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The Town of Bolivar, WV

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The field at Nash Farm..

From the Mayor's Desk

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th. Your town has been pretty quiet since our last letter, no sidewalk or congressional directed spending information to share at this time.

We had a large tree fall in the park due to a storm wind gust, and I want to thank our park and rec. chair Eric Eastman for securing the area until we got a tree co. to get the cleanup completed.

We enjoyed a beautiful night of Music in the Park this past Friday. We appreciate the community for coming out to spend the night with us and enjoy the music.

Mark your calendar for August 12th to welcome back "The Speakeasy Boys" to preform for you in our last event of our summer series.

That's all until next month
Your mayor
Helen Dettmer



Upcoming Events

- July 25- Bolivar Planning Commission Meeting
- August 2- Town Council Meeting

Reminders-

Town Council Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month and begin at 6:30. All are welcome and there is a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting for those who would like to participate.

Business liscenses expired on June 30th. Please submit your renewal to the town at your earliest convenience.

Find us online! The Town of Bolivar can be found on the web at www.bolivarwv.org and on Facebook!

Planning Commission seeks additional member

The Planning Commission has an opening and is seeking a new member for its board.

Letters of interest are being accepted now.

To apply, please submit your letter to the Town Hall during business hours, or email to bolivarth@frontiernet.net. The Planning Commission meets monthly. For more information, call or email town hall.

Town Hall aims for walkability, accessibility, and beauty with ongoing sidewalk and beautification project.

As a resident of Bolivar, you may have noticed the beginning phases of a long term sidewalk beautification project. Throughout the last several years, Mayor Dettmer and the Town Council have been working on an extensive project to improve the sidewalks in our town. Age and damage from tree roots and natural erosion have resulted in bumpy, difficult to navigate parts of town for pedestrians, strollers, children on bikes, and those with mobility concerns. A combined effort, coordinated by the Mayor, is maximizing available funding to include grants, state highway dollars, and free services from utility providers.

Phase 1 of the project begun with the partial removal of some of the Bradford Pear trees lining our streets. The time line of this was escalated because Potomac Edison, the power company, was willing to remove some of them at no cost to the town. This shift in schedule saved taxpayers over \$25,000 in tree removal fees.

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The trees are being removed in advance of Phase 2 of the project, which will add ADA Compliant ramps at each street corner to make our sidewalks friendlier to all. We look forward to beginning this phase of the project over the next year or two.

For more information on this project, come to Town Council meetings! Updates and plans are discussed monthly, and questions regarding the project can be asked during public comment periods, or requested as an agenda item in advance, through Town Hall.

Did you know...



Bolivar Children's park is not the only park in our little town! Bolivar Nature Park is tucked away quietly behind St. Peters Cemetery and hosts several trails, benches, and opportunities to see wildlife and stroll through the trees. This park is owned and maintained by Jefferson County Park and Recreation, but is little known to anyone but locals. Stop by and take in fresh air and bird sounds. Parking is available, but this park is easily walkable from most places in town. The address is 264 Jefferson St, Bolivar, WV.