



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:

Whew! What a September we've had! Fast, hot, dry, and extremely messy!

Of course, I'm talking about the three different truck spills we saw this month on the freeway exit ramp to Bluff City. Our city engineer, Burt Spurburt (P.E.), believes there are some serious design flaws with that ramp and that the posted speed limit, 25 MPH, is too fast. I'm afraid he may be right, which doesn't happen very often!

The first accident was a relatively quiet incident involving a tanker truck carrying spaghetti sauce and a passenger van from the Bluff City Retirement Home. Fortunately, spaghetti sauce is biodegradable, so there was no major EPA concern over the 200,000 gallons of sauce that drained into Bluff Creek, although the creek is still pink in color three weeks later! That concerns me, since I'm an avid fisherman and your Environmental Mayor™! The spaghetti sauce spill also threw our EMS crews into a frenzy! After arriving on-scene, the EMS lieutenant called for backup to assist with transporting the dozens of victims to Bluff City Hospital. However, once they began treating the victims, they quickly realized the people were covered in spaghetti sauce and weren't actually bleeding!

The second spill occurred the following week and involved "animal remains". That one caused a literal stink in town, seeing as how the truck was delivering animal parts to the rendering plant when the spill happened. And our street maintenance crews were completely unprepared to deal with the mess! They found it next to impossible to clean the animal fat grease from the roadway and several employees grew violently ill while retrieving the scattered pig hooves, ears, and snouts. We're hoping they only got sick from the pungent stench of decayed animal parts, but the doctor has ordered them to remain in the hospital for another week for further observation. Please pray for them and watch your speed on that exit ramp - it's still very greasy!

Now I'm sure everyone remembers the last spill, the one from last week. It seems like everyone in town showed up to help us with that clean up! Of course, I'm talking about the armored car spill, when 35,000 quarters spilled out the unsecured back door of an armored car after the driver hit the greasy slick spot on the exit ramp. The Bluff City police figure approximately 1500 people showed up at the accident scene during the four-hour clean up. And yet, even with all that help, only 247 quarters were found.

Oddly enough, many of the local merchants have complained about receiving payment for goods and services in quarters. In fact, Don Snorgdog, owner of Snorgdog's Used Car Emporium, told me that he sold a gentleman a 2004 BMW and the man paid in all quarters. I asked the police chief to create a task force to arrest these quarter stealers, but he says he needs more officers to chase all those evil-doers down.

It's a tight budget this year. Please, do the right thing and turn in those stolen quarters. And remember, we will **NOT** accept any payments for fines or taxes in quarters at Bluff City city hall!

Sincerely,  
**Percy J. Brown**  
Your Honorable Mayor