



BAILEY LAKES VILLAGE VIEW



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AUGUST 11TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM and began roll call.

Meeting was held via Facebook live

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Resolutions to new business #1 and #2 tabled until next meeting.

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR

Cody Pitsenbarger was absent from meeting, council discussed requesting his presence at first meeting of the month going forward.

ZONING – RICHARD BROWN

No new business.

- Tax Budget 2026 – with Budget Commission.
- Special assessment at next meeting regarding a property on Wesley, September 8th is deadline to submit to Ashland County Auditor.
- State of Ohio – House Bill 96 requires all government entities to create a cyber security policy. Video and instructions are available for what they are looking for, the deadline is July 1, 2026.
- Ethics commission and training – free online training.
- Roof and gutters – gutters need replaced, soffit repair has not been performed. Roof does not need replaced according to Mayor Benshoff.
- Flag lowering and raising – need someone to be in charge of this – Richard Brown volunteered.
- Meeting/agenda procedure – tabled.
- Village Administrator – still pending.
- Social Media Policy resolution is still pending from the solicitor – tabled.
- Estimates for tree trimming will be solicited.
- Weeds around edge of James Lake

MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

Spoke with contractor regarding an estimate for Friendly Express, McClain and 250, Indian, and Lake Drive. Will use camera at Lake Drive culvert to diagnose the issue. August 28th is the date RCAP will be in the village to install flow meters and sensors in manholes. Dave Pitsenbarger will be here to assist RCAP. Melway Paving missed motor paving Indian Drive and will return in to complete this.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dottie Scott: Absent.

Krissy Kauf: None.

Tina Killion: Spaghetti dinner yielded \$200 for the parks.

Ariel Isaacs: Absent.

Tom Dilgard: None.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Scott Smurthwaite, resident on Ridge Bailey Lakes Road presented to discuss the recent tar and chipping of Ridge Bailey Lakes Road. Mr. Smurthwaite presented photos pertaining to millings left on his property, and voiced a grievance regarding the shoddy execution of said tar and chipping, as well as the amount of time spent by Melway only to receive substandard results. Mr. Smurthwaite relayed that other residents of Ridge Road have expressed dissatisfaction with tar and chip. Mayor Benshoff will have a contractor assess the situation and steps will be taken to correct it.

No live-stream questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM



AUGUST 25th REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM and began roll call.

Meeting was held via Facebook live

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Crossing guards for Village trick-or-treating.

ZONING – RICHARD BROWN

No new or pending business.

OPERATORS REPORTS/COMMENTS: Operator not present. Council requested that Cody Pitsenbarger attend at least one meeting per month.

- Three resolutions were presented; 08252025A and 08252025C were passed, and 08252025B was tabled. The meeting/agenda procedure was tabled.
 - Resolution 08-25-2025A: “A resolution of the Village of Bailey Lakes, Ashland County Ohio authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Bailey Lakes to certify delinquent water and sewer charges to the Ashland County Auditor’s Office to be placed as an assessment on the listed parcel numbers and declaring an emergency.”
 - Resolution 08-25-2025B: “A resolution adopting a social media and comment policy for the Village of Bailey Lakes.” Council discussed the policy and recommendation was made to review the policy individually, and post the policy draft to Facebook to solicit public input.
 - Resolution 08-25-2025C: “A resolution accepting the proposal of Cody Pitsenbarger for the Village of Bailey Lakes Water Distribution and Wastewater Treatment Operations and authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Cody Pitsenbarger and declaring an emergency.”
- A need for Crossing guards for Village trick-or-treat night were discussed. Request for volunteers will be posted on Facebook, the Village website, and the newsletter. Vests and flares are provided.
- Village Administrator – Tabled. Justin Isaacs attended the meeting to discuss his proposal to become the Village Administrator and address any possible conflict alleged in an Ethics Commission document council received. Council needs an appointment from the mayor before a vote for any village administrator candidate can commence. Council requested to review information for any/all Village Administrator applicants as well as any notes made by Council President and the Mayor.
- Leaf pickup – Pending.
- Vacating of First Street – More research is needed. Resident inquiring asked that it be placed on the next meeting agenda. Council President suggested that a meeting be held at the site in question on September 22nd. Issue was tabled until next meeting.
- Catch basin at Friendly Express, Culvert on McClain, and depression on Indian Drive estimates – tabled.
- Tree trimming estimates were discussed and council accepted a proposal by Just-In Time Handyman, LLC for tree trimming in the Village.

MAYOR REPORTS/COMMENTS

Absent.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Dottie Scott: None.

Krissy Kauf: Inquired about upkeep/maintenance of James Lake or lack thereof.

Tina Killion: Inquired about lack of upkeep at James Lake.

Ariel Isaacs: None.

Tom Dilgard: Resident requested a printed copy of zoning rules.

Betty Brown: Absent.

PUBLIC INTERACTION

Chris Johnson from Ashland Men was present to let the council know that the Ashland Men’s group would be praying for elected officials of Ashland County, and in particular on the 19th of each month for the Village of Bailey Lakes. He also left his business card with each council member in case they had any individual prayer requests.

No live-stream questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Community Notes & Reminders:

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND @ 6:00 P.M.

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 2ND AND 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

VIEW YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL ONLINE:

<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 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!

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

A NOTE FROM MAYOR BENSHOFF:

"This has been a really busy week in the Village which included Dave Pitsenbarger and myself meeting with Jake from the Condition Assessment Team of RCAP on August 28, 2025 to install Flow Meters in our existing Bailey Lakes Sewer Collection Manholes (7) at different locations around the Village to determine where storm water / spring water / general leaks and where infiltration is coming from for the increased loads on our Sanitary Sewer System here in the Village. This data received from the Flow Meters may continue for several months and may involve different locations around the village."

Great Lakes RCAP does not provide or sell flow meters directly, but it offers technical assistance and training to help small rural communities with their water and wastewater systems. This can include guidance on selecting, installing, and managing flow meters for accurate measurement and system assessment. For more information on Great Lakes RCAP, check out their website at: <https://www.glcap.org/>

CODE RED

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

There are several ways residents can sign up for CodeRed.

To sign up for emergency alerts through a link on the Ashland County Emergency Management website

Scan this code



You can also text **ASHLANDCO** to 26439

Go directly to the **CodeRED** site to create an account:







<https://accountportal.onsolve.net/ashlandcountyoh>



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



September 2025

31  LABORDAY WEEKEND PSA: Bailey Lakes Family will have a memorial and 21-gun salute for their loved one. 3 pm	1 NO SCHOOL  HAPPY LABOR DAY	2 Happy Birthday to everyone born in September! 	3 Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 	4 National Wildlife Day 	5 National Cheese Pizza Day 	6 National Read a Book Day  Wayne Co. Fair Begins! →
7  Grand parent's Day Back to Church Sunday Wayne Co. Fair →	8 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING – 6 P.M.  meeting Wayne Co. Fair →	9 National Teddy Bear Day  Wayne Co. Fair →	10 Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main  Bellville Street Fair	11  NEVER FORGET Wayne Co. Fair – Last Day	12 National Day of Encouragement  You're DOING Great! Bellville Street Fair	13 Farmers Market on Claremont 9 – 11 a.m.  Bellville Street Fair
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ashland County Fair Week September 14 th – 20 th						
OSTPA Tractor Pull 6:30 p.m. 	Harness Racing 'noon and 6 p.m. 	7:00 p.m. Concert "Boys in the Band" Alabama Tribute OSU Farm Science	Diamond J. Rodeo 7:00 p.m. OSU Farm Science	Motocross 6 p.m. OSU Farm Science	 NO SCHOOL! Stock Tractor Pull 4:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m. Demo Derby  LESS CRYIN' MORE CRASHIN'
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
 WIFE APPRECIATION DAY	 meeting VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING 6 P.M. Hello autumn		Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 		 National Pancake Day	Farmers Market on Claremont 9 – 11 a.m.  Ashland County Farm Tour 2025 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Ashland County Farm Tour 2025 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. 	 National Coffee Day	 National Chewing Gum Day	Midweek Farmers Market 4-6 p.m. UH on Main 		 National Manufacturing Day	Honey Haven Fall Festival 

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



SCENIC RIDGE ORCHARDS FALL FESTIVAL!

SEPT 13 - SEPT 20 - SEPT 27 - OCT 4

FROM 9 AM - 5 PM

LOCATED: 2031 OH-89, JEROMESVILLE, OH 44840

2025 Ashland County Farm Tour

September 27 and 28, 2025
Noon to 5 pm



ASHLAND COUNTY

**Brought to you by: Ashland County Farm Bureau
and the participating hosts**

Welcome to the 2025 Ashland County Farm Tour

Once again it is time to take to the rural byways of northern Ashland County to enjoy the beauty and bounty of another harvest. The Ashland County Farm Bureau invites you to spend a weekend visiting local farming operations and see firsthand what is involved in a successful modern farm operation or farm business.

Each year the Ashland County Farm Bureau is pleased to sponsor and host the Drive-It Yourself Tour of Family Farms and Businesses in various regions of our scenic county. The farming families of Ashland County are rightfully proud of the concern they show for the animals trusted to their care and for being good stewards of the land and natural resources that help produce the food crops.

This event is designed to bridge the gap between farmers and consumers so that everyone better understands and appreciates how the food chain works.

Enjoy the day and drive safely!
Justin Ringler, Richard Sprague, Terry Hildebrand, Ben Robinson,
Lindsey Schwinn and Mark Fitch
- Ashland County Farm Bureau's Farm Tour committee



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's almost Autumn and that means Village Trick-or-Treat night is around the corner! We are in need of volunteers to be crossing guards at the crossroads of Wesley and 250, as well as McClain and 250 to help participants cross safely. Safety vests and flares will be provided. If you would like to volunteer to be a crossing guard this year, please get in touch with Councilwoman Dottie Scott for more details.



You're Invited!

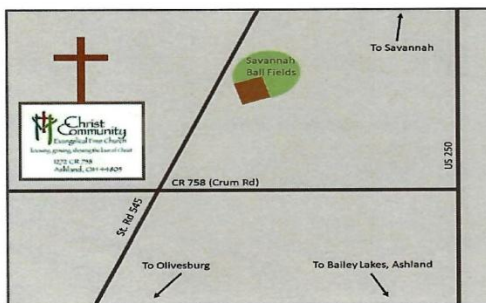
Back to Church

Sunday, Sept 7

Maybe church has gotten out of your routine.
Maybe it's been a while.

We want to invite you to worship the Lord with us!
Our arms are open wide...and so are His!

No matter how long it's been or what's been keeping
you...now is the time to come back to church!



LIGHTHOUSE FRIENDS



knowing
growing
and
showing
the love
of Christ

Christ Community
Evangelical Free Church

Wednesday Nights
6:30 – 7:30
PreK to 6th Grade

Bible Songs
Lessons
Games

From Sep 3rd–
April 1st

9:00
Sunday School
(All Ages)

10:00
Cookie Fellowship

10:30
Worship Service

2FortyTwo
YOUTH MINISTRY
devoted disciples of Jesus

Sunday Nights
6:00 – 8:00
7th to 12th Grade

Food & Games

Discipleship
Bible Teaching

C=Coliseum, SWP=Swine Pavilion, RB=Rabbit Barn,
OP=Open Poultry Bldg., JP=Jr. Fair Poultry Bldg.,
OSB=Open Sheep Barn, G=Grandstand, P=Pavilion,
V=Veteran's Building, SHP=Sheep Pavilion

SUNDAY- SEPT. 14-OPENING DAY

9 a.m.-Jr. Fair Market Steer Showmanship Show—C
9 a.m.-Open Class Rabbit Show (Show & Go) - SWP
9:30 a.m.-Jr. Fair Breeding Sheep Show- SHP
12 noon-Opening Ceremonies—P
12:30 p.m.-Jr. Fair King/Queen Contest-P
2 p.m.-Parade of Bands-G
2 p.m. Adult Tractor Pull (Max. 12) -P
Followed by Kiddie Tractor Pull
2:30 p.m.-Open Poultry Show—OP
4 p.m.-Jr. Fair Poultry Show—OP
4 p.m.-Sheriff Bomb Team-C
5 p.m.-Women's Skillet Throw -C
6:30 p.m.-OSTPA Tractor Pull -G
7 p.m.-Jr. Fair Market Steer Show-C
7 p.m.-Square Dance/Line Dance—P

MONDAY-SEPT. 15-VETERAN'S DAY

(Free Meal for Veterans 12 p.m.—6 p.m.)

8:30 a.m.-Jr. Fair Market Lamb Show-C
9 a.m.-Jr. Fair Dairy Showmanship
followed by combined Jr. and Open Dairy Show-C
9 a.m.-Jr. Fair Rabbit Show-OP
10:45 a.m.-Walk of Honor-Begin at Veteran's Bldg.
11 a.m.-Veteran's Service- By Hospice of NC Ohio-P
12 Noon-Harness Racing (Pari-Mutuel)-G
3 p.m.-Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Show-C
4:30 p.m.—Weiner Dog Races-G
5 p.m.-Jr. Fair Market Hog Showmanship—SWP
6 p.m.-Human Antique Tractor Pull-Draft Horse Barn
6 p.m.-Jr. Fair Small Animal Costume Contest-OP
6 p.m.-Harness Racing (Pari-Mutuel)-G
6 p.m.-Weiner Dog Costume Contest-P

TUESDAY-SEPT. 16- SR.CITIZEN'S DAY

(Fun Times in Pavilion 10am-3p.m.)

8 a.m.-Draft Horse/Pony Halter Show-C
10 a.m.-Jr. Fair Market Hog Show—SWP
10 a.m.-Bingo (Age 60 and over)
12:00 p.m.-The Warrior (Gospel)-P
12 Noon-Draft Horse/Pony Hitch Show-C
2 p.m.-Sr. King/Queen Contest-P
6 p.m.-Jr. Fair Baby Beef Show-C
6 p.m.-Cedar Valley Cloggers—P
7p.m.—Concert-Boys In The Band (Alabama Tribute)G

WEDNESDAY-SEPT. 17- LADIES' DAY

(Special Programs 9 a.m.—4 p.m.-Pavilion)

9 a.m.-Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Show-C
9 a.m.-Jr. Fair Dairy/Meat Market Goat Show-SWP
9 a.m.-Jr. Fair Pygmy/Fiber/Pack-Goat Show-SWP
9 a.m.-Open Class Sheep Show- SHP
7 p.m.-Diamond J Rodeo—G
7 p.m.-SURJE - P

THURSDAY-SEPT. 18

8:30 a.m.-Jr. Fair Breeding Beef Show-C
8:30 a.m.-Jr. Fair Beef & Dairy Feeder Show-C
Followed by Open Class Beef Show
10 a.m.-Diaper Derby-P
1:30 p.m.-Toddlers Foot Race-P
5 p.m.-4-H Horse Fun Show-Paddock
6 p.m.-Little International Showmanship-SWP
6 p.m.-Motocross-G
7 p.m.-Tom's Kitchen Table-(Mix-Country to Rock)-P



Enjoy your visit to the Ashland County Fair

FRIDAY-SEPT. 19- YOUTH DAY

Jr. Fair Livestock Auction (One Day-Two Ring)

8:30 a.m.—SALE OF CHAMPIONS

Rabbits
Chickens
Turkeys
Goats
Lambs
Hogs
Market Steers
Baby Beef

Times below are APPROXIMATE:

Large Animal Ring Selling by the Pound	Small Animal Ring Selling by the Head
9:15am—Market Hogs	9:15am-Market Rabbits
12:00pm-Market Lambs	10:00am-Market Goats
1:25pm-Market Steers	11:30am-Market Turkeys
followed by Baby Beef	12:00pm-Dairy Items
	12:30pm-Mrkt Chickens

11 a.m.-Small Car Race (2 to 4 Year Old) -P
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.-COSI —Science Live—P
4:30 p.m.-Stock Tractor Pull-G
(Antique Tractor Parade Prior Stock Tractor Pull)
6 p.m. —Blindsided-P
7 p.m.-Draft Pony Pull-C

SATURDAY-SEPT. 20-DERBY DAY

9 a.m.-Open Goat Show- (Show & Go)-SP
9 a.m.-4-H Dog Show —C
10 a.m.-Open Draft Horse & Pony Hitch Show-G
1 p.m. - Midlyfe Crysis-P
4 p.m.-Backseat Driver Contest-C
6 p.m.-Demolition Derby-G
6 p.m.-Sweet Umbra-P (Rock)
7 p.m.-Concert-Out of Eden (Eagles Tribute) -C
along with Just One Look (Linda Ronstadt Tribute)

(Schedule subject to change)

PLANTS & POSIES PRESENTS

Fall CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY | OCT 4 | 10 AM - 4 PM
2025

6415 Olivesburg Fitchville Rd, Shiloh, OH

MUMS & PUMPKINS FOR SALE

Brighten up your home with the vibrant colors of fall!

SAVOR DELICIOUS FOOD

Indulge in mouthwatering seasonal treats and warm beverages that will keep you warm as you browse!

SHOP LOCAL VENDORS

Support local businesses and enjoy a variety of goods from our wonderful vendors.

Plantsandposies@yahoo.com
(419) 989-0771

CLA GARAGE SALES

You must sign up whether you are selling one item or a whole garage full. This fee pays for advertising in local media outlets!!

\$5.00

participation fee paid to the CLA office no later than

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025 by noon!!

Friday Sept 12th 9AM-5PM

LUNCH BY DONATION

11AM- 2PM @ THE LODGE

CLA FISH AND LAKE COMMITTEE



Saturday Sept 13th 9AM-5PM

Food Truck— Dine & Dash

TIME— 11am to 3pm



Oct. 11 & 12

12 - 5 p.m

The event is free.

Lowe & Young

OSU CEAES Wooster

Woodlyn Acres

Sunshine Flower Farm

Wayne County Regional Training Facility

Apple Creek Historical Society

Kidron Historical Society's Sonnenberg Village

Stirrup Courage

2025 WAYNE
COUNTY

FARM TOUR



Fall Snack Mix

Ingredients

- 3 cups Bugles chips
- 3 cups caramel popcorn
- 2 cups Crispix cereal
- ½ cup honey roasted peanuts
- ½ cup Reese's Pieces
- ½ cup candy corn
- Waffle ice cream cones (optional, for serving)

Instructions

- In a large bowl, gently stir together all ingredients.
- Optional: Serve snack mix in waffle ice cream cones to look like cornucopias.
- Store in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

