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DECEMBER 22nd REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO HOLIDAY:

JANUARY 12th REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

The meeting began with the Fiscal Officer administering oaths of office to Council members Dottie Scott, Tina Killion, and Betty Brown for their 2026–2029 terms. Following nominations for a vacant council seat, Krissy Kauf was appointed and sworn in to fill the vacancy left with Ariel Isaac’s resignation.

Council elected Tina Killion as Council President and Dottie Scott as Vice President. In the Mayor’s absence, leadership duties were carried out accordingly during the meeting. Mayor John Benshoff was designated as the Village’s representative to the Clear Creek Fire District Board. Council also approved canceling the regular meeting scheduled for May 25, 2026 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The December Water/Sewer report was presented, with discussion centered on ongoing issues related to sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer system. Council agreed to begin a new process to identify infiltration sources, as it is unclear how many connections remain.

Council approved the December 8, 2025 meeting minutes, as well as December 2025 bills and invoice approvals. Updates were provided regarding water and sewer capital improvement accounts, including revenue summaries and planned allocations for 2026.

Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-01, establishing temporary appropriations for 2026 to meet ordinary village expenses. The ordinance was approved as an emergency measure with no opposition.

Several items were tabled for future discussion, including meeting/agenda procedures and culvert estimates pending additional information. An update was shared on the playground grant, with bids anticipated in spring 2026 pending final approvals.

Council members shared reports and comments, including community fundraising, interest in grant-writing opportunities, and ongoing questions regarding the scope and responsibilities of the village events committee. Clarification on the committee’s role and compliance with open meetings requirements remains under discussion.

Public discussion included preliminary conversations about potential Fourth of July celebrations, coordination with neighboring villages, and how future community events may be organized.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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JANUARY 26th REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. With the Mayor absent, the Council President presided over the meeting.

Council discussed unclaimed funds listed under the Village’s name on a government website and agreed to pursue recovering those funds. No nominations were made for the currently vacant council seat.

An update was provided regarding a reported noise at the water plant. The issue was investigated, a part was replaced, and the matter was resolved.

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Serving Bailey Lakes with integrity, fiscal responsibility, and a commitment to community.

JANUARY 26th REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

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Council discussed the purpose and activities of the Events Committee, including fundraising and hosting community events. Topics included community involvement, meeting schedules, and how funds should be handled. There was also discussion regarding the committee's involvement in planning activities related to Village's celebration of America's 250th anniversary and the need for further clarification on roles and responsibilities.

Council shared observations from attending a neighboring village's council meeting, noting effective organization and meeting procedures. Possible collaboration with neighboring communities for future events was discussed. Additional ideas included creating a village calendar featuring local photos and community information, as well as producing a village video in connection with the America 250 celebration.

Safety-related items were discussed, including fire extinguishers and grant opportunities, as well as awareness of available emergency equipment resources within the county.

Council approved the **January 12, 2026 meeting minutes**, as amended.

Updates were shared regarding the grand opening of a new village business, ongoing park grant efforts following a recent resignation, and ideas to welcome new residents and businesses. Council also discussed improving communication and organization, including adopting consistent meeting procedures, shortening meeting minutes, and establishing clearer deadlines for agenda items.

Council requested that meeting and agenda procedures be placed back on the agenda for further discussion at the **February 9, 2026 meeting**.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at **6:54 p.m.**

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Looking Ahead to 2027!

We're beginning plans for a **2027 Bailey Lakes Community Calendar**, and we'd love your help!

We're looking for **old and new photos of Bailey Lakes** — buildings, the canoe, the lakes, parks, and other familiar places that tell our village's story. **Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just enjoy capturing moments on your phone, we'd love to see your work.**

(Please note: no people in the photos this year — we'll save that for a future project.)

Photo submission details:

- Please place your photo(s) in a ziplock bag
- Write your **name on the back of each photo**
- Include your **name and phone number** in the bag
- All photos are due by the **Monday, August 10, 2026 Council Meeting**

We'll also be adding **birthdays and anniversaries** to the calendar for anyone who provides that information by August 10 as well. Pricing and ordering details are still being finalized. Calendars will be available by **pre-order**, with more information coming soon — possibly with an order form included in water bills. Thank you for helping us celebrate the past, present, and future of Bailey Lakes!

CAPTURING
BAILEY LAKES

Bailey Lakes Community Calendar 2027

Community Notes & Reminders:



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th @ 6:00 P.M.

NEXT EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th @ 7:00 P.M.



To report a street light outage, please have the pole number ready and scan the code for the site to report (or call AEP customer service at **(800) 672-2231**)



VIEW YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL ONLINE: [HTTPS://BAILEYLAKES.OHIOMBILLPAY.COM](https://baileylakes.ohiobillpay.com)

YOU CAN VIEW, DOWNLOAD/PRINT, AND PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE!

SERVICE NOTES:

For water/sewer emergency, or questions after 4 p.m. please call **(330) 388-4218**.

For billing questions during business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) please call **(567) 303-4525**.

Meters are read between the 19th – 21st of each month. If you have pets, please be aware of the meter reader entering your yard to read the meter.

Thank you!

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EVENTS COMMITTEE



Exciting things are in the works! An Events Committee is forming, and planning for 2026 community events is underway. Community members interested in helping plan and support village events are encouraged to get involved. To learn more or participate, please reach out to Tina Killion and/or Dottie Scott. The committee meets every other Tuesday, with the next meeting scheduled for February 10th – Village Hall – 7 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL RENTALS!

The hall can accommodate your event and includes a full kitchen, restrooms, tables and chairs. The current rates for residents are \$75 for four hours, \$150 per day and an extra \$25 for the day prior or after a daily rental for setting up or taking down. For non-residents the rates are \$125 for 4 hours, \$200 per day, and an extra \$25 for the day prior or after a daily rental for setting up or taking down

All rentals include a refundable \$100 deposit.

For additional information and availability please contact:
Pat Warner @ (419) 606-3417.

A reservation form can be downloaded on the village website:
<https://baileylakes.org/town-hall-rentals>



BAILEY LAKES OPEN COUNCIL SEAT

The Village of Bailey Lakes would like to thank Mrs. Ariel Isaacs for her service on Village Council. Mrs. Isaacs resigned her position effective January 13, 2026. During her time on council, Mrs. Isaacs was involved in several village initiatives, including work related to grant efforts for improvements to two village parks, as well as the sidewalk and patio project at James Lake. We appreciate her time, effort, and dedication to the community and wish her well in her future endeavors. With this resignation, one Village Council seat is now vacant.

Residents interested in being considered for appointment to the open council seat should seek a nomination from a current Village Council member. Once nominated, the candidate may attend the next council meeting for consideration.

Those interested are encouraged to reach out to a council member for more information.



Happy
Birthday to
everyone born
in February

FEBRUARY 2026

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 Dottie Scott			Kids Painting Workshop 6 – 7:15 p.m. Tin Can Chandelier	Galentine's Day in downtown Ashland (community shop- local event)	Night to Shine Ash. Grace Brehren 	Lions Club Breakfast 6:30 – 10:30 a.m. Savannah Town Hall
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Super Bowl LX (60)	Council Mtg. Village Hall 6 p.m.	Events Committee Mtg. Village Hall 7 p.m.		 Tom Dilgard	Scriptless in Seattle The Ashland Theatre 7 – 10 p.m.	 Lions Club Valentine's Carryout Meal 4- 6 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Daytona 500 25th anniversary of Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s passing (2001)	 No School	National Random Acts of Kindness Day			National Comfy Day	Ashland County Fairgrounds Flea Market & Craft Show
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
National Supermarket Employee Day	Council Mtg. Village Hall 6 p.m.	Events Committee Mtg. Village Hall 7 p.m.	National Pancake Day	National Set a Good Example Day	Family Skate Night Kroc Center 5 – 7 p.m.  Final Friday- February "Love Your Downtown!" 5 – 7 p.m.	National Tooth Fairy Day

Check out the Ashland Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for more events: visitashlandohio.com/calendar

Local Happenings:

FRIENDLY EXPRESS



DAILY BREAKFAST SPECIALS

BISCUITS AND GRAVY

- **Monday** – Champ’s Breakfast Burrito ... **\$4.29**
- **Tuesday** – Champ’s Sausage Gravy & Biscuit ... **\$3.29**
- **Wednesday** – Breakfast Bowls ... **\$4.99**
- **Thursday** – 6 Sausage Links & 2 Hash Browns ... **\$6.89**
6 Sausage Links ... **\$3.49**
- **Friday** – Chicken Tender Biscuit ... **\$3.99**



HOT SOUPS DAILY



VALENTINE’S DAY WINES

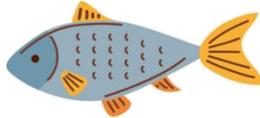
We have wines perfect for Valentine’s Day!



FISH FRY – EVERY FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fish Dinner – **\$10.99**



NATIONAL EAT ICE CREAM FOR BREAKFAST DAY
Breakfast Themed Treats all day!
while supplies last

French Toast Sundae w/ Real Maple Syrup
Glazed Donut Sundae
Breakfast Cereal Milkshakes

Saturday, February 7, 2026

ASHLEY’S CANDY & NUT SHOPPE
47 E Main Street, Ashland Ohio 44805



Savannah-Crestview
Lions Club

BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 7

Serving 6:30 to 10:30 am
at the town hall

Usual breakfast menu

Proceeds benefit
Savannah Fire Company

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Savannah-Crestview Lions Club

SWISS STEAK CARRY-OUT SUPPER

FEBRUARY 14

Carry out only, serving 4:00 to
6:30 pm at the town hall

\$12 per meal

Proceeds benefit Veteran
Banner project

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Mother's Day Brunch

Join Us for a Special Community Event

Hosted by Councilwomen
Dottie Scott & Tina Killion



Saturday, May 2



11:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Village Hall

BRUNCH MENU

- ✓ Pancakes
- ✓ Biscuits & Gravy
- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Juice



\$ PRICING (Cash Only) \$

- ✓ Ages 0–3: Free
- ✓ Ages 4–10: \$5.00
- ✓ Ages 10 and up: \$10.00

Enjoy a Relaxed Time with
Family & Friends as We
Celebrate the Mothers
in Our Community.

See our Facebook event page for updates:

www.facebook.com/share/17oSMxKINV

All are welcome! We hope to see you there!

Community Resources:



ASHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Scan to download our free app!



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The new Ashland County Emergency Alert System has changed from WENS to CodeRED.

To sign up: 1) Ttext ASHLANDCO to 26439. 2) Go directly to the CodeRED site to create an account: <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/ashlandcountyoh>. 3) Or, scan this code:



Associated Charities of Ashland provides essential assistance to individuals and families in need throughout Ashland County. Their services include help with emergency food, clothing, household items, utility assistance, prescription support, hygiene supplies, holiday food baskets, back-to-school supplies, and referrals to other local resources. They work closely with partner agencies to ensure residents receive compassionate, practical support during difficult times.

Project Comfort

- Provides one time help with heating costs in the amount of \$500, payable by voucher to the heating provider.
- The program will be available from the first workday in November through the close of business on the last workday of February.
- Assistance is provided for families with a minor child.
- A completed and signed application, verification of entire household income for the last 30 days, and a heating bill is required. If there is 0.00 income in the household, provide a written statement. **If all the information is not provided, your application will be denied.**



Do you need help with your utilities this winter? For those who have a medical disability that would put them at risk if they lose power or heat, you can ask your utility for a **30-Day Medical Certification**. This gives you 30 days to make your payment (although your next payment would be due as well). Call your utility and inquire about a **30-Day Med Cert**.

Here's a link to the form:



From October 13, 2025 through April 15, 2026 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) offers a Special Reconnect Order for the upcoming winter heating season. Any residential customer of a PUCO-regulated electric or natural gas company may take advantage of the provisions contained in the order once per winter heating season. This is not just for reconnections, but take advantage of it if you find yourself struggling to pay your bill this heating season. For more information please contact your utility and inquire about the \$175 SRO, or please scan this code to read more about it:



THE RECIPE EXCHANGE



Strawberry Kiss Cookies

These fun **Strawberry Kiss cookies** are soft and chewy cookies topped with sweet strawberry-flavored Chocolate Kisses. Whip up a batch in one bowl in 30 minutes!

♥ **Prep Time:** 10 minutes ♥

♥ **Cook Time:** 12minutes ♥

♥ **Total Time:** 22minutes ♥

Ingredients

- ½ cup unsalted butter softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 bag Hershey's Strawberry Ice Cream Cone Chocolate Kisses
- Sprinkles (optional)



Instructions

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees F
- 2) Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or silicone mat
- 3) In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until fluffy
- 4) Mix in the egg, milk and vanilla until well combined
- 5) Add flour, baking soda, and salt, and mix until well combined
- 6) Divide dough using a cookie dough scoop and roll into balls
- 7) Place on baking sheet
- 8) For sprinkles, roll ball in sprinkles then place on baking sheet
- 9) Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly golden
- 10) Remove from oven and immediately add chocolate kiss pressing down gently
- 11) Let cool and remove to wire rack
- 12) Store in an airtight container

Nutrition Calories: 126kcal | Carbohydrates: 18g | Protein: 2g | Fat: 6g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Polyunsaturated Fat 0.2g | Monounsaturated Fat: 1g | Trans Fat: 0.1g | Cholesterol: 16mg | Sodium: 39mg | Potassium: 14mg | Fiber: 0.4g | Sugar: 11g | Vitamin A: 104IU | Calcium: 20mg | Iron: 0.5mg

https://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.com/wprm_print/strawberry-kiss-cookies