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Bailey Lakes Village Council News
September 28, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Highlights

Meeting Minutes & Reports: Approval of the September 14 meeting minutes was tabled. Council received the James Lake Report and the 2024–2025 Audit Report. Council discussed several findings in the audit report, and the need to ensure required training is completed and appropriate policies are in place.

Park Improvements: Mayor Benshoff reported continued progress at Ringler and Lakeview Parks, with preparations underway for playground equipment installation. Additional landscaping plans include stone and fabric around the playground borders to simplify mowing and maintenance.

Sewer Project: Replacement parts for the sewer project remained delayed after failing the manufacturer's quality control inspection. The village was awaiting updated shipping information.

James Lake Winter Safety: With colder weather approaching, Council discussed ongoing concerns about ice fishing on James Lake. Council agreed that any activity on the ice should not be permitted and discussed installing "Keep Off the Ice" signage and notifying residents through the village's Facebook page.

Trick-or-Treat Lighting: Councilman Alan Bauchman reported that Sunbelt Rentals agreed to provide lighting equipment for trick-or-treat activities at no rental charge. The village will be responsible for transporting the equipment and covering fuel costs. Council also discussed recognizing Sunbelt for its generous contribution.

Additional Council Updates: Council discussed completing park improvements before winter, recognizing those who helped secure playground funding, exploring storage options for village equipment and supplies, researching grant opportunities for a caution light at Wesley and a flashing crosswalk at the village hall, and a pavilion at Ringler Park. Plans for fall decorations at Village Hall and trash receptacles at the parks were also discussed.

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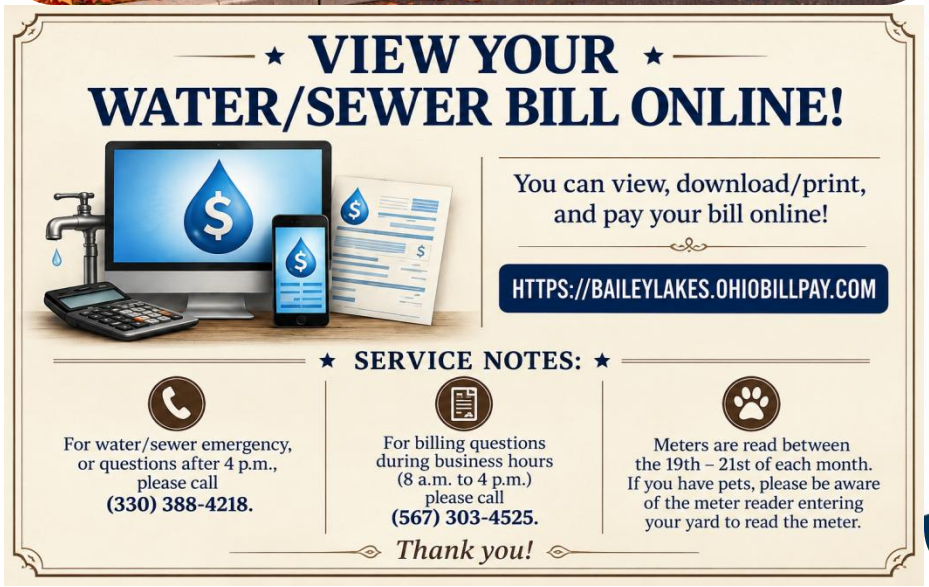


October 12, 2026 | Regular Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes: The September 14 meeting minutes were approved with a correction, and the September 28 minutes were approved as submitted. **Resolution No. 2026-11:** Council discussed the resolution accepting amounts and rates. Final figures remain undetermined pending information from the state. The village has until the end of the year to approve the resolution. **Lakeview Park Concern:** Council reviewed a resident's request for fencing between Lakeview Park and private property and the solicitor's response. **Camera Rental:** Council reviewed rental options and costs for inspection camera equipment through Sunbelt Rentals. Further consideration was tabled. **Halloween Preparations:** Council finalized arrangements for donated light towers from Sunbelt Rentals for trick-or-treat activities. Crossing guards volunteered to assist along State Route 250, and the Ashland County Sheriff's Office was notified of the event hours. Council also discussed using REACH Alert for community notifications. **Financial Reports:** September financial reconciliation and bills were approved. The Village Administrator's September report and Water/Sewer Operator reports were tabled. **Park Improvements:** Playground equipment installation and final grading work remained underway at Ringler and Lakeview Parks. Both parks will remain closed until work is completed. Council also discussed park rules and signage, trash receptacles, and plans for relocating large rocks at Ringler Park. **Sewer Project:** Replacement parts for the sewer auger remained delayed following a manufacturer's quality control issue. The mayor planned to request an updated shipping status. **Additional Council Updates:** Council discussed playground grant funding, storage options for village supplies and America 250 memorabilia, upcoming training opportunities, leaf collection schedules, and village equipment needs. The Village Administrator also reviewed September activities and discussed available storage space at the water treatment plant. **Public Attendance:** County commissioner candidate Sandy Bally attended to observe the meeting.

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BAILEY LAKES
Community Calendar
NOVEMBER 2026

Sun. Nov. 1	**Daylight Saving Time Ends**	*Fall back 1 hour.*
Tue. Nov. 3	**General Election Day**	*Polls open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.*
Sun. Nov. 8	**Chick-n-Spuds for the Homestead** 2–5 p.m. | 1930 County Road 1035, Ashland	*Baked Potato Bar with shredded chicken & pulled pork and toppings — by donation. Homestead will be open for visitors. Fundraiser supporting preservation of the 200-year-old ACWCL Homestead.*
Mon. Nov. 9	**Bailey Lakes Village Council Meeting**	*6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall*
Wed. Nov. 11	**Veterans Day**	*Thank you to all who have served!*
Sat. Nov. 14	**52nd Annual Hillsdale Arts & Crafts Festival** 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Hillsdale Local Schools, Jeromesville	*200+ Artisans & Craft Vendors* *Free Admission* *Proceeds benefit the Junior Class*
Sat. Nov. 14	**Olivesburg General Store Holiday Market & Open House** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	• *Shop unique gifts from guest vendors* • *Enjoy samples from Burg consignors* • *Enter our holiday gift raffle* *A day full of holiday fun!*
Fri. Nov. 20	**Wooster Window Wonderland**	*3–9 p.m. | Downtown Wooster*
Nov. 20–22	**Medina Candlelight Walk**	*Tree lighting, parade, fireworks & more | Downtown Medina*
Sat. Nov. 21	**Holiday Market** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Faith Church 1574 State Route 96 E. *(across from Crestview Middle School)*	Local vendors Bake sale & lunch items
Sat. Nov. 21	**Craft Show Saturday!** • Crestview Craft Show — *Crestview Middle School, Ashland* • Wellington Christmas Craft Show — *Wellington* • One Stop Shop Holiday Craft Show — *Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield*	
Mon. Nov. 23	**Bailey Lakes Village Council Meeting**	*6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall*
Thu. Nov. 26	**Thanksgiving Day**	*A day to be thankful for our community, family and friends.*
Fri. Nov. 27	**Oak Creek Barn – Ladies Night** 5–9 p.m. | 687 County Road 1302, Ashland	*Shopping and a limited-availability Christmas painting class in the loft! Details coming soon.*
Sat. Nov. 28	**Oak Creek Barn – Holiday Shopping** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | 687 County Road 1302, Ashland **Christmas at Kingwood Opens** 3–9 p.m. | *Kingwood Center Gardens, Mansfield*	**Santa at the Barn** 12–2 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 29	**Oak Creek Barn – Holiday Shopping** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. | 687 County Road 1302, Ashland **Shelby Christmas in the City & Parade** 2:00 p.m. | Downtown Shelby	

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

WINTERFEST 2026
Tin Can Chandelier Art Studio
Saturday, December 5, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ashland, Ohio

2026 ASHLAND CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE
& CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
"A Whoville Christmas"
Saturday, December 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Downtown Ashland

BAILEY LAKES PARKS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS ARE TAKING SHAPE!

RINGLER PARK & LAKEVIEW PARK

We're excited to share that playground equipment has now been installed at **both Ringler Park and Lakeview Park!**

Ringler Park, located at the corner of Highland Road and James Street, and Lakeview Park, located on Lake Drive, are both part of the Village of Bailey Lakes' $140,000 Community Development Block Grant playground improvements.

Recent photos show the new playground equipment in place at both parks, and the play areas are taking shape. The next steps include final landscaping, grading, and other finishing touches to complete the projects.









At this time, we do not have a confirmed date for when the work will be completed and the playgrounds will open.

We'll continue to share updates as progress is made and will let everyone know once the final work is finished.

Thank you to our residents for your continued support!

TRAFFIC SAFETY in Our Community





Village Council President **Tina Killion** has been working to improve traffic safety throughout our community!

The Sheriff's Department was on-site recently setting up a radar speed monitoring trailer to help monitor traffic speeds and encourage motorists to slow down.

The trailer was also in place during our Trick-or-Treat festivities on **Thursday, October 29th**, when families and little ones were out enjoying the evening.

We appreciate Council President Killion's continued efforts to make Bailey Lakes a safer community, as well as the Sheriff's Department for their assistance.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN FOR A SAFER BAILEY LAKES