



## Team Bailey Lakes

### MAYOR:

**John R. Benshoff**  
(419) 606-0099

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Ariel Isaacs**  
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(567) 203-2532

**Dottie Scott**  
(Council Vice President)  
(419) 606-2744

**Krissy Kauf**  
(419) 685-6454

**Tina Killion**  
(419) 706-9009

**Tom Dilgard**  
(419) 908-8545

**Justin Isaacs**  
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### FISCAL OFFICER:

**Leighanna Cawrse**  
(419) 922-4063

### ZONING INSPECTOR:

### VILLAGE HALL COORDINATOR:

**Pat Warner**  
(419) 606-3417

### Village Office

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822 Main Street  
Ashland, Ohio 44805

**(419) 922-4063**  
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**EMAIL:**  
[villageofbaileylakes@outlook.com](mailto:villageofbaileylakes@outlook.com)

## APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. and roll was called. In attendance were the following: Ariel Isaacs, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Justin Isaacs, and Leighanna Cawrse.

The meeting held via Facebook live.

The March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were not approved, and the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were tabled.

Appropriations 2025 – discussed by council.

A bid from Melway Paving was accepted and approved.

House Bill 83 was briefly discussed and information disseminated.

A draft of a Social Media Policy was presented to council, also submitted to the solicitor, will be discussed at next meeting.

Village Administrator was discussed. A chart was presented by Ariel Isaacs, requested to post on Facebook to generate interest in the position.

The village Asset Management Plan was discussed.

Landscaping on Ridge Road from 2024 from a sewer pipe replacement – resident asked that it be put on the agenda to be fixed now that the weather is conducive. A catch basin at 250/Wesley Road (Westside - Friendly Express) was discussed for repair. A culvert replacement 250/Wesley Road (Westside) discussed for repair. Mark and Rebecca Ringler made a contribution toward the roads project.

RCAP/I&I-West side of SR 250 - we are scheduled with RCAP for late spring/early summer, will place approximately 10 flow meters in our village, duration of measurement will depend on how much it rains.

Issue 2 – proposed posting information on Facebook to provide information to voters on the issue before the special election on May 6th. Council approved the posting.

General Zoning Permit Application (draft) – Ariel Isaacs made a motion to approve the General Zoning Permit Application with the changes discussed, seconded by Dottie Scott.

### Council Reports:

- **Dottie Scott:** Discussed gravel for the water treatment plant driveway, burning brush pile at the water/sewer plant. Inquired about the playground status – Ariel Isaacs stated we will know by the end of May if we receive the grant money for the parks. Inquired about the status of the fish order – Justin Isaacs stated that 6 buckets were picked up and installed in the James Lake. Requested that the meeting minutes be simplified – only include actions taken.
- **Krissy Kauf:** None.
- **Tina Killion:** Suggests security camera system for Village Hall, will research options.
- **Ariel Isaacs:** Little Free Library update, and Ashland Public Library little library for village.
- **Justin Isaacs:** Use of Village Hall for May 24th for a Village Memorial Day cookout for veterans/community. Changing locks for Village Hall? Suggested “smart locks.” Will get pricing for comparison.
- **Tom Dilgard:** Do we need permission from Friendly Express for residents to park there to walk over to James Lake? Inquired about roads and a completion date?



## MAY 12<sup>th</sup> REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

**Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.** and roll was called. In attendance were the following: Ariel Isaacs, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Justin Isaacs, Leighanna Cawrse (at 6:45 p.m.), Tim Hickey, Dave Pitsenbarger, and Patrick Miller.

The meeting was live-streamed via Facebook.

**Zoning:** Patrick Miller turned in a fence permit payment, inquired about the new zoning permit form and fees. Cindy G. will place the fees along with the new form on the website once they are approved by council. Attended an Ashland County Land Bank meeting regarding the property on Helen; the property owner is handing it. A portion of the house was taken down, and zoning inspector received a complaint that the owner was burning debris there and there was a large hole. Spoke to the property owner by phone and was informed the property owner would put a fence up around the hole. Reminded property owner there is a burn ban in effect from April through May until after 6 p.m. in Ohio.

**Operator's Report/Water-Sewer:** The operator's report was read. A letter was read by Mayor John Benshoff from Tim Hickey and Dave Pitsenbarger regarding retirement. They submitted the required 60-day written notice to terminate their contract. They will work with the mayor and council to make the transition smooth. We will all miss Tim and Dave. Tim noted that they can give a list to council to use as a guide for potential replacement candidates for all the day-to-day operations Tim and Dave have been responsible.

An EMA presentation was placed on the agenda for the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were discussed and corrections were made. April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as well as April 28<sup>th</sup> were discussed. M-T-D check register (invoice approvals) were read, discussed.

Door locks upgrade was discussed. The new computer for the fiscal officer/village office was discussed, still looking into it.

A job description posting was discussed for a Village Administrator. Council approved the job posting and it was posted to Facebook.

Asset Management Plan – Sections 1.0 – 8.0 were discussed.

**Parks:** Still awaiting news about the parks grant. – UPDATE: On May 22<sup>nd</sup> the village was informed we will receive grant funding from the Community Development Block Grant for 2 parks; "Ringler Park" at the corner of Highland Road and James Street, as well as "Lakeview" on Lake Drive.

### Council Reports:

- **Dottie Scott:** Discussed mosquito spraying and council approved it to start ASAP. Inquired about Land Bank meeting for house on Helen. Did the zoning inspector advise the property owner to put up a fence – Krissy Kauf informed Dottie that the zoning inspector did advise the property owner to put up a fence. Have received several complaints about the zoning inspector.
- **Krissy Kauf:** Wished to note that the sidewalk by James Lake was not paid for completely through Parks funding; a portion was from general fund and a portion from the parks fund. Inquired about fill dirt for a driveway the village was responsible to fix after a project as there has been some settling that needs filled in. Inquired about communications from the attorney and asked that they be disseminated to all of council. Inquired about trash pickup at James Lake; who is responsible?
- **Tina Killion:** Are the pumps turned on at the lake? Have we paid for AquaDoc® to clean the lake? Asked that whoever mows around the lake direct the grass away from the lake. Discussed spaghetti fundraiser for the Parks. Tentatively scheduled a fundraiser for July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ariel Isaacs:** Discussed the Little Free Library was installed. We will receive word on the Parks grant at the end of May.
- **Justin Isaacs:** Removed tree from around James Lake; would like to cut it up and place a free sign on the wood for residents to take. Brush will be disposed of. Facebook comments have been turned off on meeting videos, would like to see them activated. Krissy Kauf advised that Facebook comments should be activated during the meeting, but deactivated after the meeting. Discussed his opinion on the meeting agendas and timing of submissions for the agenda by council members.
- **Tom Dilgard:** Discussed the bench for the Little Free Library, it looks nice, and discussed Ohio State law regarding installing a bench. Discussed complaints received from residents regarding the zoning inspector.

**Mayor's Report:** EPA approval to change the testing at the sewer plant. Roads were discussed.

Public interaction via the live-stream was addressed. There were no in-person attendees from the public.

## JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

**Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.** and roll was called. In attendance were the following: Ariel Isaacs, Dottie Scott, Krissy Kauf, Tina Killion, Tom Dilgard, Justin Isaacs, Leighanna Cawse, Tim Hickey, and Dave Pitsenbarger. Public: Anne Strouth and Cynthia Gaubatz.

The meeting was live-streamed via Facebook.

**EMA Presentation:** A presentation was made by Anne Strouth, M.S., from Ashland County Emergency Management. Ashland County EMA is now using CodeRed for weather-related and other emergency alerts (boil alerts, etc). Residents can sign up on their website. Please see Page 4 of this newsletter for details and a QR Code to scan for a link to the registration page.

**Zoning:** None.

**Executive Session:** Council entered into executive session.

**Operator's Report/Water-Sewer:** The operator's report was read. Projects completed and those still to be completed were discussed. Tim & Dave gave a list of their duties to John for their successor. Missed meter readings due to pets along with solutions to the issue were discussed.

May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were discussed and corrections were discussed. M-T-D check register (invoice approvals) were read, discussed.

Asset Management Plan – Sections 1.0 – 8.0 were discussed.

Meeting agenda procedures were discussed.

Village Administrator search was discussed.

Social media policy was discussed.

**Parks:** On May 22<sup>nd</sup> the village was informed we will receive grant funding from the Community Development Block Grant for 2 parks in the amount of \$140,000; "Ringler Park" at the corner of Highland Road and James Street, as well as "Lakeview" on Lake Drive. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2026.

**Council reports and Mayor's report** were discussed.

Public interaction via the live-stream was addressed.

**Meeting minutes are not approved until the next month's council meeting.** For further information on the current regular council meetings, please visit the village Facebook page and review the video. Due to a new Facebook policy, videos will be deleted after 30 days.

## JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE TAX BUDGET:

Tax budget for 2026 was discussed.

July 14, 2025 is the next scheduled regular meeting.



## Community Notes & Reminders:

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**  
**MONDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**THE SECOND MEETING OF JULY IS**  
**MONDAY THE 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

Meeting minutes/agenda are  
available on the village website:

<https://baileylakes.org>

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Meetings will be shared via the village Facebook page:

<https://Facebook.com/BaileyLakesOhio>

**EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 10, 2025, REGULAR MONTHLY  
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD  
EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

### **VIEW YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL ONLINE:**

[HTTPS://BAILEYLAKES.OHIOBILLPAY.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 (419) 922-4063.

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

## 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>



## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



VILLAGEOFBAILEYLAKES@OUTLOOK.COM

To receive **alerts** from the **Ashland County  
Emergency Management Agency**, please  
sign up for Code Red! Scan the code below  
to register for alerts through the link at the  
bottom of the Ashland County EMA website!  
Download the **CodeRED Mobile Alert** app  
for iPhone on the app store, or Android on  
Google Play.



## COUNCIL SEATS OPEN NEXT ELECTION 11/04/2025

Bailey Lakes Village Council will have 4 terms expiring  
12/31/2025. If you are interested in running for a seat on  
council, please visit the Ashland County Board of Elections  
website or the Ohio Secretary of State website to download and  
complete form 3-O, or scan the code below.

The cost to file is \$30, 10 signatures  
are needed, and the filing deadline is  
August 6, 2025 for the General Election  
on November 4, 2025.



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



# July 2025

# Happy 4th Of July

Happy Birthday to everyone born in July! 		<b>1</b>  National Postal Workers Day!	<b>2</b> Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 	<b>3</b>  Push 'Em Pull 'Em Parade – Downtown Ashland 10 a.m. July 4th →	<b>4</b>  <hr/> Fireworks @ Freer Field 9-10 p.m. <hr/>	<b>5</b> Live Music @ South Street Grille 6-9 p.m. <hr/> Fireworks @ Charles Mill 10 p.m. <hr/>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Honda Indy 200 @ Mid Ohio Sports Car Course Lexington, OH 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. July 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Free Monday @ Kingwood Ctr. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 	Der Dutchman Renovation Celebration! 4 – 8 p.m. St. Rt. 97 Bellville	Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 	AirPower History Tour @ Mansfield Lahm Airport 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Live Music @ South Street Grille 6-9 p.m.	Shelby Bicycle Days July 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>  Live Music @ South Street Grille 6-9 p.m.	Farmers Market 9- 11 a.m. Ashland Christ UMC Claremont Ave. <hr/> Downtown Dream Cruise & Car Show! <hr/>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	 <b>meeting</b> VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING – 6 P.M	National Give Something Away Day	Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 		Live Music @ South Street Grille 6-9 p.m.	<hr/> Spaghetti Dinner benefitting the Parks and Village Hall updates! 4-6 p.m. (or until sold out) @ Village Hall <hr/>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
National Ice Cream Day!	National Junk Food Day	National Lemon Day July 23 <sup>rd</sup> →	Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 	Live Music @ South Street Grille 6-9 p.m.	National Hot Fudge Sundae Day	Farmers Market 9- 11 a.m. Ashland Christ UMC Claremont Ave. <hr/> Community Cookout to benefit Ashland Cemetery @ Turk Bros. 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. <hr/>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	<b>2</b>
National Parents Day	 <b>meeting</b> VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING – 6 P.M	National Lasagna Day	Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 	Annual Shelby Ohio Community Garage Sales July 31 – August 2	<hr/> SERVE the Community August 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> <hr/>	Savannah Vol. Fire Dept. Car Show – 11 am – 3 p.m. Chicken BBQ 3 p.m. until sold out!  Mansfield Airport Day Lahm Airport 2 – 10 p.m.

Check out the Ashland Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for more events: [visitashlandohio.com/calendar](http://visitashlandohio.com/calendar)



# Local Happenings:



Rotary  
Club of Ashland



## Rotary Community Fireworks

JULY 4, 2025



RAIN DATE IS:  
SATURDAY,  
JULY 5TH



# Push 'Em Pull 'Em

# PARADE

## JULY 4TH, 10 A.M. DOWNTOWN



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ASHLAND MAIN STREET



## Save the date!

### Ashland Downtown DREAM CRUISE & CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, JULY 12TH, 2025

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# *Spaghetti Benefit Dinner*

**Bailey Lakes Town Hall  
Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4pm-6pm or sold out**

**\$10.00 donation**

**\$7.00 kids 8 and under**

**Donations to benefit Parks  
and Village Hall updates**

*Thank You*





# COMMUNITY ★ COOKOUT ★ AT TURK BROTHERS CUSTOM MEATS



BENEFITING  
ASHLAND  
CEMETERY  
VANDALISM

**JULY 26 • 9:30AM – 4PM**

APPALACHIAN BEARDED MAFIA  
IS CO-HOSTING THE EVENT

COME EAT GOOD FOOD AND  
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Dad Joke**  
*loading*  
**Please wait...**

Q: Where does Baby  
Shark go for summer  
camp?

A: Finland.



Farmers Market  
Saturdays  
9- 11 a.m.  
Ashland Christ UMC  
Claremont Ave.

Midweek Farmers Market  
Wednesdays  
4-6 p.m.  
UH on Main



## SAVANNAH SUMMER IN THE PARK

Join us at Academy Park for activities,  
meals, and the Ashland Public Library  
Bookmobile!

Thursday, June 19 11:30 am  
Activity, Lunch, & Bookmobile

Thursday, July 3 11:30 am  
Activity, Lunch, & Bookmobile

Thursday, July 17 11:30 am  
Activity, Lunch, & Bookmobile

Thursday, July 31 11:30 am  
Activity, Lunch, & Bookmobile

Thursday, August 14 11:30 am  
Activity, Lunch, & Bookmobile

### Special Event

Tuesday, June 24  
Lunch: 12:30 pm  
Program: 1:00 pm



Outback Ray will  
be at the  
Savannah Town  
Hall!!

Lunch & Outback  
Ray sponsored  
by Savannah  
Lions Club



Special thanks to: ACCADA, the Ashland County Community Foundation,  
Ashland Public Library, and the Savannah Lions Club for their sponsorship  
of this summer's events.



"Serve the Community"  
**August 1-2**  
 "Serve the School"  
**August 14**



Area churches are planning service days in our community!

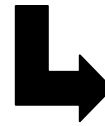
We are looking for residents who might benefit from a team of helping hands:

- Yard Work/Clean Up
- Painting
- Deep Cleaning
- Beautification
- Minor Home Repair

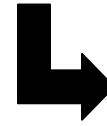
We are looking for volunteers who would like to be a blessing.

We are looking for business sponsors and individual donors who are passionate about investing in our

**TO VOLUNTEER:**



**TO RECEIVE HELP:**



Please complete this form and submit by JULY 14.

Projects will be completed during "Serve the Community" on August 1-2.

A site leader will contact you to set up an appointment to look at your project! Questions? Contact Luke Kelley at 567-203-2661 or servesavannah@gmail.com.

★ SATURDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2025 ★

MANSFIELD LAHM AIRPORT • 2000 HARRINGTON MEMORIAL ROAD

2025 Mansfield Lahm

**AIRPORT DAY**

2:00pm to 10:00pm

*Aim  
for the Stars*

**FREE  
ADMISSION & PARKING**

- Food Truck Rally • Aircraft Fly-In
- Airplane and Helicopter flights
- Car, Truck & Cycle Show • Kid's Zone
- Lighted Drone Show • Static Aircraft Displays • Free Live Entertainment



*Book a Flight  
on the  
Ford Trimotor*



For additional  
information please call:

**419-295-2478**

LONGER & LARGER!

**SkyElements  
DRONE SHOW**  
AS SEEN ON  
AMERICA'S GOT TALENT



**August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Richland County  
 Fairgrounds  
 750, N. Home Rd,  
 Mansfield, OH**



Phone: 419-962-4630  
Address: 6 Haney St., Savannah, Ohio  
Website: [svfc6200.org](http://svfc6200.org)  
Email: [svfc6200@yahoo.com](mailto:svfc6200@yahoo.com)  
Social Media:



SCAN ME



SAVANNAH  
VOLUNTEER  
FIRE CO.  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CHICKEN BBQ

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 3  
p.m. (until sold out)**

**\$12.00 per meal**  
(Cash or check)

**CAR, TRUCK &  
MOTORCYCLE  
SHOW**



**Registration 9 a.m. – 12  
p.m. (lunch @ 11)**

**Show: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
(Door prizes and DJ, 75 dash  
plaques)

**Registration Fee - \$10.00**

**IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR SAVANNAH VOLUNTEER FIRE  
COMPANY'S ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ!**

**CHICKEN BBQ**



**YOUR help is GREATLY APPRECIATED . . .**

**Please consider making a donation of  
supplies listed below** (Sam's Club is  
a great place to find these items in  
the quantities needed).

**If you would like to donate, please see the list below:**

## Savannah Volunteer Fire Company Chicken BBQ

**CHICKEN BBQ**



### Supply List



4 Gallons white distilled vinegar

3 Gallons oil

25 Gallons of baked beans

8 pounds bacon

16 pounds brown sugar

16 pounds powder sugar

32 oz Worcestershire sauce

88 pounds white potatoes

32 dozen eggs

8 bunches of celery

4 pounds of carrots

8 Gallons of Miracle whip

1 gallon mustard

8 bags of white onions

6 boxes family size gallon tea bags

10-82oz containers lemonade mix

8-40 pks of bottle water

1-36 pk Diet Pepsi

2-24 pk A&W Root Beer

2-24 pk Sunkist

1-36 pk Diet Mt. Dew

2-36 pk Coke

2-36 pk Sprite

2-36 pk Pepsi

2-36 pk Dr. Pepper

2 Gallons ketchup

500 packs of silverware

20 pounds of elbow macaroni

1 gallon relish

900 Hefty 3 compartment take out containers

PIES OF ANY KIND AND DESSERTS!!!!

I know this is a huge list any little bit helps.

Please contact Dannielle Martin

740-501-3888 call or text.





**August 1<sup>st</sup> at 12-1:00pm**

**Foundation Plaza**

**Realm of the Reptile**

**Lunch by**

**University Hospitals & Ashland Wooster Drive-In**



# 2025 Veterans Appreciation Day

**Saturday, August 9**

**Ashland County Airport**

**700 TR 1102, Ashland, OH 44805**



**Everyone Is  
Invited To Help  
Celebrate Our Heroes!**

**What To Expect**  
Guest Speaker  
Veterans Service Organizations  
FREE Lunch  
FREE Hair Cuts For Vets

★ ★ ★ Kids Activities ★ ★ ★  
Bounce Houses  
Games: Frisbee Golf, Giant Jenga,  
Nine Square, Connect 4  
Kroc Center Mascot "RJ"  
Foam Bash  
Home Depot Wood Project  
Face Painting  
YMCA-Fitness & Nutrition

**Gates Open 11am**  
**Events Going On All Day**  
**Drone Show at 9:30pm**

- 1pm - 3pm: Lincoln Highway Blue Grass
- 3pm - 3:30pm: General Westmoreland By Ken Hammontree
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm: The Diamond Project
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm: Matt Young
- 7:30pm - 9pm: Phil Dirt & The Dozers
- 9:30pm: Drone Show

Brought To You By: Ashland County Veterans Appreciation Committee



## THE RECIPE EXCHANGE



# Muddy Buddy Rice Krispies



### Ingredients

- 6 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar, sifted (or 1/2 cup for a light sprinkle)

### Instructions

1. Prepare Your Ingredients: Measure out the Rice Krispies cereal, chocolate chips, peanut butter, unsalted butter, and vanilla extract.
2. Melt the Chocolate and Peanut Butter: Place the chocolate chips and peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat in 30-second intervals, stirring each time, until the mixture is smooth and creamy.
3. Combine with Butter and Vanilla: Stir the melted butter and vanilla extract into the chocolate-peanut butter mixture until fully incorporated.
4. Coat the Cereal: In a large mixing bowl, pour the chocolate mixture over the Rice Krispies cereal. Gently fold until all the cereal is evenly coated.
5. Spread and Cool: Transfer the coated cereal mixture onto a baking sheet or into a pan. Let it cool completely to set before cutting.
6. Add the Finishing Touch: Once cooled, place the bars into a large resealable bag. Add powdered sugar, seal the bag, and shake gently to coat. Alternatively, dust the bars lightly with powdered sugar for a cleaner look.
7. Serve and Enjoy: Slice into squares, serve, and savor the perfect mix of crunch and sweetness!