



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:

August was another quiet month here in Bluff City, after the panhandling disaster last month (which is still tied up in court). As such, I decided I deserved another vacation, which I took. It's always good to get out of Bluff City during August, since August days here are so sticky and humid, awful weather that always seems to put Mr. Miller, our permit clerk, in mind of Vietnam and his years of Army service there. Mr. Miller's psychiatrist advises us every year to give Mr. Miller the month of August off, just to insure the safety of the general permit-seeking public.

However, since we can't really afford to give Mr. Miller (or any of our valued Bluff City employees) the whole month of August off with pay, we generally just turn up the air conditioning in the permit office, give Mr. Miller a little more leeway than usual, and post at least one police officer outside the permit office at all times. Let me remind you that no use of deadly force has ever been required, although Mr. Miller has shown a high degree of tolerance for tazing in the past.

If you did remain in Bluff City during August, I hope you at least managed to stay cool by spending some quality family time at the Bluff City city pool, where it's always cool (we're working on that has a trademark slogan for the pool!)! And before you send me a slew of mail complaining about the Bluff County Corrections Department Pedophile Detention facility fiasco, allow me to respond now: Yes, we're still working with the county corrections department to either get that facility moved from next door to the pool or to board up all the cell windows facing the pool on at least a summer seasonal basis. The prisoner lawsuits alleging that boarding up those windows was tantamount to cruel and inhuman punishment are still tied up in federal court, so we've been prohibited from taking any action until the case is decided, probably sometime next year.

For those of you unfamiliar with the particulars of this issue, please see my May 2007 Mayor's Memo.

Here's another potential Bluff City tag line for you to mull over:

"Bluff City – the best place in Bluff County!"

Sincerely,
Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor