contracting, Inc., of Bluffton, OH for the Geiger Street Water Main Replacement.

SECTION 2: That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth in this resolution.

SECTION 3: 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

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEAVERDAM CONTRACTING, INC., OF BLUFFTON, OH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, The Council finds that competitive bidding has been held for the Garau Street Water Main Replacement project, and;

WHEREAS, The Council finds that the bidding process was conducted according to law. Bids were opened on the date and time advertised and thereafter reviewed by Choice One Engineering. That review finds that Beaverdam Contracting, Inc., of Bluffton, OH has the lowest, best bid for the project.

WHEREAS, An emergency exists in that approval and timely acceptance of this bid is needed for efficient maintenance of Village infrastructure all for the benefit of the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Bluffton, Ohio and;

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

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to accept the bid and execute an agreement with Beaverdam Contracting, Inc., of Bluffton, OH for the Garau Street Water Main Replacement.

SECTION 2: That an emergency exists for the reasons set forth in this resolution.

SECTION 3: 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

## Village of Bluffton

### Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



06-12-23

#### 2023 - UPCOMING PROJECTS:

1. **S.R. 103 Pedestrian Pathway:** TBD - 2023 Both S.R. 103 projects have been awarded to Helms and Sons Excavating, Findlay, OH.
2. **Co. Line Rd. Pathway:** TBD - 2023
3. **S.R. 103 Resurfacing - ODOT:** TBD - 2023
4. **Geiger St Water Main Replacement:** Replacement of approximately 550 feet of 4" water main with a new 6" water main along Geiger Street has been awarded to Beaverdam Contracting, Inc. (BCI), from Bluffton, OH for a contract price of \$128,064.00
5. **Garau St. Water Main Replacement:** Replacement of approximately 540 feet of existing 4" water main with new 6" water main along Garau Street has been awarded to BCI from Bluffton, OH for a contract price of \$118,500.00.

#### COMMUNITY MESSAGE

Bluffton Community Pool is ready for another season. Thanks to all our local youth who work there!! 😊



**Congratulations 2023 Bluffton High School and University Graduates and families.**

##### Friendly Mowing Reminders:

- Regularly mow your lawn and maintain below 7"
- Best Practices - do not blow grass onto the street



**Festival of Wheels:** Event is scheduled for Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.



##### How to report Zoning Code concerns

- Zoning violations can be reported on Village website: [www.bluffton-ohio.com/zoning](http://www.bluffton-ohio.com/zoning)



Mosquito misting will occur on Wednesday nights after dusk when conditions are favorable. Thursday will be the alternate evening

Additional security measures are being added at the Bluffton pool resulting from a recent break in.



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant O.R.C. Section 4929-26 (C) the Village of Bluffton will hold two separate public meetings regarding Bluffton's Natural Gas Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. The first hearing will be held at 6:00 pm with a second hearing at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023 in the third floor Community Room at the Town Hall at 154 N. Main St., Bluffton, OH.

Bluffton's Natural Gas Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance describes the policies and procedures by which the County will carry out its government aggregation programs, including those policies and procedures which relate to rates and customer service.

Jesse Blackburn, Village Administrator

Legal #199 - June 7, 14, 2022 (2t)

#### 2022 AWARDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE:

1. **Jackson & Lawn Water Main Replacement:** Final Payment has been approved.
2. **Bentley Rd. Intersection Improvements:** Final Payment has been submitted for approval.
3. **S.R. 103 Sanitary Replacement:** Work has been completed. Final inspections are being finalized.



## **2022 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report**

The report can be found at [www.bluffton-ohio.com/water](http://www.bluffton-ohio.com/water), or at the Town Hall.

In summary: The water supplied by the Village of Bluffton in 2022 was compliant with EPA regulations. A copy of this report is attached and to meet federal notification requirements, a copy of this report will be mailed out to all water customers on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A website link will be shared on the water bills due July 25<sup>th</sup> to Village water customers to obtain this report as well.

**Request motion from Council:** to hire Kent Karhoff to serve as an independent contractor for the Village of Bluffton in the position of gravedigger from June 1, 2023 to June 1, 2024.

**Special thank you to Dennis Morrison:** Denny has volunteered his time to contact past Mayors of Bluffton who were missing from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor recognition area, obtain the necessary pictures and have them professionally placed in the provided space. Bluffton is fortunate to have him as a community member, for many reasons! Thank you!



**Council Committee Meetings:** Request for meetings with:

**Insurance Committee** – Property and Casualty Insurance quote to be renewed by July 1 – meet June 16<sup>th</sup> (?)

**Ordinance Committee** – Accessory Dwelling Unit discussion

**Utilities Committee** – Tapping Fees – June 16<sup>th</sup> (?)



# VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

## Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report For 2022



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

### What's the source of your drinking water?

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

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

### What are sources of contamination to drinking water?

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

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

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

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses

a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

*Who needs to take special precautions?*

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

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

*About your drinking water:*

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The Village of Ottawa conducted sampling for total coliform bacteria, inorganics, and synthetic and volatile organic contaminants during 2022. Samples are collected for more than 80 different contaminants, most of which were not detected above minimal amounts in the Village of Ottawa's water supply. The Ohio EPA requires the Village to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though accurate, may be more than one year old. The data presented within the Consumer Confidence Report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Division of Drinking and Ground Water regulations.

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

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

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water and an indication of the effectiveness of the filter system. The turbidity limit is set by the EPA is 0.3 NTU in 95% of the daily samples and shall not exceed 1.0 NTU at any time. As reported on the spreadsheet, the Village's highest recorded daily turbidity result for 2022 was 0.29 NTU and the lowest percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits was 100.0%. Meaning Ottawa's filtration system is highly effective in limiting turbidity (cloudiness) in your drinking water.

Listed in the following Table 1 is information on the contaminants that were found in the drinking water in 2022.

How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?

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

Jesse Blackburn, Administrator

P.O. Box 63

Bluffton, OH 45817-0063

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

Definitions and Terms Contained in this Report

1. Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
2. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
3. Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L): Are units of measure for the concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.
4. Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/L): Are units of measure for the concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.
5. Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
6. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
7. Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
8. Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
9. Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU): A nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
10. < : A symbol which means less than; a result of <5 means that the lowest level that could be detected as 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.
11. N/A: not applicable
12. Below Detectable Levels (BDL).

# Table 1

Contaminant (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation?	Year Sampled	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Microbiological Contaminants:</b>							
<b>Results from Ottawa Distribution System</b>							
Total Organic Carbon	TT	n/a	2.06	1.69-2.50	No	2022	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity (NTU)	TT	n/a	0.29	0.01-0.29	No	2022	Soil runoff
Turbidity (% meeting standard)	TT	n/a	0	100%	No	2022	Soil runoff
<i>*Total Coliform Bacteria MCL: Systems that collect fewer than 40 samples per month, one (1) positive sample.</i>							
<b>Inorganic Contaminants:</b>							
<b>Results from Ottawa Distribution System</b>							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.019	n/a	No	2022	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.14	0.84-1.37	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	3.31	0.28-3.31	No	2022	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Radioactive Contaminants:</b>							
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	0	3.61	n/a	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium - 228 (pCi/L)	5	0	1	n/a	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Residual Disinfectants:</b>							
<b>Results from Bluffton Distribution System</b>							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	1.62	0.61-2.85	No	2022	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants:</b>							
<b>Results from Bluffton Distribution System</b>							
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] (ppb)	60	n/a	35.3	17.7-55.0	No	2022	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes [TTHM] (ppb)	80	n/a	52.1	35.9-67.3	No	2022	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Unregulated Contaminants:</b>							
<b>Results from Ottawa Distribution System</b>							
			Maximum Level Found	Range of Detections		Sample Year	
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)			17.5	7.3 - 17.5		2022	
Dichlorobromomethane (ppb)			9.9	4.1 - 9.9		2022	
Bromoform (ppb)			1.3	0.5 - 1.3		2022	
Chloroform [trichloromethane] (ppb)			77.6	17 - 77.6		2022	
<b>Results from Bluffton Distribution System</b>							
<b>Lead and Copper</b>	Collection Date	90th Percentile	# of Samples Over AL	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	9/9/2020	0.052	0	1.3	1.3	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead (ppb)	9/9/2020	0	0	0	15	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
\*Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available technology.  
ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.  
ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.  
pCi/L: a measure of radioactivity.  
Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.  
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

# VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON

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

## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

EVENT NAME: Jazzercise Bluffton Saturday Free Community Workout DATE(S) OF EVENT: 6-3-23 thru 8-26-23

APPLICANT: Chase Eikenbary/Jazzercise Bluffton CONTACT PERSON: Chase Eikenbary

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 122 Thurman Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817 CONTACT'S PHONE: 419-722-4427

E-MAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL): chasefrancis@hotmail.com

LOCATION OF EVENT: Vine Street, Bluffton, Ohio

TIME(S) FOR EVENT: 8:00 a.m. start time. Setup at 7:00 a.m. and will be completed by 10:00 a.m

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT: Free community Jazzercise workout for 1 hour every Saturday morning in front of Greenhorn restaurant area on Vine Street. All members of community welcome, bring hand weights if you have some and water to hydrate, stay in downtown Bluffton after class to enjoy the farmer's market and other small businesses!

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

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

ROAD CLOSURE: yes, Vine Street, Bluffton, Ohio

SECURITY: no NUMBER OF OFFICERS REQUESTED: n/a  
Number of officers required to cover security will be determined on a case by case basis upon consultation with the Chief of Police

EMS SERVICES: n/a FIRE DEPT. SERVICES: n/a

WATER SERVICE: n/a OTHER SERVICES: n/a

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

PLEASE LIST VENDORS, SERVICES, CONTRACTORS, ETC. INVOLVED WITH EVENT:

NAME OF VENDOR	TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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


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

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 5-26-23

EVENT'S INSURER: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company \* Village must be listed as Additional Insured

ATTACH CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE TO APPLICATION Please see attached

**APPROVED**

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE: 

Cert. of Liability  
Insurance  
DATE: 5-31-23



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Date: June 5, 2023

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

### POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

May 2023

Police Calls for Service - 572

Police Chief Calls for Service- 112

Traffic Stops - 32

Citations - 4

### CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Criminal Damaging	-	1
Domestic Violence	-	1
Forgery	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	1
OVI	-	1
Pursuit	-	1
Warrant Pick Up	-	2
Violation of Protection Order	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>





# Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 06/05/2023 10:16  
 Login ID: tourkholder  
 Year: 2023

Bluffton Police Department  
 ORI Number: OH0020100  
 Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident Property	10	31.3	3	9.4	9	28.1	3	9.4	7	21.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	32
Accident w/Injuries	2	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	42.9	0	0.0	2	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Administrative	178	22.3	134	16.8	186	23.3	166	20.8	130	16.3	5	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	799
Aiding Other	12	18.2	14	21.2	18	27.3	7	10.6	14	21.2	1	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	66
Alarm	7	20.0	4	11.4	5	14.3	8	22.9	10	28.6	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	35
Animal Complaint	2	25.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	2	25.0	2	25.0	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
Assist Police	26	22.2	18	15.4	13	11.1	19	16.2	37	31.6	4	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	117
B&E	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Civil Complaint	1	8.3	2	16.7	2	16.7	2	16.7	5	41.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12
Court	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Criminal Damage	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Deceased	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Domestic	2	33.3	0	0.0	1	16.7	2	33.3	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Drug Abuse	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Escort	1	20.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Fight Complaint	0	0.0	2	33.3	0	0.0	2	33.3	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Fire	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Follow Up	16	23.5	15	22.1	25	36.8	2	2.9	9	13.2	1	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	68
Forgery	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Hazmat	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Hit Skip	2	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
House/Building	289	22.2	221	17.0	290	22.3	250	19.2	218	16.7	34	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1302
Intoxicated Driver	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Investigate Vehicle	20	14.4	29	20.9	24	17.3	36	25.9	26	18.7	4	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	139
K9 Request	1	25.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Lock Out	6	19.4	10	32.3	1	3.2	7	22.6	5	16.1	2	6.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	31



# Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 06/05/2023 10:16  
 Login ID: fourkholder  
 Year: 2023

Bluffton Police Department  
 ORI Number: OH0020100  
 Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Menacing	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Mentally Ill Person	2	16.7	2	16.7	0	0.0	3	25.0	5	41.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12
Miscellaneous	71	26.7	52	19.5	62	23.3	47	17.7	30	11.3	4	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	266
Missing Juvenile	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Motorist Assist	2	9.5	5	23.8	3	14.3	3	14.3	8	38.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21
Paper Service	3	14.3	5	23.8	6	28.6	4	19.0	3	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21
Patrol Check	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Pedestrian Stop	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Prisoner Escort	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Prowler	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Sex Offense	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Sexual Abuse	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Shots Fired	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Stolen Vehicle	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Suspicious Person	3	20.0	1	6.7	1	6.7	5	33.3	5	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	15
Telephone	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Theft	0	0.0	1	11.1	2	22.2	4	44.4	1	11.1	1	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	9
Traffic Obstruction	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Traffic Stop	36	15.8	31	13.6	67	29.4	59	25.9	32	14.0	3	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	228
Unruly Juvenile	0	0.0	2	33.3	2	33.3	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Unsecured Door	2	9.5	1	4.8	2	9.5	10	47.6	5	23.8	1	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21
Unwanted Guest	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Violating PTO	2	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Warrant Service	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3293</b>



# Officer Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 06/05/2023 10:55  
 Login ID: rburkholder  
 Statute: All

From Date: 05/01/2023  
 To Date: 05/31/2023  
 Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department  
 ORI Number: OH0020100  
 Badge Number: All

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<b>22 Probst</b>													
Warning													
4503.11A Expired License Plates	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21A SPEED/ACDA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.43A Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Warning Totals	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Traffic													
4511.44(A) Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Any Other Place (Driveways)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Totals	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>22 Probst Totals</b>	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4



# Incident Activity Report

Print Date/Time: 06/05/2023 10:15  
 Login ID: rburkholder  
 Layer: All  
 Areas: All

From Date: 05/01/2023 00:00  
 To Date: 05/31/2023 23:59

Bluffton Police Department  
 ORI Number: OH0020100  
 Incident Type: All

Hour	SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		TOTAL	
	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%	INCIDENTS	%
24	6	1.0	7	1.2	5	0.9	8	1.4	6	1.0	7	1.2	0	0.0	39	6.8
1	2	0.3	5	0.9	6	1.0	8	1.4	1	0.2	4	0.7	2	0.3	28	4.9
2	1	0.2	5	0.9	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.2	13	2.3
3	4	0.7	5	0.9	6	1.0	1	0.2	2	0.3	0	0.0	3	0.5	21	3.7
4	1	0.2	7	1.2	2	0.3	0	0.0	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	2.1
5	0	0.0	4	0.7	1	0.2	2	0.3	3	0.5	0	0.0	3	0.5	13	2.3
6	0	0.0	1	0.2	3	0.5	6	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	12	2.1
7	1	0.2	2	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2	3	0.5	1	0.2	0	0.0	8	1.4
8	1	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0.3	1	0.2	0	0.0	7	1.2
9	1	0.2	16	2.8	6	1.0	4	0.7	3	0.5	4	0.7	3	0.5	37	6.5
10	5	0.9	7	1.2	19	3.3	13	2.3	1	0.2	0	0.0	4	0.7	49	8.6
11	1	0.2	13	2.3	16	2.8	13	2.3	8	1.4	15	2.6	3	0.5	69	12.1
12	4	0.7	6	1.0	2	0.3	1	0.2	2	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2	16	2.8
13	0	0.0	2	0.3	1	0.2	5	0.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	1.4
14	4	0.7	3	0.5	4	0.7	1	0.2	3	0.5	1	0.2	2	0.3	18	3.1
15	2	0.3	2	0.3	5	0.9	1	0.2	1	0.2	3	0.5	2	0.3	16	2.8
16	1	0.2	2	0.3	3	0.5	1	0.2	3	0.5	2	0.3	1	0.2	13	2.3
17	3	0.5	4	0.7	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0	13	2.3
18	3	0.5	4	0.7	2	0.3	1	0.2	2	0.3	4	0.7	2	0.3	18	3.1
19	1	0.2	1	0.2	3	0.5	2	0.3	6	1.0	1	0.2	2	0.3	16	2.8
20	3	0.5	1	0.2	4	0.7	3	0.5	5	0.9	8	1.4	6	1.0	30	5.2
21	3	0.5	3	0.5	7	1.2	3	0.5	2	0.3	3	0.5	4	0.7	25	4.4
22	2	0.3	4	0.7	10	1.7	11	1.9	1	0.2	7	1.2	7	1.2	42	7.3
23	3	0.5	9	1.6	11	1.9	9	1.6	2	0.3	10	1.7	5	0.9	49	8.6
Totals:	52	9.1	113	19.8	119	20.8	97	17.0	62	10.8	75	13.1	54	9.4	572	100.00



# Ticket Summary

Print Date/Time: 06/05/2023 11:24  
Login ID: rburkholder

Bluffton Police Department  
ORI Number: OH0020100

As Of Date: 06/05/2023

Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
2 HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED/ 1 HEADLIGHT ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	0	1
Driving Under Suspension - FRA	0	0	0	4
Driving Under Suspension - OVI	0	0	1	1
Expired License Plates	0	1	4	6
Expired Plates	0	0	0	1
Fail to Yield Stop Sign	0	0	0	4
FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	0	1	1	8
Failure to Reinstate	0	0	1	1
Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	0	3	0
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Any Other Place (Driveways)	0	0	2	0
Failure to yield the right of way when turning left	0	1	0	1
Lights required at Dark	0	0	2	0
Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0	1
No Drivers License (NO OL)	0	1	5	5
Obedience to Traffic Control Devices	0	0	1	1
OVI	0	0	1	1
OVI Over .17 - Breath	0	0	1	1
PARKING FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC	0	0	1	1
PARKING WHERE SIGNS PROHIBIT	0	0	1	0
Plates from Another Vehicle	0	0	1	0
Reasonable Control	0	0	1	2
Right-of-Way When Turning Left	0	0	1	0
Rules for Starting and/or Backing	0	0	0	1
Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	0	1
Speed - 70MPH Freeway	0	0	0	1
Speed 25 MPH	0	1	1	5
Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	2
Speed 35 MPH	0	0	2	3
Speed 35 MPH	0	1	0	4
Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH)	0	0	0	1
Speed 55 MPH	0	0	1	0
Speed 65 MPH	0	0	1	0
SPEED/ACDA	0	0	1	0
Tail Lights and Illumination of Rear License Plate	0	0	1	0
WINDOW TINT	0	0	1	0
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>57</b>



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June 8, 2023

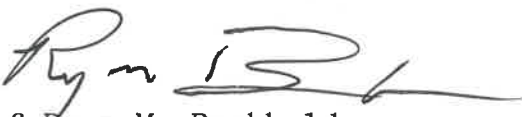
Police Update

Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

I have included additional police information for the public regarding our Safety information and Media Releases.

1. Ohio State Highway Patrol - Media Release
2. Friendly Reminder on Fireworks in the village
3. Marimor School - Allen County Schools Presentation
4. 2023 Hancock County Police Memorial Pictures
5. Officer Hope Hannah Special Thanks from Bluffton Students
6. Officers receive a "Thank you" from a citizen.

Respectfully,



Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

# Marimor School - Allen County Schools

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Ashleigh King requested me to speak to four different class on being a police officer as a part of career day for the students. "It was a great honor to be a part of the wonderful students' class that day". Here are some photos from the event.



# **Class photo & Opportunity to try on some body armor**





# Great Questions & Class Photo



# Taser Demonstration & One more body armor fitting ....

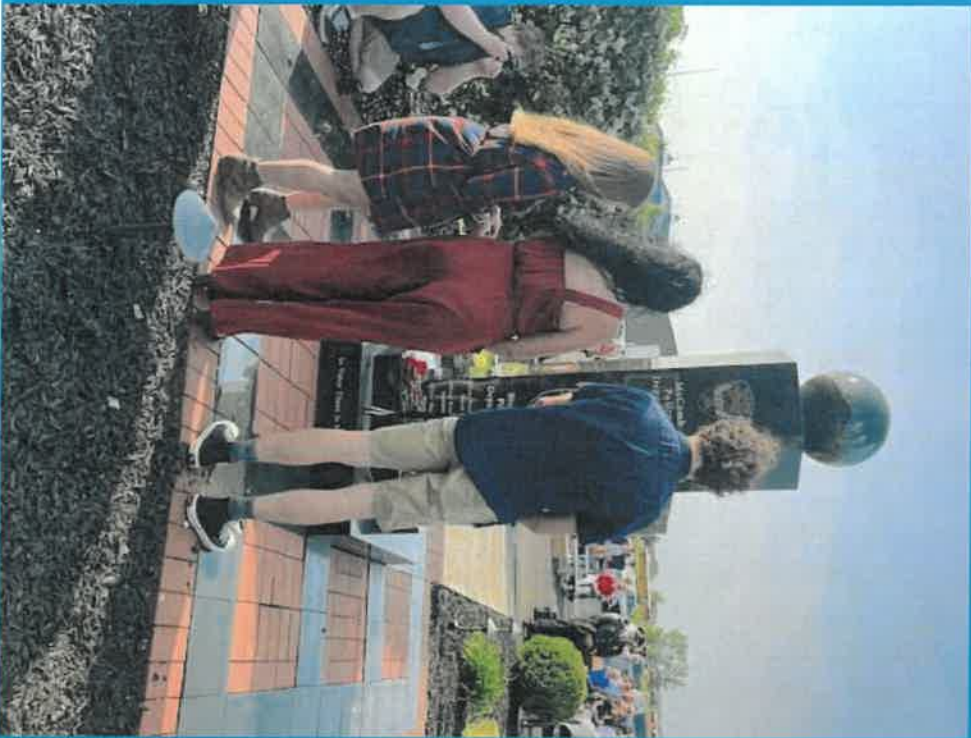




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# MOMENT OF SILENCE



## Ryan Burkholder

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**From:** Ohio State Highway Patrol <OSHP@info.dps.ohio.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023 3:58 PM  
**To:** Ryan Burkholder  
**Subject:** Troopers: Fatalities increase over Memorial Day weekend

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Ohio State Highway Patrol

# Media Release



For Immediate Release: May 30, 2023  
Contact: Lieutenant Nathan E. Dennis (614) 752-2792

## Troopers: Fatalities increase over Memorial Day weekend

COLUMBUS – The Ohio State Highway Patrol is reporting 22 crashes resulting in 23 deaths on Ohio’s roadways during the 2023 Memorial Day weekend according to provisional statistics. This is the highest number of traffic fatalities in Ohio since 2020 when 20 individuals were killed. The four-day reporting period began Friday, May 26 and ran through Monday, May 29.

During the reporting period, state troopers made 19,980 traffic enforcement contacts, including 399 impaired driving arrests, 233 drug arrests and 2,797 safety belt citations. In addition, the Patrol made 10,463 non-enforcement contacts including 2,107 motorist assists.

Motorists are reminded that roadway safety is a shared responsibility and are encouraged to call #677 to report drug activity and dangerous or impaired driving.

For a statewide breakdown of enforcement and crashes during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, please visit: [https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/static/links/MemorialDay2023\\_PIO.pdf](https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/static/links/MemorialDay2023_PIO.pdf).

# # #

23-063



Date: June 5, 2023

To: Village of Bluffton

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: 2022 Law changes for Fireworks (Friendly Reminder)

## Ohioans Can Discharge Fireworks on Specified Holidays Beginning Next Month

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – A new law allows Ohioans to legally discharge fireworks on certain holidays. Ohioans can legally discharge 1.4G consumer fireworks in Ohio on certain days unless the relevant political subdivision has chosen to ban their use. Under previous law, individuals could purchase consumer-grade fireworks in Ohio but had to transport them out of state within 48 hours.

### When can Ohioans discharge fireworks?

Beginning July 2022, unless limited by local laws, Ohioans can discharge consumer fireworks on the following dates and times:

- July 3, 4, and 5, and the weekends immediately before and after (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Labor Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Diwali (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- New Year's Eve (4 p.m.-11:59 p.m.)
- New Year's Day (12 a.m.-1 a.m.; 4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Chinese New Year (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Cinco de Mayo (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Memorial Day weekend (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- Juneteenth (4 p.m.-11 p.m.)

Any additional reading on this topic can be found at

<https://com.ohio.gov/about-us/media-center/news/ohioans-can-discharge-fireworks-on-specified-holidays-beginning-next-month>

Respectfully,

Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan M. Burkholder".



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**POLICE**  
BLUFFTON

## Bluffton Police Department

**From the Desk of Lt. Matt Oglesbee**

154 N. Main St.

Bluffton, Ohio 45817

419-358-2961 ext. 110

[oglesbeem@bluffton-ohio.com](mailto:oglesbeem@bluffton-ohio.com)

Abby,

I wanted to let you know that Bill Porter stopped at the office on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and wanted to thank you for your response to his traffic crash/medical emergency on SR 103 on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. He said that you and Officer Hannah were wonderful to him and he was very appreciative of your professionalism, and how kindly you treated him.

Thanks for all you do!

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cc: personnel file





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