



City of Bluff City
Mayor Percy J. Brown

Office of the Mayor

City Hall / 100 Broad Avenue
Bluff City, Ohio

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

Hurray! The Bluff City city pool is now open! Just in time to stave off summer's wilting heat wave, the city pool has been freshly painted, filled with clean, clear water (trucked in from outside the county – that's another issue for another discussion), and stocked with eight brand new functional life rings! We even hired two lifeguards to watch over swimmers seven hours a week! Safety is our biggest concern!

Sadly, the snack bar is still closed after last year's tuberculosis incident. The county health department shut down the snack bar and is requiring us to raze the old structure and build a new one if we wish to use it. That interferes with our waterslide plans, so it won't happen anytime soon. But please purchase snacks from the vending machines, since Bluff City gets seven cents from every sale!

We'll also be issuing new photo ID pool passes this year. Part of the impetus for this measure is to insure better security for pool users. This is because of recent events where the Bluff County Corrections Department placed their Pedophile Detention facility in the old Jones Brothers warehouse, which is located next to the pool. This was an unforeseen event and the Bluff County Commissioners failed to consult with me on this move. Until this issue can be rectified, I've asked the Corrections Dept to board up the windows facing the pool to prevent prisoners from watching swimmers.

We're also asking all pool users between the ages of five and twelve to wear conservative bathing suits. The less skin that is visible, the better off everyone will be, as we don't want to unnecessarily agitate the prisoners. This is only a precautionary measure, as I'm sure the Corrections Dept will get the windows covered by August. We're even recommending that all pool users follow this advice, regardless of age and sex. Both male and female swimmers are encouraged to wear t-shirts while they enjoy the pool. Remember, all that sun is bad for your skin and we're looking out for your dermal health!

So head on down to our Recs & Parks department and pick up your family pool pass. This year's cost to Bluff City residents is only \$750 per family. A true summertime bargain! And remember, the fees you're paying will hopefully go towards improving your community pool in future years, provided I can convince city council to allow me to have the discretion to direct those funds as needed, like back into the Recs & Parks budget for future pool improvements! Right now those fees go into the city's general fund, where they are gobbled up by the city's Public Safety forces (who control 87% of the city's budget).

Just think – if those dollars went back into Recs & Parks we could add water features and slides, transforming the Bluff City city pool into the Bluff City Water Park! We would attract users from all over the state! And generate more revenue for the city! I just need your help convincing city council to change city code to allow me to direct all pool revenues to projects as I see fit. It's called the "Mayor's Pool Fund Discretion Option". Contact city council today and voice your support for it!

Enjoy the water and remember to cover up! No bikinis!

Sincerely,
Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor