



As we look back and reflect on another year, I want to say how proud I am to be a member of this community. I've watched as we have celebrated the achievements of the next generation of small town raised kids; and been fortunate enough to witness inspirational levels of support to community members who have fallen ill, lost a loved one or just needed a little extra help.

It reminds me that even with all the ups and downs we have shared over the last year, we've done it all together. The shared joys and sorrows in a close knit community that truly cares about each other is a blessing beyond measure. This feeling of togetherness gives our lives meaning and purpose, and it is what makes our community the only place I ever want to call home.

So, as we prepare to deal with another rough winter, please do not hesitate to call down to the village hall and talk to someone if you have a problem the village can help you with. We are blessed to have some truly great employees working for the village. They consistently go above and beyond what is required and will do whatever they can to address any problems you might face this winter.

I want to give a big shout out to the folks at the Bolivar Main Street Association. They put a lot of work into the Santa Claus house this last year which helped make the 2022 Christmas on the Canal one of the best we've ever had.

On behalf of all the employees of the Village of Bolivar let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and Merry Christmas and peace and joy in the new year.

Best,



Tim Lang



*The newly remodeled Santa Claus house is looking better than ever thanks to all the hard work of the Bolivar Main Street Association volunteers*

## Trash & Water Bill Reminders

- Please do not put cash in the drop box
- Separate out utility payments from tax information / returns
- Put all payments in an envelop and be sure to write the account number on all checks
- Water / trash are now billed monthly and a late fee will be assessed to all payments made after the due date

## From the Tax Department

The tax year 2022 Village of Bolivar Income Tax return will be due April 18, 2023. Returns will be mailed to all taxpayers on active status by the end of January.

Failure to receive a tax return does not exempt you from the filing requirement.

All residents and part-year residents aged 18 and over are required to file. Any business performing work inside the Village of Bolivar corporation limits must also file. If you are retired and receiving only Social Security or other nontaxable income, and have not previously filed for an exemption, you are still required to file a return. You must mark accordingly your retirement status, date of retirement, and type of income. By law, all tax returns must be signed. All W-2's, federal schedules, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with your return. If a return is submitted without a signature or the supporting documents, it will not be considered filed until everything is received by the tax department. If you have any questions, you can contact the tax administrator at 330-874-3717 or email at [taxadministrator@villageofbolivar.com](mailto:taxadministrator@villageofbolivar.com).



### Snow Know-how:

*Tips & Reminders for Keeping our Community & Roads Safe During Winter Weather*

#### Village Snowplows

The Village of Bolivar's snow and ice removal operations will begin when the snowfall is greater than two inches or icy conditions exist. During these winter storms, major streets and thoroughfares are prioritized and cleared first to benefit the greatest number of motorists. Once the main roads are cleared and salted then side streets will be plowed. Please refrain from parking on the street during snow events to allow the plows to clear the streets.

#### Practice Safe Winter Driving

If the snow is falling and you need to drive, give yourself extra time to reach your destination and slow down. Always adjust your speed to account for lower traction when driving on snow covered or icy roads. During a major snowstorm stay home if possible.

#### Keep Your Sidewalks Clear

It is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant to keep sidewalks in front of their property clear of ice and snow. In addition, pushing snow or ice onto a public sidewalk or roadway is prohibited. If you have contracted with a plow company to clear your driveway, please remind them that snow plowed from your driveway must be piled on your property.

### Steps Residents Can Take

Residents can help themselves – and others – by taking these steps in the event of a winter storm:

- If you know a storm is coming, pull your cars into the drive so that crews can do the best job possible of clearing streets.
- When shoveling snow near the end of your drive, make sure you shovel to the left (as you face your driveway from the street). This helps snowplow drivers push snow away from your drive.
- Keep the snow cleared around your mailbox. The US Postal Service is not required to make deliveries if this area is not clear.
- Clear the area around fire hydrants. In case of a fire, it will save precious minutes.
- If you have a catch basin in your yard, do your best to keep it clear. Doing so will help water runoff and reduce flooding.

A report on the 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey responses will be posted on the Village website in the next several weeks.