

MAYOR'S FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Water Billing: Due to the United States Postal Service running much slower than in previous years, some residents are not receiving their water bills in a timely manner. We put the water bills in the mail on the 15th of each month, if you have not received your bill by the 23rd of the month you should do one of the following things: Go to the Bolivar Website: <https://villageofbolivar.com/> and then once on the website, across the top are various choices to click on. Click on Links and at the top of the page under Community Links you will see the Pay Water/Trash Utility Online and under the link www.ub-pay.com you will see the municipality code you will need so write that down before you click on the link. Once you click on the link you will see Member Login and Member Registration. You will need to register if you have never used this option in the past. Keep in mind this site is very sensitive and if you use a capital letter or a number or character you will need to use it exactly like that every time. Once you log in it will show you your bill so you can then determine how to pay. If you choose to pay online there will be a fee based on the amount owed. You can choose not to pay online and drop your payment off in the drop box in front of Village Hall or stop in and hand it to one of the clerks in the office. For questions feel free to call the Village Hall at 330-874-3717 ext. 2.

SUMMER FUN – Once again summer fun has turned to fall fun. Bolivar is just beautiful in the fall with the changing leaves, and in winter with a blanket of snow on the ground. The Main Street Association had a record-breaking year for the 5-K run, Strawberry Festival, and parade, and the Cruise-In brought some really ‘Boss’ cars and trucks. We were certainly blessed with wonderful weather for these events. Let’s hope next year is even better. A great big “Thank You” to all the people who helped at these events.

We look forward to “Christmas on the Canal” on November 11, 2023. Everyone always has a good time! (Remember to look for ‘Eddie’!, and Santa Claus). Look for more information on our website, www.villageofbolivar.com.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP – There are some properties in the village that do not meet the standards as set by the ordinance for the village, both residential and business. I will be sending out courtesy letters to these property owners requesting improvement of the properties prior to any legal action being taken.

VILLAGE TORNADO SIREN – With the help of Staley Technologies and the ladder truck from the Bolivar Fire Department and members, our Tornado Siren is now connected to the county 9-11 Dispatch Center and will be activated whenever a **TORNADO WARNING** is issued to Tuscarawas County. We will still hear the 9 o’clock (8:55 pm) curfew, and we still have the capability of activating the tornado siren by phone, or manually. I’m in the process of revising the village website, and more information will be available there.

LEAF PICKUP- The street department will start picking up leaves piled on the street beginning the week of Sept. 25th. I understand that some trees are losing their leaves already, but mowing and other projects have delayed the regular leaf pickup. These small amounts should be picked up by the owner and taken to the Lawrence Township compost site until regularly scheduled days are started.

COMPOSTING PICKUP – The composting pickup in the village will continue through the 1st week of October. Residents will then have to dispose of their composting at the Lawrence Township composting site.

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SNOW STREET EMERGENCIES – It’s hard to believe it is that time of year already, but here in Ohio we could be looking at snow events soon. Years ago, the village council designated CENTRAL Ave., now called CANAL ST. as an “Emergency Snow Street”. It also states that there shall be no parking from 11:00 PM until 8:00 AM each day during the continuation of said emergency.

Because of the new downtown beautification project, I will be asking the council to expand the number of streets dedicated as an “Emergency Snow Street”. Whenever the snow reaches at least two (2) inches of depth, the mayor can declare a ‘snow emergency’, and all vehicles on these streets must be moved until the emergency is over. If this affects you and the parking of your vehicle(s), please find a place now to be able to move it if this occurs. Thank you.

WELCOME PACKET – We have revised and updated the VILLAGE WELCOME PACKET. Thank you to all the people who contributed articles and information to me, and to Holly for her diligence in making an outstanding informational booklet again. If you have lived in the village for less than 6 months, and you don’t receive one of these packets in the coming weeks, please contact our fiscal officer (treasurer@villageofbolivar.com), and one will be delivered.

DECORATIVE LIGHT POST – With the help of Hilscher-Clark Electronics, Street Superintendent Levi Kaser, and seasonal worker Gary App, we now have a new decorative light pole in the Ohio-Erie Canal Trailhead (previously known as the village parking lot) just between the Wandering Wildflower and Santa Claus House. This really increases the lighting and security in this area. Upgrading the Trailhead parking area is a goal of mine with the backing of our council.

MAIN WATER LINE UPGRADE – We have started a large project that will help tremendously to improve our water capacity and pressure in the village. The 4-inch main water lines will be replaced with 6 inch or 8-inch water lines. We will move some water connections and some fire hydrants connected to 9,700 linear feet of 4-inch lines to these larger lines. This should also allow for savings on homeowners insurance premiums. Please contact your homeowner’s carrier to check with them. The council voted at their last meeting to extend a letter of acceptance to the GDP Group Engineering/Architectural firm for the drawings and cost estimates for the project. I have also been contacting firms to see if there is any grant money available to cover any cost of repairing the streets after the installation and building sidewalks for students and walkers. The firm of the Ohio Mideastern Governments Association (OMEGA) has been instrumental in helping steer us in the right direction. They will also be overseeing the funding of the project. The Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) has been a tremendous help in water line identification. All three (3) of those firms were involved with the installation of our water meters, so they are well informed of our village, and our concerns.

As always, please feel free to contact the village offices with questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions. We are always glad to hear from you.

Respectfully,

Tedd Finlayson II, Mayor
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