



Information for the Village of Bolivar Residents

## From The Mayor

“You can’t stop the future, you can’t rewind the past. The only way to learn the secret...is to press play.” *Jay Asher*

These words are very true. Change instills fear and causes worry. Our Village has survived many changes over the years and yet we are still able to go forward with a better and brighter future.

Over the years we have seen the Dairy Queen/Marathon and Hennis Nursing Home become realities; and recently even expand. They have brought additional needed revenue to our village, but were met with much opposition in the beginning. Hundreds of our residents signed petitions, wrote letters to the editor and even voiced their concerns at council meetings. However, in the end these businesses became realities and have truly been a blessing, bringing growth and needed tax base.

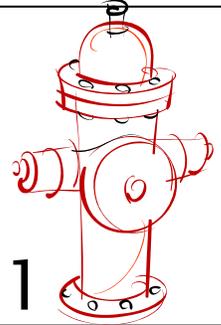
As we move forward to our future, let’s look at a few realities. County monies are decreasing to the tune of nearly 40% in the next several years. Many cities, townships and villages are operating in the red and are struggling to figure out how to become more efficient without serious cuts in services to their residents. Financial hardships are very real and I, along with council, have tried to ensure a more feasible, economic future for our village.

At this time, the village has no debt, helped out in part by the sale of the old Burfield Farm. We are being good stewards of the taxpayers’ money, and we are constantly looking at other avenues to save money. But money is tighter than ever before, and we still need to have an efficient running village.

Village council and I have reviewed all information, spent countless hours researching and weighing the environmental impact as well as the economic impact with regards to the sand and gravel operation. We have talked to many other government agencies as to the pros and cons of this type of operation. Here are some hard truths:

- By voting NO on Issue 2 you can be rest assured that there will be no sand and gravel mining on the 65 acre property (commonly referred to as the “Burfield Property”) and which nearest the ball fields on the west end of town. The operation is only permitted to take place on the more remote property north of the village between the canal and the river
- By voting NO on Issue 2, you’ll ensure that the sand and gravel operation with its 75 direct and indirect jobs and

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positive economic impact will benefit the Village of Bolivar, ensuring that we won’t be limited in our economic development efforts.

· By voting NO on Issue 2, you’re helping save Bolivar taxpayers as much as \$1,000,000.

Regardless as to how you currently feel on this issue, I respectfully ask that you become more informed by asking questions and gathering truthful information so that any decision you make is based on solid facts and not hearsay.

As we look toward our ever-changing future, let us as a community “push play” and move forward to a bright economic outlook. If you have any questions regarding this issue or any others please contact me at [330-874-3717](tel:330-874-3717). I will be glad to make an appointment at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Rebecca Hubble

## Thank You Shelly!



October 31<sup>st</sup> will mark the end of an era in our village. Shelly Crowe our Clerk/Treasurer for the past 20 years will be leaving her post to pursue a full time teaching/coaching position at Sandy Valley High School. She faithfully served our village for many years and worked continuously to safeguard our village monies through integrity and fair practices. Her vast knowledge and valuable experience will be missed. When you see Shelly out and about please give her a thank you and let her know she is appreciated. We wish you nothing but the best in your new adventure and we know you will become a valued employee as you have been here, working for our village. Best of luck, you will be missed!

# Welcome Maria App To The Position Of Village Clerk/Treasurer

The Village of Bolivar would like to welcome Maria App to the Clerk/Treasurers position effective November 1, 2013. After faithfully serving on council and the finance committee for over ten years, Maria resigned her council seat on July 1<sup>st</sup> when she was hired as the assistant clerk. She will officially commence as Clerk/Treasurer when Shelly Crowe resigns at the end of October after twenty years of loyal service.

In addition to her long standing dedication to the Village, Maria brings with her over twenty two years of financial experience to include corporate accounting, office management and Series 7 licensing. Other areas of expertise include cost forecasting and analysis, advanced computer skills, public relations and research.

“It is with great pleasure to accept the role and responsibilities of Clerk/Treasurer. Having a broad understanding of daily governmental functions, coupled with my professional background is a perfect fit for the position. I welcome the opportunity to continue serving the village and our constituents. I would like to extend a special thank you to our residents for your continued support.”



## From the Clerk's Office:

**Reminder:** Water bills were due on Sept 30. To avoid disconnection, please remit your payment no later than October 16. If you have any questions please contact the clerk's office at 330-874-3717.

Moving in or out of the Village? Please contact the Clerk's office so we can obtain the right information such as address changes, trash, water and income tax information.

You are required to file income taxes in the village. We have a 1% income tax and all taxes are due by the 30th of April each year

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## From the Street Department

### **Leaf pickup will begin on October 14.**

Leaves should be put out to the edge of blacktop. If leaves are around trees, mailboxes, cars, etc., they will not be picked up! Compost will also continue to be picked up on Mondays, so please keep sticks separated from the leaves. Last day for leaf pick up will be on November 26. If you have portable basketball hoops, please remove them from the side of the roadway. It makes it easier to get the leaf vac around; and in the winter easier to remove snow.

*Thank you!*

There have been some concerns over residents burning in the village. **Ordinance #275 prohibits burning in the village.** If you are going to have a recreational fire, wiener roast etc, you must have a fire ring not to exceed 36" diameter by 12" high. Also, you should contact the village if you are going to do so. There should be no burning of trash or bon type fires; just the size of the ring.



Megan Jones



Mrs. Jane Regula



Adriana Rorrer

## 2013 Strawberry Festival Royalty

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 **Mrs. Jane Regula** was crowned our 2013 Bolivar Strawberry Festival Queen. Jane has been a resident of the area since 1991 along with her husband Charles. They have three children and three grandchildren. Jane enjoys family gatherings and especially spending time with her grandbabies.

She is an active member of the Bolivar St John United Church of Christ where she has been a member of Christian Education Committee, a Bible School Assistant and has taught Sunday School. Jane also sings in the church choir and is a vital member of the Missions Committee. She is also responsible for the Clothes Closet and helps with the School Supply Give-Away in August.

Chris and Barb Berens who nominated her states, "Jane is an all around blessing to our community. She is there to lend a hand, a

listening ear and/or just give out one of her kind smiles that is worth a million words."

Congratulations Mrs. Jane Regula! We are proud to have you serve as our reigning 2013 Bolivar Strawberry Festival Queen.

On Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 15 the Little Miss Shortcake and the Miss Berry Princess Pageants were held. This marks the 9<sup>th</sup> year for these pageants and is open to all Tusky Valley girls in the Elementary and Intermediate age groups. Open enrollment begins in April and is sponsored by All About Children Childcare and Learning Center in Bolivar. Each girl goes on stage and introduces themselves and tells something fun about themselves or their family. They then pick a gift bag that contains a trophy. When all have been introduced they open their bags and

the one with a red ribbon wins, two pink ribbons signify the attendants.

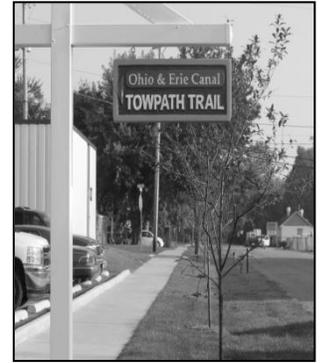
This year **Adriana Rorrer**, age 5, daughter of Isiah and Wendy Rorrer of Bolivar was crowned Little Miss Shortcake she is in Kindergarten at Tusky Valley Primary School. She likes to sing and dance, bake cookies with her mom and walk her puppy, Cloey. She has two brothers, Kyle and Jacob and a sister Jasmine.

**Megan Jones**, daughter of Todd and Jennifer Jones of Mineral City and a fourth grader at Tusky Valley Intermediate school was crowned Miss Berry Princess.

Congratulations to all these girls for questions about the upcoming pageant in June of 2014 you can contact All About Children in Bolivar.

## Towpath Trail Completed

Fall is here and many are using the completed Towpath trail through the village. The Trail –Side Walk from the North end of Bolivar at N. Park Ave. and N. Canal St to the South end of Ft. Laurens State Park is now completed. Signage is all but complete except for the North end which will direct users to Poplar St and West to the Stark County line and at the South end of Ft. Laurens State Park at the turnaround. These signs will be installed in October and will complete this part of the Trail Project. We stayed well within our budget and the moneys saved will go towards the Down Town Project. In January we begin to form a committee to begin looking at how to connect with trail from Stark County. The Trail-Side Walk project was funded through the Community Benefit Grant and The Ohio & Erie Canal Coalition. Many thanks to all; and to Council for your belief in the future.



## Bolivar Main Street

Bolivar's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival was a great success and well attended. Everyone had a great time of fellowship and good old fashioned fun.

New to this year's festival was the Bolivar Idol Contest , over 40 contestants tried out over two days with a grand prize winner chosen on Saturday night, **Sara DiGirolamo** of Bolivar was our **2013 Bolivar Idol** winner She was awarded \$350. Thanks to Kinsey Wilson and her committee for a great job.



**Sara DiGirolamo**

Mayor Becky Hubble was co-chairperson with Dick Lebold and was in charge of the Queen Contest, Crafters, Business and Food Venders and many more areas; she did a great job along with Danielle Pruitt and Brooke Ousley from All About Children who head up the Princess and Little Miss Shortcake pageants. Richard Lebold handled the Entertainment and Brew Tents, set-up and take down as well as general over all supervision. The Entertainment was well accepted and made for several enjoyable events. Sam's Amusements Rides again provided the rides, games and Carnival Foods. The Bolivar Fire Dept. and Rescue handled the 5 K Run and the Firemen's Parade with both helping to make the festival a success. Thanks to Village Police Chief Randy Haugh and Dave Franks Street Commissioner and all their volunteers for helping to make the festival safe and clean.

The annual *Bolivar Canal Street Cruise-in* was held July 20<sup>th</sup> with the Wilson Insurance Agency heading up the registration. Rain did hamper attendance but we still had over 50 plus cars , trucks and cycles. Over 25 trophies were given away.

Our next community event is Bolivar's Christmas on the Canal which will be Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a FREE event and starts at 4:30 pm on Saturday and ends at 7:00pm. Bring your children and their friends to watch the Parade and visit with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be given away and you can help decorate the Community Christmas Tree.

Trick  
Or  
Treat  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>  
6 - 7 pm  
Lion's Club  
Halloween Party  
7:15 pm  
Intermediate  
School.

# KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL WORKS HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR RECYCLING EXPERIENCE IS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE.

First, there is no need to sort your items! Just place in your provided bag, bin or tote and wait for us to pick it up. If you'd like, you may rinse your bin occasionally to free it of debris or leaked fluids.

We also take the guesswork out of which items you can recycle. We recycle most common household plastics, fiber and non-fiber items.

Here is more detail about what we do and do not accept:

## WE DO ACCEPT...

All newspaper  
Cardboard  
Plastics #1-#7  
(check the bottom of your container for the number inside the triangular recycling symbol, and see below for more details)  
All colors of glass  
Aluminum cans  
Other bi-metal products

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT...

Paint cans  
Anti-freeze  
Motor oil containers  
Wax cartons  
Batteries  
Light bulbs  
Wire hangers  
Plastic bags  
Styrofoam  
Toys  
Plastic utensils

Don't see the symbol, but think it might be recyclable?  
We also accept these fiber and non-fiber items:

### FIBER:

Newspapers  
Magazines  
Corrugated cardboard  
Telephone books  
Mail  
Printer/copier paper  
Chipped board  
(e.g. cereal boxes)

### NON-FIBER:

Aluminum cans  
Aluminum trays  
Aluminum foil  
Cat food cans  
Bimetal cans  
Empty aerosol cans  
Clear brown or green glass bottles  
Plastic containers marked #1-#7



## HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF RECYCLABLE PLASTICS WE COLLECT WITH #1-#7 ON THE CONTAINER:

- #1: Soft drink bottles, water bottles, peanut butter jars, window cleaner bottles, mouthwash bottles
- #2: Laundry detergent bottles, windshield washer fluid bottles, coffee containers, milk jugs, butter tubs, medicine bottles
- #3: Shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, hand soap bottles, gladware container lids, and juice bottles
- #4: Mustard bottles, margarine and ice cream tub tops, squeezable bottles
- #5: Cool whip containers, gladware tubs, plastic flower pot containers, apple sauce cups, plastic cups
- #6: Plastic cookie tray dishes, vegetable tub containers, take-away containers
- #7: Orange juice plastic bottles, kids snack containers, some ketchup bottles

Residents can exchange large 95 gallon trash totes for smaller 65 gallon totes by calling village offices at 330-874-3717. The exchange will take place on Thursday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Bolivar Police At Work

The Bolivar Police Department wants to remind everyone that school is back in session and ask that you keep an eye out for the children walking to and from school and after school activities. As always *please slow down and watch for our children in crosswalks.*

**Trick or Treat will be celebrated on October 30, 2013** so please pay close attention to all the little ones around town. Look for our Police cruiser and come by for a treat.

Village curfew is still in place for children and teenagers under the age of 18. These children must be in the presence of a parent/guardian after 9:00pm unless they are in the process of going home at the time of the signal. This curfew is for the safety of the children and not meant to hinder any function within the village.

We currently have a problem with stray cats within the village causing damage to some properties. If you have this problem, please contact the Animal shelter at [\(330\) 602-6100](tel:3306026100) or the Humane Society at [\(330\)602-6762](tel:3306026762). We encourage you NOT to feed these cats.

Also a reminder, the speed limit on Canal Street is 25mph and parking on Canal Street is being monitored. Parking in front of the post office is limited to 10 minutes.

Posting of any signs in the village curb strip is prohibited if a sign is posted in the curb strip it WILL be REMOVED.

*If you see any suspicious activity no matter how minor please call your Police Department at 330 -874-2113.*

**Remember to be proactive not reactive.**

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