



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

..... FROM THE BEST LITTLE
TOWN AROUND

I hope everyone had a good time at the *Strawberry Festival* last week. Don't forget, the Main Street Association's annual *Canal Street Cruise-In* will be here on July 23rd. The Bolivar Lions Club

will be holding their *Chicken BBQ* event in conjunction with the car show from 4pm to 7pm on the same day. So, if you want to help a great cause and enjoy a good meal while looking at some cool cars be sure to pre order your chicken dinners from the Lions Club before they are sold out. Arrangements for pre order pickups can be made by calling (330) 575-7325. Last year's car show was a huge success, and if the weather cooperates with us, I'm sure this year will be another blockbuster.

Another thing to mark your calendars for is *Sparks of Giving* on July 16th. The Quillen family organized the event with the intent of putting on the most spectacular firework show around and drawing people into Bolivar and the surrounding community. Many of the area restaurants and businesses have agreed to donate a portion of their sales on July 16th to a local charity. The fireworks will be set off near the Zoar Golf course, so best viewing will be in the Zoar Golf course parking lot. However, there will also be designated viewing areas at the Zoar Fire Station, Tuscarawas Valley High School and Holy Trinity of Zoar. Additional viewing areas will be at Lockport Brewery, the Giant Eagle parking lot, Vaughan's Pub and the Wilkshire Golf Course. Make sure to find a spot early because most places will fill up quickly.

What do you think?

In the Spring newsletter, we asked for suggestions for the two unnamed alleys and the east to west running portion of Johnson Alley. Several people participated and submitted the below list of names:

Simon

Patriot

Fort

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Lock

Center

Hennis

Packet

McIntosh

Councils' top picks are Fort and Simon, but we would like to know what you all think. Feel free to email

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which street you think should be named with one of the above listed choices.

Arbor Day 2022

This year's Arbor Day was a smashing success. The Intermediate School met us in the old Pine Street cemetery where we planted a pine tree graciously donated by Bruce Lawver. A big thank you to all the students and teachers who participated as well as Chris Berens who was able to incorporate the school in this year's celebration. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Bolivar being named a Tree City USA participant.

In our ongoing efforts to manage our urban tree canopy we have removed several problem trees and tree limbs this year. I would like to apply for a matching grant through ODNR to replant trees within our village. However, to do so requires us to submit our current tree population inventory. If anyone would be willing to volunteer to use the USDA Forest Service i-Tree app to collect this data, please call the office and let us know.



Included with this newsletter is a Village of Bolivar Customer Satisfaction Survey. This survey is a tool that serves two purposes. The first being it aids us in securing grants when we can show data on how the residents feel about a given issue. Quantitative community data makes any grant application more successful, and we currently don't have any data to offer when submitting for grants.

The second and most important reason, is to get feedback on how we are doing. I have the pleasure of talking to a diverse group of residents each week and hearing their thoughts on many of the issues facing our town. Because of this, I think I have a good picture of where we need to improve and where we are excelling, but I still wonder if we are truly capturing a complete picture. This survey will help the members of council and I understand what each of you want to see from your government. Help us shape the future of Bolivar with your feedback!

Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed survey. Your participation in this survey is very important, and completely anonymous. You can put your completed survey in the box out front of village hall. The deadline to submit surveys will be Friday, September 2nd. Please only submit one survey per adult Village of Bolivar resident. We will then take the data and put it into a report which will be made available at the end of the year.

Your input will help Bolivar make decisions that affect us all.

Best,

Tim Lange