

Village of Bluffton Council Meeting Agenda

June 23, 2025 at 7:00 PM



Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order, Mayor Johnson presiding
Pledge of Allegiance



Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Council meeting held on Monday, June 09, 2025.

Bills

Public Comment:

Committee Reports

Streets, Alleys, Lights & Sidewalk Committee: 06/18
Insurance Committee: 06/19
Parks & Recreation Committee: 06/23

Boards & Commissions

LEGISLATION

Village Administration Report:

Mayor:

Safety Services Reports:

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

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

- Parks & Recreation Committee – Monday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm
- Finance Committee – Wednesday, June 25th at noon
- Tree Commission – Thursday, July 9th at 7:00 pm
- Council Meeting – Monday, July at 14th at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Adjournment – Motion and Second

Village of Bluffton – Regular meeting June 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Cupples motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on May 27, 2025. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, 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 (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Stahl motioned, seconded by Kingsley, to approve the hiring of Ellie Hoffman as a head lifeguard at the pool for the 2025 pool season. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, Sehlhorst, Stahl, Steiner, and Talavinia. No (0), Abstain (0), motion approved.

Cupples motioned, seconded by Talavinia, to approve the hiring of Matt Stock as a full-time paramedic. Roll Call: Yes (6) Messrs: Cupples, Kingsley, 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.

Streets, Alleys, Lights, and Sidewalks Committee on Wednesday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Insurance Committee on Thursday, June 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee on Monday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting on Monday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee on Wednesday, June 25 at noon.

MAYOR

FISCAL OFFICER

VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON
VOUCHER REPORT 6/23/2025

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION
ABIGAIL MICHAEL	129.08	Police	REIMBURSE FOR TRAINING MILEAGE
AETNA	26,856.69	Multiple	HEALTH INSURANCE
ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVEL. GROUP	1,500.00	Administrative	ANNUAL SUPPORT
ALLOWAY TESTING	75.00	Multiple	TESTING
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	1,337.27	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
ANTHEM INSURANCE	239.25	Multiple	LIFE INSURANCE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	2,518.70	Park	PARKING LOT STONE
BLUFFTON STONE CO.	70.99	Multiple	STONE
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	490.77	Rescue	MEDICAL SUPPLIES
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	43.40	Administrative	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	170.00	Administrative	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	175.00	Multiple	CABLE
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	40.00	Multiple	CABLE
CHERRY'S OUTDOOR WORLD	12,312.00	Police	FIREARMS
CINTAS	165.28	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CINTAS	83.86	Administrative	UNIFORMS
CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC	2,770.00	Administrative	RETAINER
DEGEN EXCAVATING CO., INC.	5,088.44	Sewer	JETTING SIPHONS & MANHOLES
DEITERING LANDSCAPING	27,900.00	Park	LEGACY PARK SEEDING
ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	400.88	Multiple	NATURAL GAS
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC	136.44	Sewer	DMRQA STUDY
FAMILY HARDWARE DO IT BEST	1,378.11	Multiple	SUPPLIES
FIVE STAR MAINTENANCE & CONSTUCTION INC.	34,566.38	Capital Improvements	EMS BUILDING RENOVATION
GRAINGER INC	225.06	Park	TOILET PARTS
GREAT LAKES BILLING ASSOCIATES, INC.	1,249.30	Rescue	EMS BILLING SERVICE
GREAT LAKES CONTRETE RESTORATION INC.	3,510.00	Capital Improvements	POOL CONCRETE REPAIR
HACKENBERG, FEIGNER, BISHOP & WERTH, LLC	1,000.00	Administrative	SOLICITOR FEES
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	172.43	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC CO-OP	62.00	Multiple	ELECTRICITY
HOPE HANNAH	147.71	Police	BOOTS
JOHNS MEMORIALS	150.00	Cemetery	MONUMENT RE-SETTING
KLEEM	127.27	Street	STREET SIGNS
KOI ENTERPRISES, INC.	83.42	Multiple	PARTS
LEGACY FARMER COOP	1,207.20	Street	FUEL - NEW TANKS
LEXIS NEXIS RISK DATA MANAGEMENT INC.	50.00	Administrative	ADDRESS SEARCHES
MARKLEY'S PRECISION COMPANY	46,320.00	Capital Improvements	POOL PAINT, BLAST, CAULK
MARKLEY'S PRECISION COMPANY	21,932.89	Capital Improvements	POOL PAINT, BLAST, CAULK
MARKLEY'S PRECISION COMPANY	12,000.00	Capital Improvements	POOL PAINT, BLAST, CAULK
MIDNET MEDIA	360.00	Administrative	WEB HOSTING
NAGY EQUIPMENT SALES INC.	144.47	Street	HYDRAULIC LINE
NUTRIEN AD SOLUTIONS INC.	81.90	Park	COPPER SULFATE - LEGACY PARK
NUTRIEN AD SOLUTIONS INC.	2,483.09	Park	FERTILIZER - LEGACY PARK
OHIO EMS CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	300.00	Rescue	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING	600.00	Police	ACKERMAN TRAINING
PARR PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT, INC.	474.74	Police	RADAR TESTING
PATRIOT CONCRETE	315.00	Pool	DECK WORK
PENNY MCGINN	450.00	Cemetery	REFUND OF FOUNDATION
PERRY CORPORATION	3,582.21	Administrative	IT CONTRACT
PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL	4,401.50	Administrative	CYBER INSURANCE
PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL	112,033.00	Multiple	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE

SHELL FLEET PLUS	1,515.44	Multiple
SMARTBILL	80.00	Multiple
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	52.26	Multiple
STEVEN M. SWISHER	3,985.00	Police
STRYKER	723.11	Rescue
STRYKER	25.01	Rescue
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA	49,790.95	Water
WEBB INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.	4,842.00	Multiple
ZOLL DATA SYSTEMS	171.08	Rescue
INCOME TAX REFUNDS	6,514.04	Administrative
	<u>399,609.62</u>	

MAY FIRE & EMS	8,558.62
MEDICARE	124.11
OPERS	973.85
FICA	93.81

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL 6/13/25	82,345.02
MEDICARE	1,142.05
OPERS	7,513.28
OP&F	5,592.36

FUEL
BILLING SERVICES
SUPPLIES
CONVERSION EQUIPMENT
POWER COT
POWER COT
WATER
SAFETY SERVICES ACCIDENT INSURANCE
EMS CHARTS
INCOME TAX REFUNDS

Council Signature : _____

Date: _____

Village of Bluffton, Ohio

Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense

From: 1/1/2025 to 5/31/2025

Funds: A1 to I3

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Net Revenue YTD	Net Expense YTD	Unexpended Balance	Encumbrance YTD	Ending Balance	Message
A1	GENERAL FUND	\$2,085,739.06	\$2,112,924.05	\$2,375,279.26	\$1,823,383.85	\$619,339.06	\$1,204,044.79	
B1	STREET FUND	\$405,675.01	\$351,157.82	\$341,834.34	\$414,998.49	\$324,179.68	\$90,818.81	
B2	STATE HIGHWAY FUND	\$80,128.35	\$9,558.95	\$0.00	\$89,687.30	\$0.00	\$89,687.30	
B3	CEMETARY FUND	\$19,950.53	\$32,485.00	\$18,499.21	\$33,936.32	\$22,482.00	\$11,454.32	
B4	PARK FUND	\$231,930.97	\$242,845.67	\$121,376.63	\$353,400.01	\$58,606.56	\$294,793.45	
B5	BENROTH MEMORIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$4,084.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,084.63	\$0.00	\$4,084.63	
B7	COURT COMPUTER	\$5,113.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,113.14	\$0.00	\$5,113.14	
B8	DUI ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION	\$1,673.01	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$1,698.01	\$0.00	\$1,698.01	
C2	SWIMMING POOL DEBT SERVICE	\$863.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$863.28	\$0.00	\$863.28	
C4	BLUFFTON IN BLOOM	\$27,347.72	\$25,000.00	\$12,515.32	\$39,832.40	\$12,515.32	\$27,317.08	
C5	LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
D1	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$3,477.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,477.57	\$0.00	\$3,477.57	
D2	STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT	\$96,024.05	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$141,024.05	\$0.00	\$141,024.05	
D3	FIRE & RESCUE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$400,355.22	\$334,271.20	\$407,018.66	\$327,607.76	\$126,481.12	\$201,126.64	
D4	SWIMMING POOL IMPROVEMENT	\$43,186.40	\$100,000.00	\$30,397.24	\$112,789.16	\$74,561.88	\$38,227.28	
D5	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$7,587.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,587.00	\$0.00	\$7,587.00	
D6	AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT	\$146,110.98	\$6,544.62	\$6,041.05	\$146,614.55	\$9,032.89	\$137,581.66	
D8	TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT	\$209,893.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209,893.39	\$0.00	\$209,893.39	
D9	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$92,769.06	\$67,296.75	\$96,442.43	\$63,623.38	\$1,183.00	\$62,440.38	
E1	WATER FUND	\$96,298.69	\$461,251.90	\$364,454.83	\$193,095.76	\$621,369.97	(\$428,274.21)	
E2	SEWER FUND	\$129,047.74	\$339,963.05	\$196,913.62	\$272,097.17	\$165,151.89	\$106,945.28	
E7	REFUSE FUND	\$96,955.93	\$140,844.80	\$137,650.59	\$100,150.14	\$202,349.41	(\$102,199.27)	
E9	WATER/ SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$343,756.75	\$605,907.85	\$573,212.34	\$376,452.26	\$568,039.06	(\$191,586.80)	
F2	COMMUNITY EVENTS	\$5,880.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,880.77	\$0.00	\$5,880.77	
F3	COMMUNICATIONS FUND	\$6,960.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,960.24	\$0.00	\$6,960.24	
F4	POLICE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL	\$25,147.65	\$1,069.92	\$6,394.93	\$19,822.64	\$4,057.96	\$15,764.68	
F5	UTILITY RECOVERY	\$1,956.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,956.12	\$0.00	\$1,956.12	
F6	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	\$1,469.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,469.62	\$0.00	\$1,469.62	
F7	Shannon Cemetery Fund	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	
F8	POLICE K9 FUND	\$3,638.36	\$2,000.00	\$134.00	\$5,504.36	\$366.00	\$5,138.36	
G2	UNCLAIMED MONIES TRUST	\$225.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.20	\$0.00	\$225.20	
G4	CEMETERY PP TRUST - C/W	\$1,326.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326.66	\$0.00	\$1,326.66	
G5	CEMETERY PP TRUST - MATTER	\$524.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$524.37	\$0.00	\$524.37	

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From: 1/1/2025 to 5/31/2025

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Net Revenue YTD	Net Expense YTD	Unexpended Balance	Encumbrance YTD	Ending Balance	Message
H1	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - KIBLER	\$897.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$897.17	\$0.00	\$897.17	
H4	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - W COLLEGE	\$849.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$849.41	\$0.00	\$849.41	
H6	SPECIAL ASSMT - JACKSON ST	\$119.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119.67	\$0.00	\$119.67	
I1	ONE OHIO OPIOID	\$3,473.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,473.81	\$0.00	\$3,473.81	
I2	FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL	\$2,173.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,173.69	\$401.40	\$1,772.29	
I3	POLICE UNITY TOUR	\$497.50	\$0.00	\$493.50	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	
Grand Total:		\$4,585,708.72	\$4,878,146.58	\$4,688,657.95	\$4,775,197.35	\$2,810,117.20	\$1,965,080.15	

2024, June 17 Streets Meeting

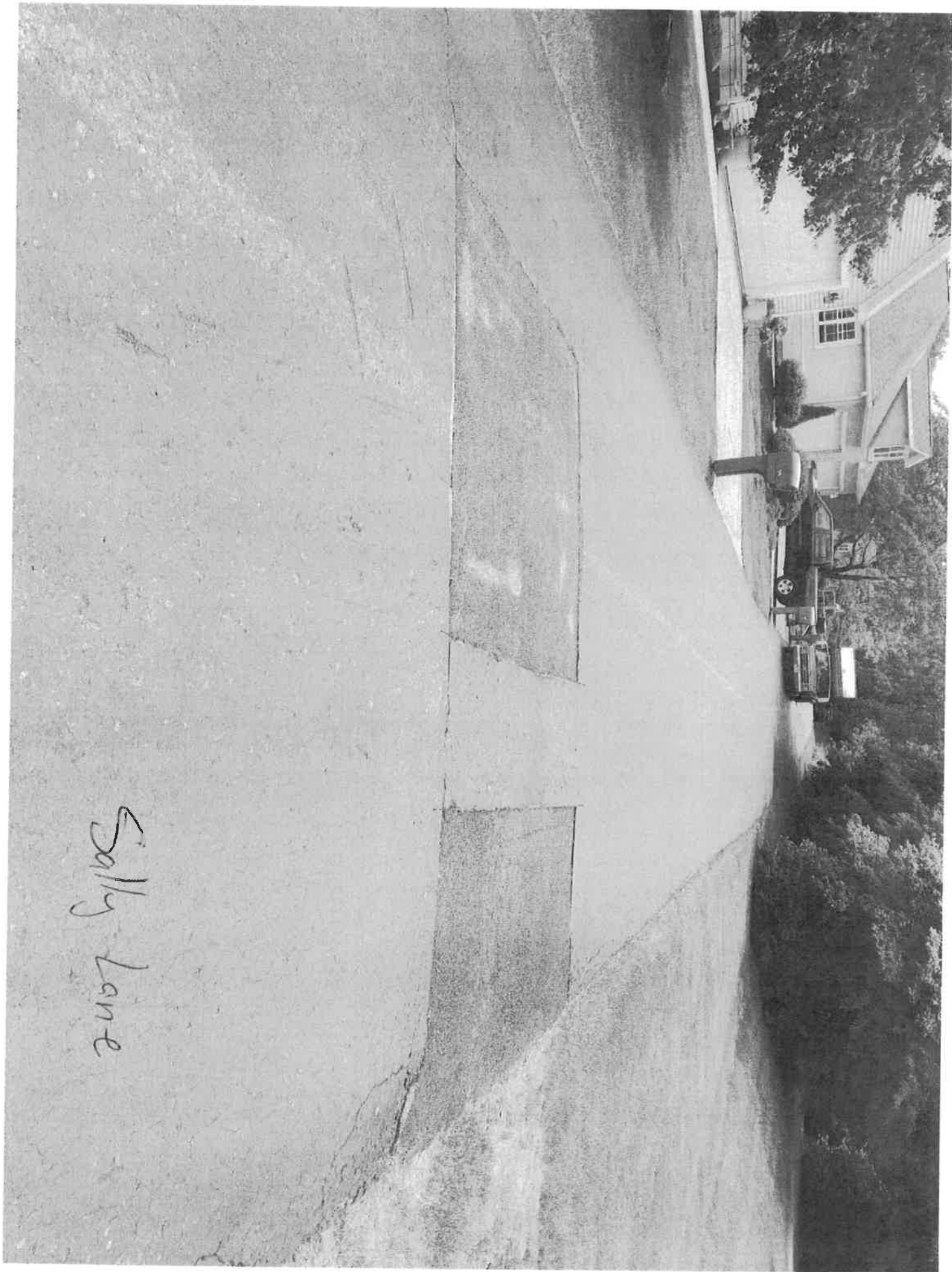
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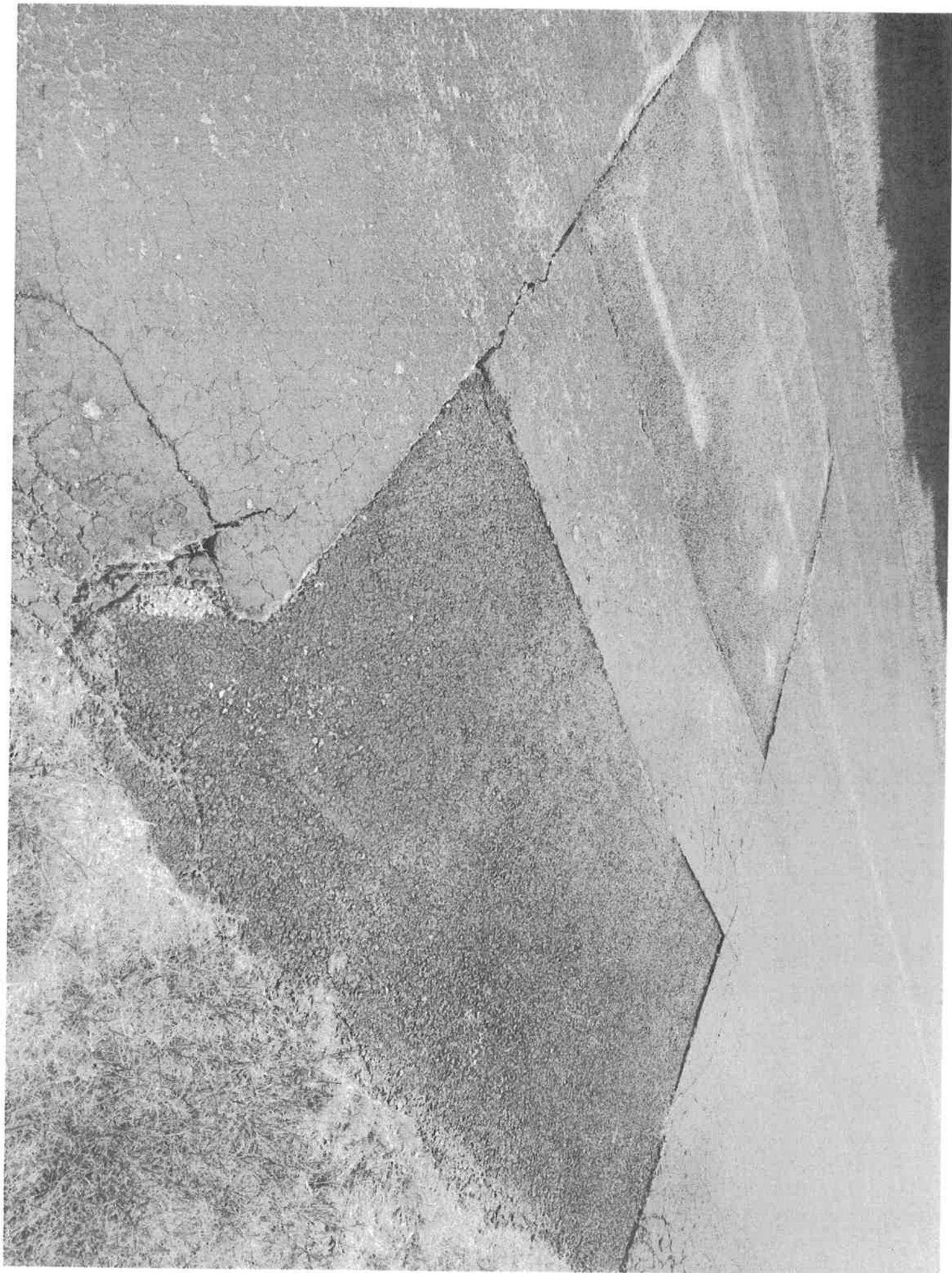
Present: Joe Sehlhorst, Jerry Cupples, Guest: Melissa Friesen

Topic 1: Sally Lane Maintenance (Private Drive) Bluffton Meadows Condo Association

- Melissa Friesen, Board Member of Bluffton Meadows Condo Association, is requesting Village repair sections of Sally Lane. Please see the pictures attached.
 - o Pictures include area on Sally Lane from four years ago when Village staff was trying to find a water leak. The patch has started to fail, and the street edge is beginning to crumble.
- Administration advised to contact John Wagner, President of the Association, to coordinate plan of action.

Sally Lane









Village of Bluffton

Administration's Report

To: Mayor Johnson & Council Members



06-23-25

Swimming Pool Update:

First day of the pool being open for business was Saturday, June 21!

The amount of water being lost from the pool is above average levels. Initial inspections have not revealed the source of the water loss, but water levels are being monitored and continued efforts will be made to provide a pool full of water for the remaining pool season.

Shuffleboard Court Closure

Due to continued vandalism of the shuffleboard courts from bicycle skid marks on the newly painted playing surfaces, the courts will be locked up and limited for use under the supervision of shuffleboard club members only.

The installation of surveillance cameras in public park spaces will be discussed in future meetings.

S.R. 103 Roundabout

Pre-Construction meeting being planned for early July. Updates to follow.

2026 Budget Items

Large capital items being planned for 2026 include the:

- replacement of an 8" water main that runs under I-75 between GROB and S.R. 103 in the driveway between Subway and Dunkin'.
- Replacement of curb and sidewalk with an emphasis on a "Complete Streets Design" on Jackson St. between Franklin and Vine St.

Mosquito Spraying

The weekly spraying to eliminate mosquitoes will occur on Wednesday nights after dusk when conditions are favorable. Thursday will be the alternate evening.

Committee Meetings:

- Utilities – June 26th at 8:30 AM
- Streets, Alleys, Lights & Sidewalk – week of June 30th
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Date: June 10th, 2025

To: Mayor Johnson and Council

From: Chief Ryan M. Burkholder

Reference: Police Department Monthly Report

POLICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

May 2025

Police Calls for Service- 648

Police Chief Calls for Service- 57

Traffic Stops - 31

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

Criminal Damaging	-	2
Domestic Violence	-	1
Juvenile Offense	-	1
Mental Health	-	1
Menacing	-	2
Miscellaneous	-	1
Theft	-	2
 Total	-	 10



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 06/10/2025 13:28
Login ID: rburkholder
Year: 2025

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident Property	2	6.7	10	33.3	8	26.7	6	20.0	4	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	30
Accident w/Injuries	1	20.0	3	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Administrative	153	23.6	102	15.7	191	29.5	102	15.7	77	11.9	23	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	648
Aiding Other	12	24.0	7	14.0	7	14.0	9	18.0	12	24.0	3	6.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	50
Alarm	4	13.8	5	17.2	4	13.8	7	24.1	5	17.2	4	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	29
Animal Complaint	0	0.0	4	25.0	3	18.8	4	25.0	5	31.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16
Assist Police	8	20.0	11	27.5	9	22.5	5	12.5	6	15.0	1	2.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	40
B&E	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Child Abuse	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Civil Complaint	0	0.0	2	25.0	3	37.5	3	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
Criminal Damage	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Deceased	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	66.7	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Domestic	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Escort	1	16.7	1	16.7	1	16.7	2	33.3	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Fight Complaint	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Fire	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Follow Up	8	25.0	3	9.4	9	28.1	9	28.1	2	6.3	1	3.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	32
Forgery	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Hazmat	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	75.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Hit/Skip	1	20.0	3	60.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
House/Building	381	16.3	483	20.7	498	21.3	473	20.3	382	16.4	117	5.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2334
Intoxicated Driver	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Intoxicated Person	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Investigate Vehicle	19	13.6	28	20.0	34	24.3	29	20.7	20	14.3	10	7.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	140
Lock Out	8	20.5	12	30.8	5	12.8	5	12.8	7	17.9	2	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	39
Menacing	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	1	16.7	2	33.3	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6



Incident Breakdown By Month Report

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Year: 2025

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly Totals
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Mentally Ill Person	0	0.0	1	14.3	2	28.6	2	28.6	2	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7
Miscellaneous	48	15.9	62	20.6	45	15.0	61	20.3	67	22.3	18	6.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	301
Missing Adult	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
Missing Juvenile	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Motorist Assist	9	45.0	5	25.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	1	5.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	20
Paper Service	4	33.3	3	25.0	2	16.7	2	16.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12
Pedestrian Stop	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Receiving/Recover	1	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	0	0.0	2
Sexual Abuse	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Shots Fired	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Special Detail	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Stolen Vehicle	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Suspicious Person	3	11.5	4	15.4	5	19.2	6	23.1	6	23.1	2	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	26
Telephone	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Theft	4	22.2	4	22.2	4	22.2	2	11.1	4	22.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18
Traffic Obstruction	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Traffic Stop	40	16.8	52	21.8	64	26.9	30	12.6	31	13.0	21	8.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	238
Unmuly Juvenile	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Unsecured Door	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6
Unwanted Guest	0	0.0	1	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
Warrant Service	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Total:	714	17.6	814	20.0	910	22.4	769	18.9	648	16.0	207	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4062



Incident Activity Report

Print Date/Time: 06/10/2025 13:28
Login ID: rburkholder
Layer: All
Areas: All

From Date: 05/01/2025 00:00
To Date: 05/31/2025 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	4	0.6	8	1.2	6	0.9	6	0.9	5	0.8	2	0.3	1	0.2	32	4.9
1	3	0.5	5	0.8	3	0.5	1	0.2	6	0.9	4	0.6	8	1.2	30	4.6
2	3	0.5	4	0.6	1	0.2	0	0.0	2	0.3	1	0.2	5	0.8	16	2.5
3	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	2	0.3	1	0.2	4	0.6	11	1.7
4	2	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2	1	0.2	3	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	1.1
5	0	0.0	2	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.5
6	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	0.6	2	0.3	10	1.5
7	2	0.3	2	0.3	3	0.5	4	0.6	1	0.2	1	0.2	2	0.3	15	2.3
8	5	0.8	3	0.5	5	0.8	4	0.6	4	0.6	4	0.6	7	1.1	32	4.9
9	4	0.6	5	0.8	7	1.1	2	0.3	6	0.9	5	0.8	5	0.8	34	5.2
10	4	0.6	3	0.5	8	1.2	7	1.1	4	0.6	5	0.8	2	0.3	33	5.1
11	2	0.3	9	1.4	6	0.9	4	0.6	7	1.1	6	0.9	3	0.5	37	5.7
12	4	0.6	11	1.7	3	0.5	3	0.5	4	0.6	3	0.5	3	0.5	31	4.8
13	4	0.6	12	1.9	11	1.7	9	1.4	5	0.8	12	1.9	9	1.4	62	9.6
14	3	0.5	2	0.3	2	0.3	5	0.8	4	0.6	4	0.6	1	0.2	21	3.2
15	5	0.8	4	0.6	2	0.3	7	1.1	12	1.9	11	1.7	2	0.3	43	6.6
16	3	0.5	3	0.5	1	0.2	6	0.9	5	0.8	2	0.3	6	0.9	26	4.0
17	5	0.8	4	0.6	6	0.9	2	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.3	3	0.5	24	3.7
18	0	0.0	3	0.5	0	0.0	4	0.6	2	0.3	5	0.8	1	0.2	15	2.3
19	5	0.8	3	0.5	2	0.3	7	1.1	7	1.1	0	0.0	2	0.3	26	4.0
20	3	0.5	5	0.8	7	1.1	3	0.5	2	0.3	2	0.3	5	0.8	27	4.2
21	3	0.5	8	1.2	3	0.5	5	0.8	7	1.1	9	1.4	7	1.1	42	6.5
22	4	0.6	6	0.9	11	1.7	6	0.9	7	1.1	4	0.6	5	0.8	43	6.6
23	4	0.6	3	0.5	2	0.3	6	0.9	6	0.9	2	0.3	5	0.8	28	4.3
Totals:	75	11.6	106	16.4	92	14.2	95	14.7	103	15.9	89	13.7	88	13.6	648	100.00



Ticket Statistics

Print Date/Time: 06/10/2025 13:33
Login ID: rburkholder
Statute: All

From Date: 05/01/2025
To Date: 05/31/2025
Ticket Type: All

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Warning													
4513.03A Lights required at Dark	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
4511.21B1a Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.68A4 PARKING WITHIN 10 FT. OF FIRE HYDRANT	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4511.75A Stopping for School Bus	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4503.11A Expired License Plates	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Warning Totals	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Traffic													
4511.21B3 Speed 35 MPH	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4511.21B2 Speed 25 MPH	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
4511.202A Reasonable Control	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4503.11A Expired License Plates	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Traffic Totals	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Totals	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21



Ticket Summary

Print Date/Time: 06/10/2025 13:32
Login ID: rburkholder

Bluffton Police Department
ORI Number: OH0020100

As Of Date: 06/10/2025

Statute Description	Current Month		Year to Date	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
1 TAIL LIGHT REQ./ LIC. PLATE LIGHT REQ.	0	0	1	0
2 HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED/ 1 HEADLIGHT ON MOTORCYCLE	0	0	2	0
Driving and Parking Upon Sidewalk or Sidewalk Area	0	0	1	0
Driving Under Suspension - License Forfeiture	0	0	0	1
DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL/DRUGS	0	1	0	1
Expired License Plates	2	1	22	3
Failure to Control - Weaving Course	0	0	1	0
FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	2	0	4	0
Failure to Yield - Stop Sign	0	1	8	3
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Any Other Place (Driveways)	0	0	0	1
Failure to Yield the Right of Way - Pedestrian in Crosswalk	0	0	1	0
Following Too Closely	0	0	1	0
Handicap Parking	0	0	0	4
Left of Center	0	0	2	0
Lights required at Dark	0	0	1	0
No Drivers License (NO OL)	1	2	2	5
Overtaking, Passing to Left of Center	0	1	0	1
Parallel Parking Far From Curb - Not More than 12"	0	0	1	0
PARKING FACING ONCOMING TRAFFIC	1	0	9	2
PARKING WHERE SIGNS PROHIBIT	0	2	8	7
PARKING WITHIN 10 FT. OF FIRE HYDRANT	0	0	1	0
PARKING WITHIN INTERSECTION	0	0	1	0
Plates from Another Vehicle	0	0	1	0
Reasonable Control	0	0	2	0
Rules for Starting and/or Backing	0	0	1	0
Speed - 20 MPH (School Zone)	0	0	13	3
Speed - 70MPH Freeway	1	0	2	0
Speed 25 MPH	0	1	0	1
Speed 25 MPH	0	5	40	16
Speed 35 MPH	8	3	50	3
Speed 50 MPH (also 45 MPH)	0	4	1	8
SPEED/ACDA	0	0	0	2
Stopping for School Bus	0	0	2	2
U-Turn on w/o 500 feet visibility	0	0	1	0
WINDOW TINT	2	1	7	4
Grand Totals	17	22	186	67

Ryan Burkholder

From: BMV Media Release <BMVMediaRelease@info.dps.ohio.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 12:43 PM
To: Ryan Burkholder
Subject: Beware of Scammers Claiming to be Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles



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For Immediate Release: **June 9, 2025**

Beware of Scammers Claiming to be Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has received reports of a possible texting scam being perpetrated on Ohioans today from scammers claiming to be from Ohio BMV.

Ohio residents have reported receiving text messages from scammers claiming to be from BMV and informing the recipients that they have an outstanding traffic ticket. The text then instructs the recipient to pay immediately to avoid a license suspension. This particular scam is a phishing attempt that is being reported by drivers nationwide and is designed to trick residents into giving up personal or financial information.

"If you receive this text, do not fall for this scam," said Ohio BMV Registrar Charlie Norman. "Do not click any links and delete the text. Ohio BMV will never send you a text demanding payment or requesting your personal information."

Ohioans can report scam attempts to the Federal Trade Commission by visiting reportfraud.ftc.gov. If you believe you have been a victim of a scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

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For additional information, contact:

Lindsey Bohrer at (614) 752-6585

LRBohrer@dps.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Vehicles(BMV) Final Notice: Enforcement Penalties Begin on June 11.

Our records show that as of today, you still have an outstanding traffic ticket. In accordance with Ohio State Administrative Code 15C-16.003, if you do not complete payment by June 10, 2025, we will take the following actions:

1. Report to the BMV violation database
 2. Suspend your vehicle registration starting June 11
 3. Suspend driving privileges for 30 days
 4. Transfer to a toll booth and charge a 35% service fee
 5. You may be prosecuted and your credit score will be affected
- Pay Now:

<http://bmvo.gov/dt.vip/pay>

Please pay immediately before enforcement to avoid license suspension and further legal disputes.
(Reply Y and re-open this message to click the link, or copy it to your browser.)



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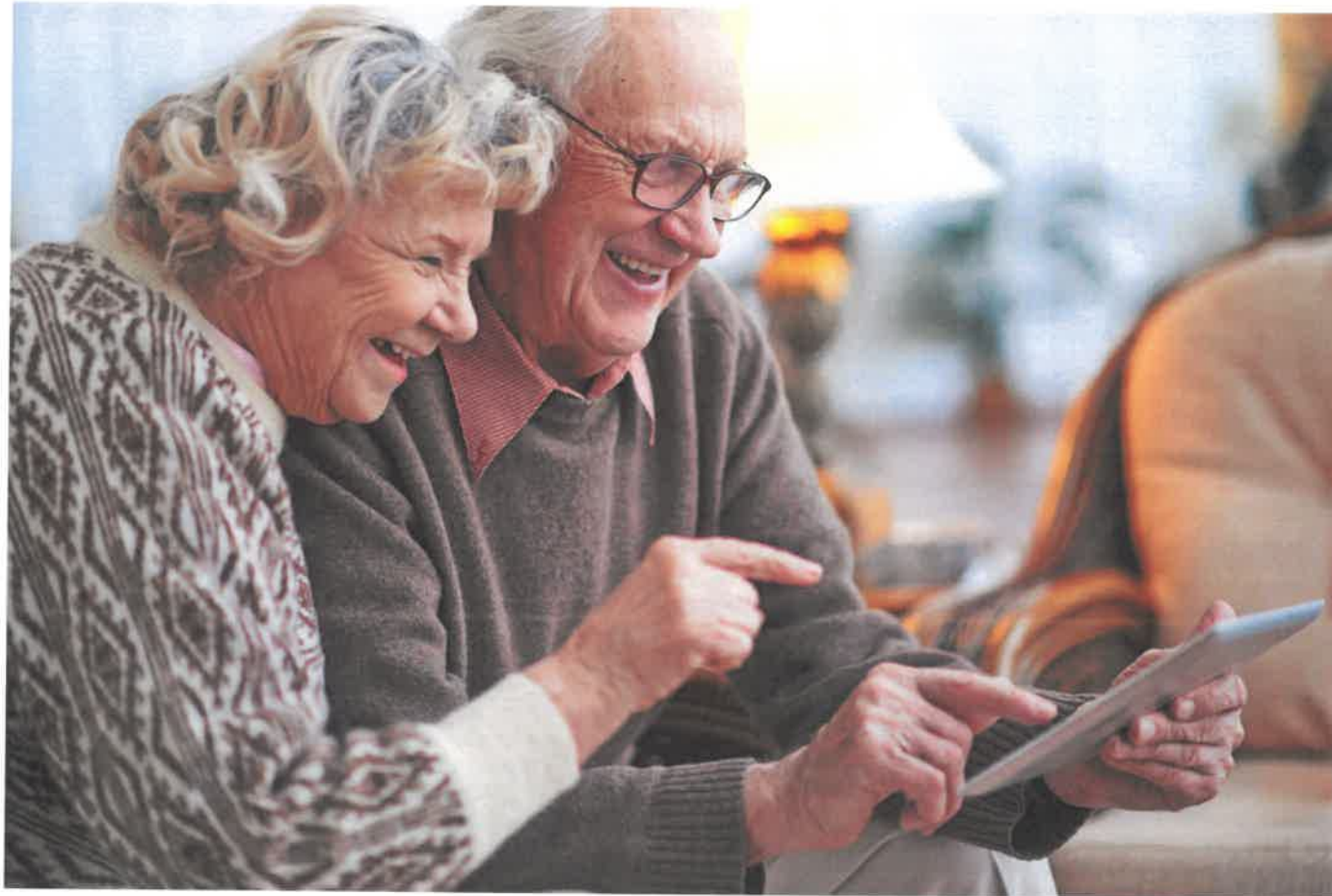


Ohio Attorney General's **Consumer Advocate Newsletter**

Keeping Consumers Safe and Informed



June 2025



Can you spot the signs of financial abuse against older adults?

Coinciding with Elder Abuse Awareness Day – on June 15 – the Consumer Protection Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office is increasing their awareness efforts, educating Ohioans about the signs of financial abuse directed at senior citizens.

Financial abuse can be difficult to stop for many reasons. Victims may:

- Be reluctant to address the abuse due to their relationship to the abuser (who may be a friend or family member).
- Fear retaliation or shame.
- Depend on the abuser for assistance.

- Have health-related reasons (physical or emotional) or economic reasons for not reporting the abuse.

The financial abuse is commonly committed by:

- Family members, friends, neighbors or acquaintances.
- Professionals (such as attorneys, doctors, financial advisers, clergy members, caregivers or guardians).
Strangers (such as telemarketers, door-to-door salespeople, romance scammers or fake media personalities).

Indicators of financial abuse include:

- Fraudulent signatures on financial documents.
- Unpaid bills.
- Sudden changes in spending habits, wills or other financial documents.

To help prevent financial abuse, older adults are encouraged to:

- Plan ahead for legal, medical and estate matters.
- Seek independent advice from someone you trust before signing any documents. If you don't understand a financial transaction or think you're being pressured to give money and/or sign a document, ask for help.
- Avoid sharing personal information with people you do not know well.
- Make sure that proper screening and background checks are completed before hiring someone to provide services.

The attorney general's Consumer Protection Section encourages all older adults to

ALWAYS:

- Be skeptical when someone requests immediate payment via wire transfer, prepaid money card, gift card, cryptocurrency or a peer-to-peer payment network.
- Research businesses and charities through the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau.
- Beware of strangers who seek new, quick personal connections with you or a loved one.
- Get all verbal promises in writing and review all contracts.
- Keep your personal information private and shred outdated documents containing such information.

NEVER:

- Send money to a stranger via wire transfer, gift card or prepaid credit card.
- Give personal information to someone who has contacted you unexpectedly.
- Carry unnecessary personal information, such as your Social Security card, in your wallet or purse.
- Pay to win a prize or sweepstakes.
- Give anyone "remote access" to your computer.
- Pay the full amount before any work has been done.
- Sign documents you don't understand.

Consumers who suspect a scam or an unfair business practice should contact the Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

Cryptocurrency-related scams: What to do after a financial loss

With today's economic uncertainty and increasing media coverage of cryptocurrency, some consumers are falling victim to investment scams and other cons involving one or more types of digital money.

Cryptocurrency, often called *crypto*, is not government-backed; it can be highly volatile and risky.

Common types of crypto include Bitcoin, Ethereum, Binance and Ripple. Scammers like to request crypto because it lacks many of the same protections that other payment forms provide and is hard to trace once the money is sent.

If you've fallen victim to a cryptocurrency-related scam, the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) suggests taking these six steps:

- 1) Stop sending crypto. If you've already sent cryptocurrency to a scammer, the scam might not end there. For example, the scammer – posing as a government official, a recovery company or an attorney – may suggest that, for a fee, he/she will get your lost funds back. This is never true; it's part of a recovery scam to simply steal additional money from victims.
- 2) Gather documentation. Be sure to write down all the scam details that you recall, including conversations you had and the date/time of these calls, chats or messages. Be sure to save any website addresses, screenshots, phone numbers, email messages and email addresses as well as any receipts or statements of any payment types you used to pay the scammer (credit cards, crypto, money transfers, prepaid money cards, etc.).
- 3) Protect your identity and financial accounts. If the scammers have your payment information, take action to block their access to your accounts. If you gave out your personal information, such as a Social Security number, consider putting a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit reports by contacting [the three major credit reporting agencies \(Equifax, Experian and TransUnion\)](#). Fraud alerts and credit report freezes are free and do not affect your credit score.
- 4) Report the scam to relevant authorities. These authorities may include state agencies (such as the [Ohio Attorney General's Office](#) and the [Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Securities](#)), federal agencies (such as the [CFTC](#) and the [U.S. Department of Justice](#)) and local authorities (such as a local police department or sheriff's office).
- 5) Begin seeking financial recovery. Review your homeowner's insurance policy for fraud loss and/or identity-theft protection. Speak with a tax professional to find out about any opportunities to claim financial losses if you itemize your deductions. Talk with a reputable financial adviser and/or nonprofit credit-counseling organization about how to help repair any debt and deal with financial losses.
- 6) Reflect on what led to the scam. The CFTC says: "Routine activities can lead people to becoming targets, and returning to those activities could start the process all over again. These routine activities could include being active in investor social-media groups or chat rooms, commenting on videos, signing up for trading courses, special offers, free giveaways, or investor newsletters."

It's important to stay vigilant and to recognize that once a scammer has stolen funds, your personal information may be sold to other scammers on the dark web. Be sure to keep your guard up and especially watch out for recovery fraudsters seeking to gain access to more of your money under the guise of helping to recover lost funds.

Consumers who suspect a scam or an unfair business practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

Keep your guard up for phony government licenses and credentials

Some regulatory agencies, boards and commissions are reporting that credentials for their regulated professions are being forged or even stolen.

For example, the Ohio Architects Board has noticed individuals offering design services while falsely claiming to be licensed. In some cases, a customer has paid for official-looking stamped or sealed building plans, only to learn from their local building department, after submitting the plan for approval, that the seal is fake. The victim is stuck with a useless plan as well as lost time, effort and money.

Unfortunately, Ohio's architecture community is not alone. The Ohio Architects Board reports that other states and other professions are also seeing fraudsters presenting themselves as licensed professionals.

What can consumers do?

It is important for Ohioans to educate themselves about which professions are regulated and at what level of government (local, state or federal). It's equally vital that consumers learn which professions are *not* regulated, so they don't accept a phony license at face value.

Within Ohio's state government, click [here](#) to learn more about how certain professions are regulated and by whom. For example, besides architects, Ohio regulates various other professions and trades, including accountants, barbers, engineers, lawyers, nurses and physical therapists. You can learn about licensure in many of these professions through an online search of the relevant board, commission or agency website.

More than 20 Ohio agencies, boards and commissions can be researched using [the eLicense Ohio Professional Licensure System](#). These entities typically can provide a roster of licensees in Ohio and any disciplinary action that has been taken against a regulated business or individual. Other state regulatory agencies and organizations that issue credentials may have online search tools available directly through their official websites.

As for professions and trades that are *not* currently regulated at the state level, have you ever heard of a state-certified cabinet installer or state-approved roofer? Hopefully not, because credentials at the state level don't exist in Ohio at this time (but keep in mind that state laws, rules and policies can change). Although a roofing contractor needs to be registered with the Ohio Secretary of State's Office, Ohio does not license roofers. Some municipalities or other local jurisdictions, however, may have laws or rules requiring registration or other actions before doing certain work within their boundaries.

Tips to avoid being scammed by an impostor:

- Verify any credentials touted by a business or contractor. If someone claims to be licensed or registered with a specific professional organization, trade association or government regulator, check it out. Find out first what licenses and/or registrations apply to the particular trade or service. Then check out any specific registrations or licenses by contacting the entity that the business purports to be accredited by.
- If a prospective contractor in a regulated profession refuses to give his/her license number or credentials before entering into a contract or will disclose it only after payment is made, the person is probably a scammer.
- Take note if the regulator's contact information for a certain business (i.e. email address, phone number, etc.) differs from what your contact at the business has given you. The real business may be a victim of impersonation by someone without a license.
- Get recommendations and ask a business for references. Successful contractors make it easy to access feedback about their work and related documentation.
- Go online to research the business. Check out whether the company has been the subject of complaints at the [Ohio Attorney General's Office](#) and the [Better Business Bureau](#). You can also search for any [previous lawsuits](#) filed by the attorney general's Consumer Protection Section.

Consumers who suspect a scam or an unfair business practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

Artificial intelligence is being used in consumer scams

Businesses and organizations are increasingly using artificial intelligence when communicating with their customers. But scammers, too, are using AI – to *deceive* consumers.

Legitimate customer service departments use AI chatbots to increase the efficiency of communication with customers in real time. Scammers, in turn, create fake chatbots to ask customers for payment information and personal identifiable information. These fake chatbots direct users to a fake website.

To protect yourself while interacting with a chatbot, be sure to:

- Verify the source. If you encounter the chatbot as a pop-up while not visiting that company's website, do not click on the chatbot. Visit the company's official website to interact with its chatbot.

- Take your time. Scammers use a sense of urgency to force victims into a quick decision. Don't let yourself be rushed.
- Keep your personal information private. Legitimate company chatbots will never ask for account passwords or Social Security numbers over chat.

Phishing emails are correspondence that look as if they're from a legitimate company, with some even including the company's logo and links to their website that prove to be fraudulent. Phishing emails are not new, but the use of AI technology has improved the quality of these scam emails.

When you receive a suspicious email be sure to check:

- Email addresses. Hover above the sender's email address with your cursor. If the email address differs from what you know or would imagine to be a legitimate email address, it may be a phishing attempt. Find an email address for the company you know to be legitimate – on a past bill or the company's official website.
- Links. Avoid clicking on links in the body of an email; doing so may direct you to a website designed to steal your money or personal information.
- Attachments. Do not click on any attachments before verifying that the email sender is legitimate. Attachments may contain malware designed to harm your device.

Misinformation campaigns use AI technology in the form of fake videos and audio campaigns to impersonate a family member, business or celebrity. For example, you might receive a phone call from someone who sounds like a relative or see a video post of a celebrity on social media. The key to identifying these scams is to evaluate what you're seeing or hearing and deciding whether the message from that person is reasonable.

Here are some techniques to do that:

- Use verification methods. One step may be to use a "password" for family members to request money in an emergency.
- Take a close look. When viewing an online video, check for imperfections and glitches.
- Check facts. If the request or promotion comes from a business or celebrity, do a quick internet search to see whether the business or celebrity is really associated with that product or promotion.

AI-generated scams use elements of traditional scams with improved application. If you think you have interacted with any of the above scam techniques:

- Check your credit report for any unknown accounts.
- Communicate with your financial institutions regarding potential fraud.
- Change any account passwords associated with the account where the correspondence was received.

Consumers who suspect a scam or an unfair business practice should contact the Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

BONUS TIP YOU CAN USE: If you are turning to social media to resolve an issue with a business, proceed cautiously. According to an alert from the Better Business Bureau, scammers are known to respond to such public requests for help by creating phony accounts and contacting consumers posing as the business to try to steal personal and financial information. Check out all the details, including tips to avoid this type of impostor scam, by [reviewing this alert](#).

OHIO SALES TAX HOLIDAY – GOOD NEWS TO KNOW

This year, the sales-tax holiday will last 14 days – from **Friday Aug. 1 through Thursday Aug. 14**. The event permits tax-free purchases online and in person on all eligible items totaling up to \$500 per item.

Although traditionally associated with back-to-school purchases and school supplies, nearly all other items are eligible for the tax exemption. General exceptions include services, boats, automobiles, liquor, tobacco, vapor products and items containing marijuana.

When shopping, make sure you understand which items are eligible for the exemption. Also, practice sound shopping habits, such as keeping receipts and knowing the return policies of the stores where you shop.

The Ohio Department of Taxation provides detailed information about the expanded sales-tax holiday. Before heading out, consider the types of purchases you plan to make and review the [Ohio Department of Taxation's Sales Tax Holiday webpage](#).

For questions about the Ohio Sales Tax Holiday, call the Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4039.



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Final Certification

Bluffton Police Department

Standard 13 Property & Evidence

*has been deemed compliant with the above standards as established by the Ohio Collaborative
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June 10, 2025

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Nicole Dehner, Executive Director



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June 10, 2025

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Sincerely,

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