

BAILEY LAKES VILLAGE VIEW

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Village of Bailey Lakes

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Council Meeting Highlights – April 27, 2026

Village Council met on April 27 with Council President Tina Killion serving as Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor John Benshoff.

Playground Project Update

The village playground project officially went out for bid on April 16. Bids are scheduled to be opened publicly by the Ashland County Commissioners on May 7 at 9:15 a.m. Several council members plan to attend.

Village Projects & Infrastructure

Culvert project estimates are still pending.

Council completed the first reading of the proposed Order of Business Ordinance #2026-02.

Council discussed future scheduling and posting of snow plow bids before the current contract expires.

Part-Time Emergency Assistance Proposal

Council revisited the proposal to hire Tyler Brown for part-time/on-call assistance to the Village Administrator. Due to abstentions and the absence of one council member, a quorum was not available for a vote, and the matter was tabled.

Lake & Mosquito Updates

AquaDoc® treated James Lake on April 23, and the village received a report regarding the treatment. Council discussed scheduling mosquito spraying in the near future.

Property Tax Amendment Discussion

Council reviewed an update from the Ohio Municipal League regarding the proposed property tax amendment currently circulating statewide. Discussion included possible impacts on local governments and emergency services, as well as the ongoing statewide signature collection effort, and sharing educational materials with the general public.

Village Administrator Report

Village Administrator Richard Brown updated council on several ongoing and upcoming projects, including: Water meter replacements, branch cleanup at village parks, storm drain maintenance on McClain, Street, grading and stone work for the road leading to the water plant, tree removal at the park, water shut-off/turn-on concerns on Lake Drive, and New "Authorized Personnel Only" signs for the water/sewer plant. Council also approved the use of formal work orders for village projects and maintenance activities.

Council Reports & Community Events

The Events Committee discussed the planned Mother's Day Brunch at Village Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 2nd, and welcomed volunteers willing to help.

Council discussed continued maintenance and restocking of the Little Free Libraries.

DISCLAIMER: This is a brief synopsis of the meeting. Minutes are posted to the village website once they are approved by council.

Council Meeting Highlights – May 11, 2026

Village Council met on May 11. Councilwoman Krissy Kauf assisted with moderating the meeting in the fiscal officer's absence.

Playground Project Update

Council received an update on the playground project. Councilwoman Dottie Scott and former councilwoman and resident Mary Webb Dilgard attended the Ashland County Commissioners meeting regarding the bid opening. The submitted bids are currently under review.

Village Projects & Infrastructure

Culvert project estimates are still pending.

Council completed the second reading of the revised Order of Business Ordinance #2026-02.

Sewer infiltration and upcoming evaluations tied to prior RCAP smoke testing were discussed, including gathering information related to residential sump pumps.

Additional discussion was held regarding aging manholes and needed replacements.

Part-Time Assistance Approved

Council approved the proposal to hire Tyler Brown as part-time/on-call assistance to the Village Administrator.

America 250 Celebration Updates

The village received its official America 250-Ohio Community logo and community flag as part of participation in Ohio's 250th celebration initiatives. The logo will begin appearing on village communications.

Planning continues for the local America 250 celebration scheduled for July 25, 2026, including: a Bailey Lakes vs. Savannah baseball game, ongoing event planning meetings, and budgeting discussions for community activities.

The next planning meeting will be held June 12 at Savannah Town Hall.

Lake & Parks Updates

AquaDoc® completed a second lake treatment for the season and is expected to return prior to Memorial Day weekend. Council also discussed trimming vegetation around James Lake.

Village Administrator & Water/Sewer Reports

Council received reports from the Village Administrator and Water/Sewer Operator. Topics included ongoing maintenance, sewer system concerns, and infrastructure planning.

Events Committee Update

The Events Committee reported on the successful Mother's Day Brunch fundraiser. The event was made possible through donated supplies and volunteer efforts, with proceeds designated for future village projects and community improvements. Council members and officials were encouraged to support upcoming community events.

Mayor's Report

Mayor John Benshoff thanked council for approving additional staffing assistance for the Village Administrator.

Council Reports & Community Events

Council discussed improving the timeline for returning Village Hall rental deposits.

Council approved changing council payroll from every six months to every three months.

The village received a donation of an 8-foot changeable-letter sign similar to Savannah's.

Krissy Kauf discussed the village's record retention policy, upcoming RCAP training opportunities, and ongoing cyber security compliance requirements tied to state mandates.

Budget discussions for 2027 are expected to begin in June.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY, JUNE 8th @ 6:00 P.M.**

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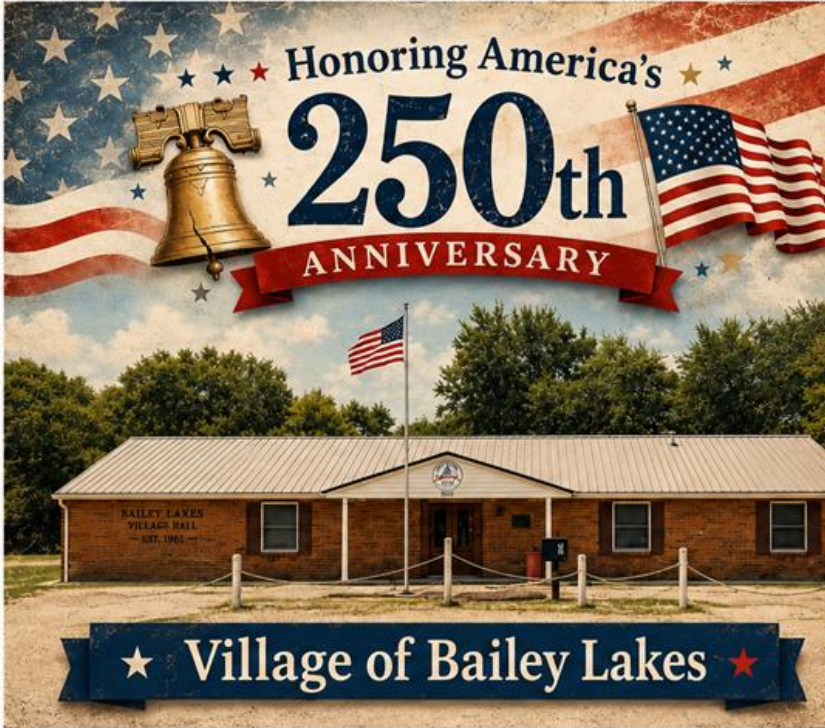
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Wondering what dates are available or taken to rent the Bailey Lakes Village Hall?

Visit baileylakes.org and click on the "Village Hall Calendar" tab to view the most up-to-date calendar.



To reserve a date, please call Pat Warner at **(419) 606-3417**.



Reservation forms and instructions are available on the website as well.

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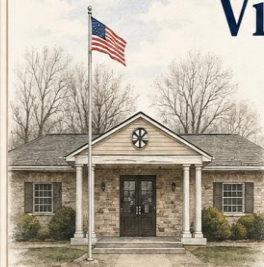


Meters are read between the 19th – 21st of each month. If you have pets, please be aware of the meter reader entering your yard to read the meter.

Thank you!

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JUNE 2026

Upcoming Meetings, Events & Important Dates



JUNE 3
- SEPT. 16

Ashland Mid-Week Farmers Market

- Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.
- 663 East Main Street
- June 3 through Sept. 16



JUNE 20
- MID-OCT.

Christ United Methodist Church Farmers Market

- Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.
- 1140 Claremont Avenue
- June 20 through mid-Oct.



MAY 28
- MID-OCT.

Trinity Baptist Church Farmers Market (Ashland)

- Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.
- 891 State Route 511, Ashland
- May 28 through mid October



JUNE 8 & 22

Bailey Lakes Regular Village Council Meetings

Monday, June 8th and 22nd at 6:00 p.m. – Village Hall



JUNE 20-21

Ohio Free Fishing Days!



JUNE 21

Father's Day



JUNE 25-28

Ashland Balloon Fest

Freer Field



JUNE 12

America 250th Celebration Planning Meeting

Savannah Town Hall



JUNE 13

Yard Sale @ Beyond Measure Market

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cookout from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



JUNE 19

Juneteenth

JULY 2026



JULY 3

Happy Birthday Village Administrator, Richard Brown!



JULY 4

Happy 4th of July! Fireworks – Freer Field
(Rain Date July 5th)



JULY 11

The 16th Annual Ashland Downtown
Dream Cruise & Car Show

Saturday, July 11, 2026 • 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Downtown Ashland



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