

Bolivar Community Bulletin

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Results of March Town Council Meeting:

? Street Committee to examine sidewalks along Wash. St. for repairs. ? Street Committee to investigate parking at street corners along Wash. Street. Citizens have complained of parked cars creating visual obstacles at corners. Curbing will be painted and signs put up to designate No Parking zones (15 ft. from corner). Parking will be barred from parts of Clay Street. ? Town dumpster to be placed at Community Center April 8-14 for Bolivar residents' use. ? Town clean-up planned for April 13.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 2, 7:30 pm

Local Police Report for Month of February 2002:

Total Calls - 40

Disabled vehicle - 1
Lost child/missing person - 1
House alarm responses - 12
Burglary - 3
Domestic calls - 2
Asst. Nat'l Park - 1
Drug complaint/stop - 2
Public Intoxication - 1
Asst. Sheriffs Dept. - 3
911 Hang-up - 1
Unattended death - 1
Phone harassment - 2
Accidents - 2
Completed suicide - 1
Attempted suicide - 1
Suspicious persons - 1
Funeral - 1
Disturbance - 2
Reckless driving - 1

Total Citations - 77

Speeding - 52
Traffic violations - 22
Obstructing an officer - 1
Public intoxication - 2

Total Arrests - 8

Daytime burglary - 2
Petit larceny - 1
Possession of controlled substance - 3
Trespassing - 1
Domestic battery - 1

A Message from the Mayor

This is the first issue of the Bolivar Community Newsletter. Every month we will be mailing the Newsletter to all Bolivar households. The Mayor, Town Council, and local citizens supported the idea and hope that you will find the Newsletter informative.

To commemorate Earth Day 2002, the Town of Bolivar is planning to clean some of the

streets of trash and debris. We need volunteers to join in the effort on Saturday, April 13 (see Calendar below for details). Coffee and donuts will be served at the Community Center, and the Town will supply trash bags and arrange for their disposal. Please come down to offer assistance, and don't forget your gloves!

Finally, the Town of Bolivar does

have a dog leash law. Dogs are not to be let loose to run freely. Please keep your dog leashed at all times. We do not have a pooper-scooper law, but dog owners should, as a courtesy, dispose of their dog's waste. Dog feces not only fouls our town but poses health and walking problems, too. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tim Collins



Community Calendar ► **April 8 - 14** Spring cleaning begins with a **dumpster** at the Community Center parking lot for **Bolivar residents only** to dispose of large items. ► Join other Bolivar residents for a **Community Clean-up** (focus on Wash., Polk, Cheney & Old Furnace Road) on Saturday, **April 13**, at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. at the Community Center. ► Calling all bakers, crafters of natural products like honey, soap, dried flowers, etc.: if you would like to participate in this season's **Bolivar Growers Market**, please contact **Hap Becker at 535-2717** ASAP. ► **National Library Week** begins **April 14th**: **no late fees** all week. **Children's Story Time** is every Thursday at 11 a.m. for children ages 2 ½-5. **Pajama Story Time** (kids must wear their pjs!) is **April 18** at 7 p.m. Actress Arla Ralston portrays **Louisa May Alcott** at the **Library** on Saturday, **April 6** at 7 p.m. ► **April 20 Harpers Ferry Earth Day Celebration** has its HQ at the Jr. High School parking lot with work projects from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Projects include: **litter clean-up** from Flea Market on Route 340 to Millville; planting a **children's**

In Profile: Councilman Bob Stewart

This space will feature a new profile of a local town leader each month.

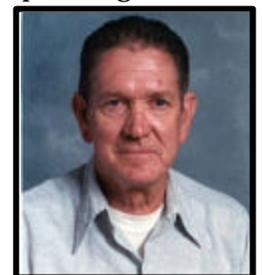
Councilman Bob Stewart and his wife Janie have been Bolivar residents for 53 years. Bob was born in Charles Town, WV, and attended local schools. He served in the US Army, serving 34 months in the Korean War and 23 months in Europe. He was awarded for Marksmanship, the European Theater Medal, Occupation of Germany Medal, and Good Conduct Medal for his Army efforts.

Bob worked for the Harpers Ferry National Park for 26 years, retiring in 1979. He was a building

restoration specialist for 15 years and taught vocational education at the HF Job Corps for 11 years. Following retirement, he worked for the Jefferson County Board of Ed for 13 years.

He is a lifetime member of VFW #3522 as well as a member of the American Legion Post #71. He has belonged to The Moose Lodge for the past 49 years.

He and his wife will soon celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary. They have two children and three grandchildren, and currently own and operate Bob and Janie's Pool



Supplies, located in Bolivar. Bob also enjoys Nascar racing and collecting coins.

His reason for serving on the Town Council is to make a difference, so that we will all have a better community. When asked what his vision for the future of Bolivar is, he said, "I believe that one day the National Park Service will own all of Bolivar."

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Earth Day 2002

Speaking of Bolivar...by History Committee Jim Albert and Lisa Phillips, Ph.D.

DID YOU KNOW... ? In 1820, an Italian traveler stopped by Bolivar— then called Mudfort -- while taking a tour of Harpers Ferry and surrounding towns. He was much impressed that unlike other towns, Bolivar had a physician, a Professor of English (tutor to local children), an inn and more than eight books

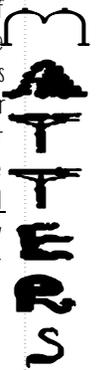
owned by one of the town's founding fathers. The census for the area showed that no other family owned more than one book. ? George Washington was entertained in Bolivar, a.k.a Mudfort, and noted in his diary that he ate and danced at a local inn. The inn he referred to was

most likely the current Albert home located next to the Friendship fire department. Guests usually paid 7 cents to stay overnight, their horses costing them 10 cents extra to board.

Contact: History Project/PO Box 468/Harpers Ferry, WV 25425



Street and Stop Signs... In recent months we have been replacing these signs throughout town. Since then, a couple of the new signs have been damaged or knocked down. We are asking citizens to please call the police if they see anyone damaging signs. The signs are expensive and our tax dollars pay for them. **Sidewalks...** Councilwoman Jenny Bruell is working on getting estimates for sidewalks on Union Street, Old Furnace Rd., and part of Polk St. so that we can apply for grant moneys. We'll keep you updated. **Town Ordinances...** The Town Council has received the Pilot Books from Walter Drane & Co., the company hired to codify the Town Ordinances. The Mayor has appointed Committees to proofread the Pilots and report back to the Council on May 7th at the regularly scheduled Council meeting. **Harpers Ferry National Historic Park boundary expansion...** The Park is collecting comments from the public regarding proposed boundary expansion. See their website to comment online: <http://www.harpersferryhistory.org/boundary> or call Scott Faulkner for more info: 535-2757. Deadline is April 30, 2002.



Planning Commission – Building Permits

Are you planning an addition to your home, a deck, a new shed? If so, you'll need a building permit. Building permits, demolition permits and use permit applications are available from the Bolivar Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the Bolivar Community Center. The Zoning Administrator meets with

those persons just getting started on their projects at 7:30 p.m. He can give you the appropriate forms you'll need and answer your questions. The regular Planning Commission meeting begins at 8 p.m. and includes the presentation, review, and decision of completed permit applications. Additional information can be found in the Building Ordinance



and the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, which are available at the Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library or online at <http://www.bolivarwv.org>. All meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend.

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