



Welcome

TO THE VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR!

GATEWAY TO TUSCARAWAS COUNTY



JANUARY 2024



Welcome to our village!

Bolivar, Ohio is a not-so-sleepy village strategically placed at the northern tip of Tuscarawas County, and its slogan, "Gateway to Tuscarawas County" harkens back to canal era days.

Located along the mighty Tuscarawas River just off Interstate 77 at State Route 212 in Lawrence Twp., the village offers all the amenities of today within a small-town, historic setting.

With 1,000 residents according to the 2020 census, Bolivar's current growth can be attributed to excellent schools in the Tusky Valley district, a rich history, plentiful shopping, housing choices ranging from urban to rural settings, and local business and citizen commitment.

An industrial parkway offers businesses an opportunity to locate midway between two county seats, with easy access to major transportation routes. Commerce generated by local businesses contributes to the vitality of the entire community, and local organizations offer support and advertising avenues.

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Walk, bike or drive down Bolivar's tree-lined streets to view an eclectic mix of grand front porches, historic churches, refurbished landmarks and even new construction homes. We appreciate our residents, whose pride is displayed in well-kept homes and yards.

Nature lovers will enjoy the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath, and history buffs are welcome to visit the only revolutionary war fort in Ohio – Fort Laurens. Be sure to include Canal Street as a stop during your visit, where a multitude of quaint old buildings have been refurbished – featuring shops and agencies, a diner, bank, village services and more.

Vist www.villageofbolivar.com for more information.



Established in 1825, the village of Bolivar was platted in 1830; its development spurred by its location on the Ohio Canal. The short lived Sandy-Beaver Canal connection to Pittsburgh established Bolivar as a featured shipping center, where farmers with their wagons waited in lines a mile long to unload grain via horse-powered elevators into the local mill, operated by James F. Evans.⁽¹⁾ The mill still stands and is currently rented out for office space on Canal Street.

As rail transportation replaced canal operations, growth slowed. This contributed to the current eclectic mix of housing, which boasts many gorgeous buildings from the Canal Era, interspersed with popular new construction over the years. Downtown Bolivar in particular contains many remnants from those by-gone days, with new owners restoring many of the historic buildings to their former glory.

The towpath worn by the hooves of mules and horses along the canal has been rejuvenated as a walking/biking path, thanks to the efforts of the Bolivar community, the Ohio & Erie Canalway, and many generous benefactors and volunteers. The O&E Canal Towpath will stretch from Cleveland to New Philadelphia when it is totally complete.

Fort Laurens was constructed in 1778, and was the site of a British siege where 21 American soldiers lost their lives. Abandoned in 1779, only the outline of the original fort remains. The Fort Laurens

Museum houses many artifacts from the fort site. Enclosed by a circular path outdoors, the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot is the resting place of one of the original soldiers.

Reenactments and other special events are held throughout the year as fundraisers toward the eventual rebuilding of the fort.

Visit www.fortlaurens.com and www.friendsoffortlaurens.org for more information.

1- Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitors Bureau

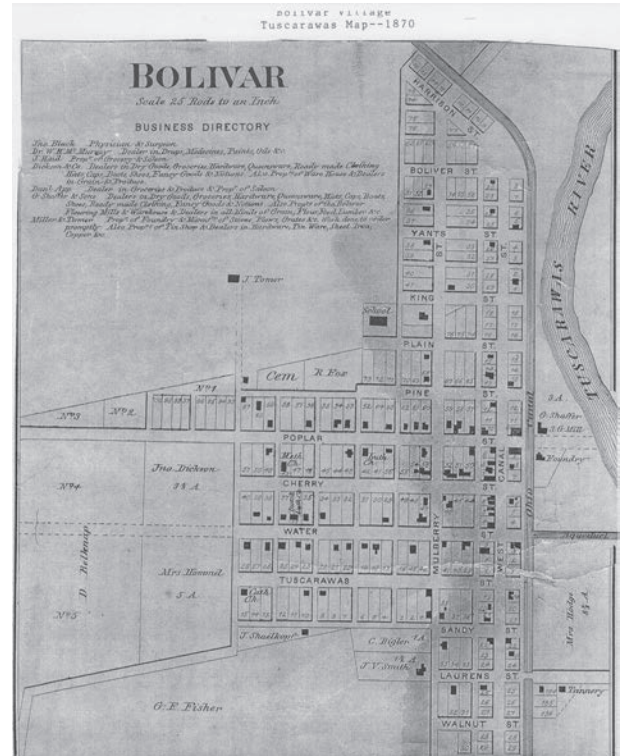


Photo courtesy of Zoar Ohio & Erie Canal Museum



GOVERNMENT

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

MAYOR:



Robert Lloyd
mayor@villageofbolivar.com
330-874-3717 ext. 4
330-312-0389
Term Expires 12/31/2027

Fiscal Officer:

Maria App
treasurer@villageofbolivar.com
330-874-3717 ext. 2

Assistant Fiscal Officer:

Patty Smith
treasurer@villageofbolivar.com
330-874-3717 ext. 2

Zoning Inspector:

Levi Kaser
Phone - 330-663-3478
villageadministrator@villageofbolivar.com

Street Superintendent & Village Administrator:

Levi Kaser
streetdepartment@villageofbolivar.com
Phone - 330-874-3717 ext. 1 (voice mail)

Police Chief:

Randy Haugh
Phone - 330-874-2113
Fax - 330-874-7083
Emergency: 9-1-1
117 Canal Street NE
P.O. Box 556
Bolivar 44612
bolivarchief@villageofbolivar.com

Water Operator: Chuck Williams

Water Clerk:
Stephanie Long
Phone - 330-445-6535

Bolivar Fire Department:
Chief Shawn Lynch
330-874-3115 non-emergency
www.bolivarfiredept.com

COUNCIL:

Six elected representatives make up the village council, which meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Council chambers are located inside the police building. Any change in meeting dates or times of meetings is published in the Times Reporter newspaper. Committee personnel can change on a yearly basis. The **Safety and Finance** committees meet on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm respectively. **Street & Alley** and **Parks & Recreation** committees meet on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. **Zoning** meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. Meeting minutes and more information is available at www.villageofbolivar.com.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Dan Oberlin**
Term Expires 12/31/27
- Will Bellinger**
Term Expires 12/31/25
- Loretta J. Diveley**
Term Expires 12/31/25
- Timothy White**
Term Expires 12/31/25
- Zachary Nussbaumer**
Term Expires 12/31/27
- Steve Pancoe** (appointed)
Term Expires 12/31/25

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR:

Heather Lecce
Office Hours every Monday & Tuesday
Phone - 330-874-3717 ext. 3
incometax@villageofbolivar.com

LOCAL & STATE GOVERNMENT

Lawrence Township, Tuscarawas County:
www.lawrencetownship.org

Tuscarawas County Government:
www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us

Tuscarawas County Health Dept.:
www.tchdnow.org/covid-19.html

Stark County Government:
www.co.stark.oh.us

Ohio Health Dept: www.odh.ohio.gov

State of Ohio: www.ohio.gov

FEMA
www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/ema/index.html



We have a great source of information for our village with the Bolivar website, www.villageofbolivar.com. Below are highlights to some of the most viewed items.

On each main page, you will find a block with "quick contacts." These are some of the more requested items. The mayor's newsletter, job openings in the village, and new information icons are located on the home page, and a menu at the top of the page will give you more information when looking for a specific topic.

MENU ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE:

• Welcome to Bolivar

- ◆ Short history of the village of Bolivar

• Officials

- ◆ Find out who the mayor, fiscal officer, council members, village administrator, street superintendent, and police chief are.

• News

- ◆ Get seasonal information such as lawn sprinkling, compost pickup, leaf pickup.
- ◆ Our open burning ordinance.
- ◆ Restrictions on garbage cans, signs in the street right-of-way, water billing.
- ◆ A link to the Tuscarawas County hazard mitigation plan. FYI, it is 398 pages long, so get comfortable!
- ◆ Information on tuscbbd which covers suicide prevention.
- ◆ Previous newsletters.
- ◆ The current consumer confidence report and previous ones, also.
- ◆ Questions about the yard and trash pickup.
- ◆ Recycling news, and a holiday trash pickup schedule.

• Meetings

- ◆ When the council have their regular meetings and committee meetings.

• Archives

- ◆ Current and previous ordinances and meeting minutes.

• Taxation

- ◆ Information on village income tax.
- ◆ Forms

• Zoning

- ◆ Current zoning regulations
- ◆ Current zoning map
- ◆ Map of village streets and alleys
- ◆ Zoning forms
- ◆ Exterior maintenance

• Links

- ◆ Links to find local websites; community (library, fire department), educational, government, clubs and museums, and churches

• Mainstreet

- ◆ About the Bolivar Main Street organization; what it is, how to join, yearly events

The site changes as needed when new info is available. We hope you refer to this site often and would appreciate any suggestions you have for improvements such as material provided.

Visit www.villageofbolivar.com for more information.

Village of Bolivar, Ohio

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NEWSLETTER



MOVING?



MAIN STREET



FIRST RESPONDERS

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOLIVAR POLICE DEPARTMENT

117 CANAL STREET NE • PO BOX 556 • BOLIVAR, OHIO 44612 • 330-874-2113 Office • 330-874-3083 Fax

The Bolivar Police Department has two full time officers. Chief Randall D. Haugh Jr who has been Chief for 16 years with Bolivar and Officer Eric Minor who has been with Bolivar P.D for a year. We have one part time officer as well as two Auxiliary officers. We contract with the village of Zoar for police services as well. My saying has always been "Proactive not Reactive" See something Say something" Never hesitate to flag us down or give us a call. My philosophy, vision, and expectation for the Bolivar Police Department are to enhance its status as an advocate of professional law enforcement. We shall strive to encourage all police personnel to achieve and maintain the highest standards of ethics, integrity, community interaction and professional conduct. To be a progressive, active and effective police force we must serve with professionalism and exhibit our diversity, tolerance,



and sustained high standards in policing every day. We must develop strategies, combine resources, utilize partnerships, and execute programs designed to improve the profession of law enforcement.

The Bolivar Police Department promotes the following values:

- Professional integrity, respect, and tolerance
- Accountability to our employees and the community
- Sustained commitment to quality work
- Advancing the art and science of policing
- Preserving and cultivating mutually beneficial partnerships with individual law enforcement agencies, other associations, government entities, and the private sector.

I truly appreciate every resident in our amazing village.

Sincerely,
Chief Randall D. Haugh Jr

GREETINGS FROM THE BOLIVAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

456 WATER ST SW • BOLIVAR, OHIO 44612 • Phone: 330-874-3115 • Fax: 330-874-3323

EMERGENCY 9-1-1



Hello, from The Bolivar Fire Department!

Congratulations on your new home and welcome to Bolivar, we hope you

and your family will be very happy here.

The area has much to offer you and your family. The attractions include the Roy Parks Library, Towpath Bike Trails, Tuscarawas River, some of the best restaurants/breweries/wineries found anywhere, shops and schools etc.

Your Bolivar Fire Department provides the community with a professionally staffed fire department that also provide EMS coverage

too. We are staffed with Firefighter/Paramedics 24/7.

Please stop by the fire station anytime and we'll be happy to show you everything that the community has provided us with to help protect our residents, businesses and visitors to the area.

We are located at 456 Water St SW, right across the street from the library.

If you have any questions about your new neighborhood, please get in touch with us and we'll will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

And again, welcome home.

Police Coverage -

We now have 2 full-time police officers, chief R. Haugh and patrolman E. Minor. We also have 2 part-time and 2 auxiliary officers. We are proud of the professionalism that they show every day in their jobs.

Fire & EMS coverage -

Bolivar Fire & EMS are a full-time department, with chief S. Lynch in command. We are also proud of our fire department for being one of the best trained and well-equipped departments in the county.





The village utility bill is composed of water and trash collection, with billing processed every month. The village offers a variety of payment options that are free to you by using the drop box located in front of our village hall, and online using Bill/Pay. Visit <https://billpay.ubmaxonline.com>. The Municipality code is: BolivarOH612.

Village Water - Presently Bolivar still has its own well and is supplied by the Buried Valley Watershed Aquifer. Around the July/August of 2024 time frame, we will begin purchasing water from The Tuscarawas County Metropolitan Sewer District. They are starting the process of adding additional capacity to cleanse the water of manganese and iron. The village will con-

tinue to be responsible for maintaining the water distribution system throughout the village, and consumers are responsible for any water service connections from their house to the village water main. "IS MY WATER SAFE?," the annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report), is posted on the village website.

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES

"WHY DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?"

- Building permits maintain and protect a property owner's best interests.
- Identify deviations from approved plans and violations of the Building Code that may result in unsafe or hazardous conditions

The Village of Bolivar issues permits for any building or property changes including fencing, decks, swimming pools, tree removal, trimming and storage sheds, etc. Remember to check with the zoning inspector before beginning or planning any project at 330-874-3717 ext. 1.

If you are having a contractor do the work, they will need to come to village hall to fill out a contractors application and provide a certificate of insurance.

"CALL BEFORE YOU DIG"

State law requires anyone digging anywhere to call OHIO811, 8-1-1, or 1-800-362-2764 at least 48hrs but no more than 10 working days (excluding weekends and legal holidays) before beginning any digging project. Calls are received 24/7 and this is a free service.

CURFEW

The Police Department would like to remind parents that curfew is in effect throughout the year, including summer months. The curfew for all children 17 and under is 9pm without an accompanying adult and 11pm with an adult.

Ordinance No. 1986-393 An ordinance providing for the control of overgrown grass, weeds, and other plantings. The ordinance sets a height limitation of 12 inches and states the property owner is responsible to mow. You will be given a written notice and have 5 days to comply, after that the village will mow the grass and reasonable costs will apply with the home owner

having 10 days to pay for the cost of mowing. If it is not paid then a lien will be placed on the homeowners property. There is also a chance of the homeowner being charged with a minor misdemeanor of up to \$100.

Trash Ordinance #0-103-2014 Cans cannot be out any earlier than 24 hrs before pickup and need to be removed by 8pm the night of pickup. A fine of \$15 per occurrence.

OPEN BURNING

Open Burning in the village is prohibited by ORD.#275. Warnings will be given and fines handed out. Please call village hall for any questions.

LEASH LAW

The state of Ohio OBC 90.26,27 and the village of Bolivar require all dogs to be tagged and licensed (in the form of a rabies tag)

Owners of dogs are required to abide by the Leash Law whenever an animal is off the owner's property. Additionally owners are responsible for the removal of their animal's waste from public or private property.

INFORMATIONAL

Hydrant flushing takes place in May and October each year.

Leaf collection begins in October and will continue thru November.

If a solicitor comes to your home please ask to see their permit issued by the village. Only schools, religious organizations and political groups are allowed to go door to door.





SCHOOLS, MUSEUMS & ORGANIZATIONS

Bolivar Public Library:

455 Water Street
PO Box 588
Bolivar, OH 44612
330-874-2720
www.tusclibrary.org

EDUCATION

Buckeye Career Center:

www.buckeyecareercenter.org

Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools:

www.tuskyvalley.k12.oh.us

DAY CARE

All About Children

10814 Ensley Dr NE
Bolivar
330-874-3484

Through the Years Child Center

496 N Orchard Rd NE
Bolivar
330-874-3484



CLUBS, MUSEUMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bolivar Main Street Association

See page 11 for more information
www.bolivarmainstreet.com

Bolivar Lions Club

See page 11 for more information
Find Bolivar Lions Club on Facebook

Bolivar-Zoar Rotary www.bolivarzoarrotary.org

The Rotary club is part of a global network of business, professional, and community volunteers who seek to find ways to be of service globally and in our local community. The club sponsors local programs such as health checks, scholarships for local HS students, events and festivals. Members volunteer throughout the community and donate their time to help maintain the towpath trail and Zoar Arboretum, and are building a park along the towpath in Zoar. Meetings take place every Thursday morning at 7:30 am. New members and volunteer help are always welcome.

Army Navy Club

Facebook

Community Business Association of Northern Tuscarawas County:

www.cbatv.biz

Fort Laurens Revolutionary War Fort:

www.fortlaurens.org

Friends of Fort Laurens

www.friendsoffortlaurens.org

Ohio and Erie Canal Association:

www.ohioeriecanal.org

Historic Zoar Village:

www.historiczoarvillage.com

Zoar Wetlands Arboretum:

www.zoarwetland.org



BOLIVAR CHURCHES

St. John United Church of Christ

409 Park Ave, SE
P.O. Box 156
Bolivar, Ohio 44612
Phone: 330-874-2822
Website: www.stjohnbolivar.org
"Community Clothes Closet"
for Bolivar-Wilksire Hills-Zoar Area.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

156 Poplar Street SW
P.O. Box 337
Bolivar, Ohio 44612
Phone: 330-874-4540
Website: www.stpaulbolivar.org
"Community Christmas"

Bolivar United Methodist Church

248 Poplar Street SW
P.O. Box 435
Bolivar, Ohio 44612
Phone: 330-874-2930
Website: www.bolivarumc.org
Email: office@bolivarumc.org
Community Food Pantry

Bolivar Community Church

241 Pine Street NW
P.O. Box 517
Bolivar, Ohio 44612
Phone: 330-874-3104
Website: www.bwctheroc.com

WILKSHIRE HILLS CHURCHES

Faith Baptist Church of Wilksire Hills

9481 State Route 212 NE
Bolivar, Ohio 44612
Phone: 330-874-3014
Website: www.faithbaptistbolivar.com
Community Food Pantry

ZOAR CHURCHES

Zoar United Church of Christ

142 East 5th Street
P.O. Box 631
Zoar, Ohio 44697
Phone: 330-874-4641

Church of The Holy Trinity (Catholic)

1835 Dover-Zoar Rd, NE
Bolivar, Ohio 44612
Phone: 330-874-4716
Website: www.holytrinityzoar.net





RESTAURANTS AND SHOPPING



Army Navy Club
165 Canal St, Bolivar, Ohio
339-874-3059

BellStores
450 Canal Street SE
330-874-1018

Bolivar Pizza
225 Canal Street, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-1000

**Bolivar Spirits
(State Liquor Agency)**
365 Canal St, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-3010

Canal Street Diner
157 Canal St, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-4814

Dairy Queen
450 Canal Street SE, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-3347

El Albatross
156 Canal Street, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-6185

Midwest Card Warehouse
224 Canal Street, Bolivar, Ohio

Oberlin Antique Shop
164 Canal Street, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-0800

Ragon House Collection
10841 Fisher Road NW, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-3750

Subway Restaurant
450 Canal Street SE, Bolivar, Ohio
Inside Speedway Station
330-874-7827

Towpath Tavern Bolivar
225 Canal St, Bolivar, Ohio
330-874-6141

Wandering Wildflower
127 Canal Street, Bolivar, Ohio
330-204-6349





BOLIVAR MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION brings three main events to the village each year. **Bolivar Strawberry Festival** is slated for three days each June. A Strawberry Queen is chosen, with a pageant for Little Miss Shortcake (4-6 years old), and a Miss Berry Princess contest (7-9 years old) completing the court. Strawberry eating contests, a midway, live entertainment, a brew tent, food vendors and crafters are the heart of the event, with area businesses and clubs providing different types of food and activities to round out the festival. The Bolivar Firemen's Parade marches through town on Saturday, making it a "BERRY" great experience for the whole family. Additionally, each year brings new events along with lots of yummy strawberry treats. Come join the fun!

Usually held in July, the **Canal Street Cruise-In** features vintage and unique automobiles and motorcycles. The Spikeman spins oldies tunes in keeping with the spirit of the event!

Christmas on the Canal is Bolivar's way of kicking off the holidays with a parade, music, kids' activities and plenty of cookies and hot chocolate. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive with some elves via firetruck and hold court in the Christmas House on Canal Street. Parents are welcome to take pictures of their children with Santa.

Main Street meetings are held monthly, and dues are \$35 for individuals, \$50 for businesses.

BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB is a chapter of the international organization committed to the betterment of the world and our very own community.

The Lions Club supports sight programs and offers services including vision screenings for our children, eye banks and eyeglass recycling; and helps locate eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight.

Community fundraisers include a **Chicken BBQ** held during the Canal Street Cruise-In and an annual **Rose Sale** each November.

Meetings are every 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Paul Lutheran in Bolivar. Everyone is welcome to join!

FORT LAURENS

Fort Laurens was built as a strategic location for staging an attack on the British at Fort Detroit during the American Revolution. From November 1778 to August 1779, there were many twists and turns to the story of Fort Laurens.

Twenty one soldiers perished before the fort was abandoned.

Today's visitors can walk the grounds and see the fort's original outline.

A small museum pays tribute to the "frontier soldier" through video and artifacts excavated onsite. Memorializing all unknown casualties of the Revolution, Fort Laurens' Tomb of the Unknown Patriot is the final resting place of one of the fort's soldiers who are unable to be identified.

Events include the annual summertime **Revolution on the Tusc**, featuring reenactors, skirmishes, and plenty of history for all.



Strawberry Festival!





RECREATION

Tusky Valley Baseball-Softball Association

<https://tuskyvalleybaseballsoftballassociation.sportngin.com>

Facebook: tuskyvalleybaseballsoftballassociation

Tuscarawas County United Soccer Association

Find on Facebook TC.United.Soccer.Association

Little Trojan Football Association

Cade Adams 330-447-6725

OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY

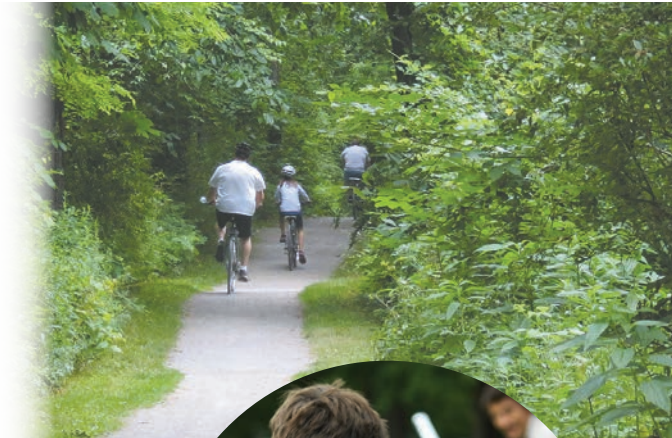
The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area designated by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped America and our nation grow. Annually, more than 2.5 million Americans find their way to the iconic 87-mile Towpath Trail running through the heart of the Canalway.¹

Bolivar is fortunate to have a Trailhead for the Towpath located at Fort Laurens, along with miles of trail running right through the village. Drive the scenic Byway, or hike/bike the towpath, which runs from Cleveland to Zoar - eventually ending in New Philadelphia.

¹ Taken from <https://www.ohioanderiecanalway.com>

OHIO & ERIE CANAL TOWPATH COMPLETION

On October 15, 2016, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the completion of the Bolivar section of the Towpath Trail was held. Speakers included Mayor Rebecca Hubble of the Village of Bolivar; Dan Rice, president and CEO of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition; Dick Lebold; and Tuscarawas County Commissioner Kerry Metzger.



VOTE

VOTING INFORMATION

We are pleased that you have chosen to make Bolivar your home, and hope you take advantage of all the opportunities it provides to you and your family. Please take the time to update your voting information and vote.

Tuscarawas County Board of Elections

<https://www.boe.ohio.gov/tuscarawas/>

Online Change of Address

You may now update your voter registration address online by going to the following link:
<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/NCOA/NCOA>

Online Voter Registration

You may now register to vote online by going to the following link:
<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov>

Election Forms and Ballot Drop-Off

Located on Ashwood Ln. in New Philadelphia.
Use slot in door to drop off absentee ballots, absentee ballot request forms and voter registration forms.





BEWARE OF SCAMS

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost warns of

SCAMS TARGETING OHIO

Computer Repair Scams

An “employee” of a computer company con-tacts you claiming your computer has a virus and offers to “fix the problem.” The person asks for access to your computer, which allows the scammer to install malicious software designed to scan your computer for personal information or to lock your computer so that you cannot use it until you pay a “ransom” to unlock it.

Fake Check Scams

Someone sends you a check or money order and asks you to deposit it in your account and wire-transfer back the money, minus a nice bonus for you – a “thank you” for helping. Regardless of the pitch, the result is the same: The check or money order you received is counterfeit; it will be returned to your bank unpaid, and the full amount will be deducted from your account.

Phishing and Spoofing

Scammers use clever emails, websites, phone calls and text messages to “phish” for information by posing as a legitimate business. Never give personal information to someone who con-tacts you unexpectedly, even if they say they are from a trusted business, such as your bank. Scammers can use “spoofing” to disguise the phone number that appears on your caller ID to make their ploys seem more legitimate.

Romance Scams

A con artist meets a victim online or over the phone and claims to be temporarily located overseas – perhaps due to a military as-signment or mission trip. After developing a relationship, the scammer eventually asks the victim to send money to pay for airfare, medi-cal expenses or military fees. In reality, there was never “true love,” and any money sent will be lost.



Home Improvement Scams

Door-to-door contactors offer to repair your roof, pave your driveway or trim your trees for a great price. After you pay, the contractor disappears after doing a poor job or no work at all. Never pay in full upfront. If you are solicited at your home, you have three days to cancel the contract, and the work should not begin within that period.

Grandparent Scam

A con artist poses as your grandchild, claims to be in trouble and asks you to send money via wire transfer or prepaid card. If you’re suspicious, ask a question only a family member would know how to answer; also, call your son or daughter to confirm the claim.

Sweepstakes Scams

Someone falsely claims that you have won the lottery or a contest that you never entered. All you need to do to collect the winnings is prepay a fee or a tax. However, your winnings will never arrive because the lottery or contest is fake. Legitimate sweepstakes are free and require no upfront payment.

Phony Charities

Scammers invent fake charities. To verify the legitimacy of a charitable group before making a donation, call the Ohio Attorney General’s Help Center at 800-282-0515.



With the increased use of computers, tablets and smart-phones by older adults, they are more vulnerable to online scams and fraud. Whether using technology in public or at home, protect yourself and loved ones with these tips.

Internet tips

Install and use a pop-up blocker. Pop-up blockers are often available for free and are included within some internet browsers.

Use a secure website whenever you purchase items online. Secure web addresses begin with "https" rather than "http."

When conducting internet searches, remember that the top search results may not always be from legitimate companies or organizations.

To reduce security and privacy risks, log out of websites when you're finished.

Wireless/Wi-Fi tips

Verify the specific network name with the network owner before connecting to Wi-Fi.

Never disclose personal information – passwords and credit card numbers included – when using a public Wi-Fi connection.

Assume that everyone can see what you're doing when you use a public network.

Do not set your devices to automatically connect to any public Wi-Fi networks.

Email tips

Never respond to unexpected requests for your personal information, even if the sender appears to have some details about you or your account. Scammers may pretend to be your bank, your credit card company or a government agency, and they may ask you to confirm your account by submitting your account number, password and/or Social Security number.

Do not click on links, open attachments or download anything from a suspicious message, even when they appear to be from a friend or trusted source.

Social media tips

When on social media, change

privacy settings to meet your needs. Understand that when you leave your account "public," anyone can see information about you, including your pictures and names of your family members and friends.

Watch out for scammers who may impersonate your social media friends or who may tell you that they need money or unexpectedly have money to give to you.

Computer maintenance tips

Install and maintain an anti-virus and anti-spyware program. Set the program to update automatically or check regularly for updates because new viruses are launched all the time. Do not buy protection software and services based on telephone calls, pop-up advertisements, unexpected virus warnings or email messages claiming that your device has a virus. They are probably scams.

Visit www.staysafeonline.org for a list of free security products that scan for and detect malware.

For more tips, information and resources, view the Ohio Attorney General's new publication, CyberSmarts for Older Adults.

Consumers who suspect an unfair business practice or want help addressing a consumer problem should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

ROBOCALL BASICS

Robocalls are auto-dialed calls that deliver a prerecorded message.

Legal robocalls: Calls from your doctor's office reminding you of an appointment, your child's school with weather-related information, etc.

Illegal robocalls: Calls that you have not consented to that generally try to get you to pay for something or give away personal information. **JUST DON'T ANSWER.**

The

Do's &

Don'ts

of Unwanted Calls

DO

- Register your phone number(s) with the Do Not Call Registry online at www.DoNotCall.gov or by phone at **1-888-382-1222**.
- Research services offered by your phone provider to block unwanted calls.
- Install a trusted and reliable app on your cellphone to block or warn of suspicious calls.
- Add trusted phone numbers to your contacts.
- Limit the people and businesses with whom you share your phone number.

DON'T

- Answer an incoming phone call when you don't recognize the number.
- Provide personal or financial information over phone.
- Interact with the caller in any way. Don't press numbers or speak to anyone.
- Call back unfamiliar phone numbers.
- Always rely on Caller ID.



VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR WATER & TAX DEPARTMENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Moving In / Out (please circle one)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RETURN THIS FORM IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO THE
VILLAGE TOWN HALL OFFICE OR DROP BOX IN FRONT OF OFFICES.**

Resident 1 First and Last Name: _____

Resident 2 First and Last Name: _____

Service Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Move In / Out Effective Date: _____

Resident 1 Social Security #: _____

Resident 2 Social Security #: _____

Phone Number (best contact #): _____

Email Address: _____

Billing Preference (circle one): USPS Email

Are you the landlord or tenant or owner (please circle appropriate answer)

Turning On / Off (circle one) Water - Trash - Both (circle one)

Internal Use Only: _____

Notes: _____



ONE CALL NOW

VILLAGE OF BOLIVAR RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The Village of Bolivar is subscribing to “One Call Now”, a fast, easy voice notification system which allows the Village to notify citizens concerning electric and water service emergencies, public safety emergencies, street closings, or other important information about Village-related services. This automated calling service will instantly send you a crystal-clear message by phone wherever you may be. Each household/business is allowed a combination of six (6) email addresses phone numbers to receive important messages. This system uses the water billing information you have provided to us. Please let us know right away if your email address or cell phone numbers have changed since signing up for water and trash billing. Cellular phone numbers can be used. If you have any questions or concerns about this new service, please call the Village Administrative Offices at (330) 874-3717 x-2 or email our Fiscal Officer at treasurer@villageofbolivar.com. To activate this messaging service, simply provide the Village with the following information:

Resident/Business Name _____

Service Address _____

No. 1 _____

No. 2 _____

No. 3 _____

No. 4 _____

No. 5 _____

No. 6 _____

The Village is asking that, to ensure you are included in the “One Call Now” messaging service, you return this completed form to the Village offices as soon as possible. If you change telephone numbers in the future, please make sure to notify the Village Offices for updating the “One Call Now” messaging service being provided by the Village of Bolivar.

NOTE: The Village of Bolivar will not provide your telephone number information to any other agency or individual and will only use and maintain your telephone information for Village-related purposes.

Return to; Village of Bolivar, PO Box 117, Bolivar, Ohio 44612, or drop off in the ‘outside mailbox’.

