



# Village of Bolivar

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Dear fellow residents,

Included in this mailing is a paper titled **"ONE CALL NOW"** that you can fill out with your contact information so you can be notified by the Village for important events or emergencies. The new Mayor will be responsible for determining what and when this service will be utilized. The contact information on your water bill is already on the notification, but alternative ways to contact you are available, as other family members can be added.

We are now in our winter months. There have been many changes in the past year to the Mayor's position and the employees. In February, the Street Superintendent resigned, and we hired Levi Kaser in May as his replacement. There were two (2) seasonal helpers that stepped right in to help the village until a street superintendent could be hired, Rick Wigfield and Wyatt Jones. They both were awesome in what they accomplished getting ready for spring/summer activities. Rick's wife, Shannon, was killed in the November 14 school tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rick and his family. In April, the Mayor resigned, and I became Mayor. April also saw the Village Administrator resign, and Levi assumed that position in September. In October, the Fiscal Officer resigned, and Patty Smith agreed to come back as an 'interim' to help with this position until a permanent Fiscal Officer could be hired and trained. In December Maria App resigned her seat on council to become the new Fiscal Officer, and Patty was rehired as an Assistant Clerk to help with the hectic year-end budget, general office duties, and income tax preparation for the village. Maria was the village Fiscal Office for many years. I wish to thank all of the former members that did an outstanding job for us, and the new members that have stepped in and have done, and continue to do, a great job.

The water rates were increased in August to help increase the amount of funds available to help cover costs whenever we start the water line improvement project. There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into the planning for these types of activities, and rate increases are not taken lightly. (They affect all of us.) The data we have seen for our rates for the village is still in the lower range for our area of the country.

Councilman Bruce Lawver did not seek re-election this year and has been replaced by Zac Nussbaumer. I wish to thank Bruce for his commitment to the village and wish him and his family good luck in the future. Village Resident Robert Lloyd was elected Mayor and will assume his responsibilities January 4<sup>th</sup>. The Village is always needing volunteers to help in a variety of committees and projects. Please let a councilman or the Mayor know if you can help.

Respectfully,

Tedd L. Finlayson, Mayor