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The Town of Bolivar, WV

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A summer evening view from Bolivar Heights Battlefield.

From the Mayor's Desk

As the Mayor of Bolivar it is an honor to do the work of our citizens. Our town has a brighter future than ever before. Your Council, staff and Mayor have been working on a wide variety of projects. I will highlight the two main items this month.

Our left side sidewalk ADA design build has been awarded to SQP Construction Group. Follow up information to come out as we receive it.

The WV Transportation Secretary/Commissioner of Highways, Jimmy Wriston has sent a letter of support on Bolivar's behalf to our

Senators Capito and Manchin to say that our right side street project is eligible for federal aid under title 23 and that if awarded he will carry out the project for the town. This is huge for our town.

All updates on these and other projects will be in future news letters and discussed at our town council meetings. Please share your news letter with your neighbors and ask them to sign up to receive their own copy.

Hoping to see many of you at our Tuesday July 5th Council meeting at 6:30, we always want to hear from our citizens, see you there.

My Best, Your Mayor
Helen Dettmer

Upcoming Events

- June 17- Juneteenth Observed, Town Hall Closed
- June 20- WV Day Observed, Town Hall Closed
- June 24- Music in the Park featuring *The Flashbacks*, 6:30pm
- June 25- HF-Bolivar Historic town
- June 27- Planning Commission meeting, 7pm
- July 4th- Independence Day
- July 5th- Town Council, 6:30 pm

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

Did you know...

In it's early days of being settled, Bolivar was known as "Mudfort". According to oral history, Mudfort got its name because of boys with good throwing arms. Children from Harpers



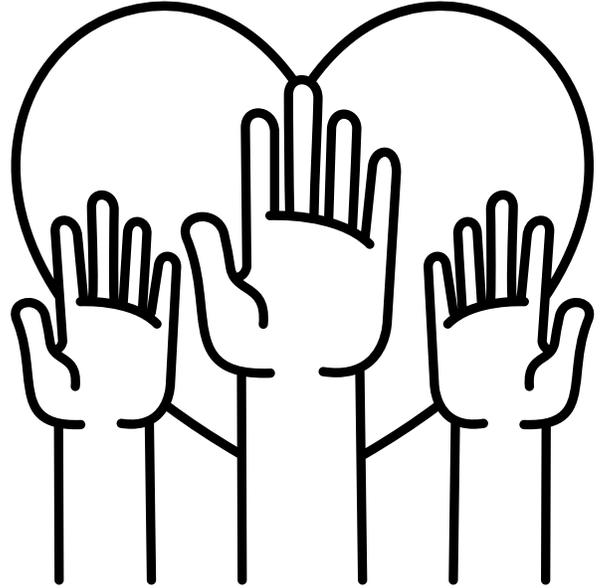
Ferry would come up the hill on what is now Washington Street, and be repelled by the boys of Mudfort who literally used mud balls to send the approaching children back. In 1825, citizens of Mudfort and surrounding lands

petitioned the Virginia Assembly to become a town, named after South American freedom fighter Simon Bolivar. Approval from the Assembly was granted in December of 1825 and the town of Bolivar came into existence 16 years before Harpers Ferry was granted a charter.

American Rescue and Recovery Funds

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that passed Congress in March of 2021 includes federal funds to help our community recover from the negative economic impacts of COVID-19. The Town of Bolivar is still taking applications for citizens and business owners who wish to use these funds. Several applications have already been submitted, approved, and dispersed, but money remains available to help our town. If you have an idea of how a portion of these funds could be used, or would like more information about the application process, please contact Town Hall via email, or stop in during office hours. Email: bolivarth@frontiernet.net

Volunteers Needed



Many positions are available on our town committees and boards. With very little commitment you can make a huge impact in our community. To find out more about opportunities available, please come to our Town Council meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, held at the Bolivar Community Center. New faces are always welcomed!

We currently have room on our parks committee and there are also many one day volunteer opportunities such as trash and trail clean up, event organizing, and more. If you have an idea of how the town can be better, please come a make an attendee comment at our next Town Council Meeting!

Music in the Park, 2022

This year, the Town of Bolivar is again hosting "Music in the Park". Our first night will feature *The Flashbacks* a fun throwback band whose spunky covers will take you back to simpler times. They'll be playing an eclectic mix of songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic, and enjoy the night with your friends and neighbors. Music begins at 6:30 at the Bolivar Children's Park. Stay tuned for more events this summer!