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# The Town of Bolivar, WV

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## **Bolivar Municipal Election Calendar of Events**

**March 28, 2023-Uniform Drawing for Ballot Position**  
**May 16, 2023-Last day to register to vote in Bolivar Municipal Election**  
**May 24, 2023- June 3, 2023- Early Voting Occurs During these dates**  
**May 27, 2023- Early Voting Conducted from 9am - 5 pm**  
**June 3, 2023- Early Voting Conducted from 9 am - 5 pm**  
**June 6, 2023- General Election Day**



### **From the Mayor's desk**

We are sending a Thank You to all the volunteers who helped the Trail and Town Alliance with the clean-up project on the new Woodpecker Woods Trail. If you are all rested up and would like to volunteer again, the next project will be held on April 15th from 9-12 pm. This project will take place on the C&O Canal tow path. This project is in conjunction with the Canal Trust.

For details to sign up, contact Chris Craig @ [ccraig@laurellodge.com](mailto:ccraig@laurellodge.com) or call 304-433-1206. At our March council meeting, we had a presentation from Jefferson County Parks & Recreation with the news of the planned return of "fireworks" to Sam Michaels Park. Your town has committed funds to see this event return for all to enjoy. The date is July 1, 2023.

Looking forward to the first day of Spring on Monday, March 20th. This year we have a beautiful head start with all the flowers blooming and Spring budding well underway. Until next month, I hope you get to enjoy the blooming yards in our wonderful town.

**Helen Dettmer, Mayor**



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## Bolivar Children's Park

The Bolivar Town Council along with the Parks & Recreation Committee have been working on tree replacement in our children's park. At this time, these two groups are awaiting estimates from various companies. An annual park inspection is also underway, to ensure the safety of our many patrons that visit the park. The fence that surrounds the basketball court will be repaired within the month of March. The Parks & Recreation committee will also strive to move forward with the replacement of the merry-go-round. Stay tuned for an update as bids and ordering of this item takes place.



### FLIP-FLOP KICKOFF

APRIL 22-23, 2023 (SAT & SUN)

Celebrating and promoting alternative long-distance hikes starting mid-trail on the Appalachian Trail *Harpers Ferry, WV; Bolivar, West Virginia; and Brunswick, MD*

This event is supported by Trail & Town Alliance

The Town of Bolivar has vacancies on the following commissions/committees:

Bolivar Planning Commission  
Parks & Recreation Committee

Submit your letter of interest to [bolivarth@frontiernet.net](mailto:bolivarth@frontiernet.net) or PO Box 37, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425



## LIBRARY NEWS

Bolivar Harpers Ferry Library offers many programs such as story hour for various ages, book clubs, painting by numbers and lectures. Visit their website [www.bolivarharpersferrylibrary.com](http://www.bolivarharpersferrylibrary.com) for more information.

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## Upcoming Events

- March 27 - Planning Commission Meeting
- April 4 - Town Council Meeting
- April 22-23 - Flip Flop Festival
- May 20 - Harpers Ferry Half Marathon





## ARPA FUND UPDATE

The Town of Bolivar received federal funds known as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in order to assist our community in the recover from the negative economic impacts of COVID-19. The disbursements were divided into two installments. The first installment was in the amount of \$175,831.12, received in September 2021. The second installment was received in June 2022. The total amount of federal funds received was \$351,662.24. There was a workshop held on March 8, 2022, to discuss the availability, distribution and guidelines of these funds. Guidance was also provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The Town of Bolivar was given the flexibility to use the ARPA funds to meet many local needs. In doing so, the town council implemented an application process for local businesses to receive funding. Each application that is received and approved for funding, is reported to the Treasury Department for compliance purposes. The Bolivar Town Council has divided the allocation of funds into two separate phases. The first phase of the ARPA funding will end on March 31, 2023 @ 4:00 pm. If there are any local businesses, 501(c)3 organizations or individuals that are interested in completing an application, please be sure to submit before the deadline. Applications are available in the Town office and also on the town website, [bolivarwv.org](http://bolivarwv.org). Phase 2 will begin on April 1, 2023. The town council would like to develop plans for broader community projects and are requesting input from the citizens of Bolivar to implement the final phase of this funding. Your input is a vital part of the decision-making process, and your comments are welcome by email to [bolivarth@frontiernet.net](mailto:bolivarth@frontiernet.net) or attending the next town council meeting to be held on April 4, 2023 @ 6:30 pm. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

