

Dear Resident,

March 6, 2020

**CHIP Grant Dollars Available to Eligible Lodi Homeowners
(Community Housing Impact & Preservation)**

I am pleased to report that grant funds are available to eligible home owners for home rehabilitation or minor home repairs. Grants are available in the amount up to but not exceeding \$37,000 to low-income homeowners for the purpose of eliminating existing substandard housing conditions. Please note that mobile homes are only eligible for these grants if the mobile home owner also owns the land the mobile home sits on. Eligible items for home rehabilitation include: installation and/or repairs to foundations, roofs, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, furnaces, hot water heaters, insulation, windows, doors, accessibility improvements, and lead based paint abatement. Minor home repair grants are available for projects not exceeding \$12,000. Home repair activity can address one or more specific problems that adversely affect occupant health and safety and/or structural integrity. The types of work that are generally considered eligible for minor home repairs include: structural system repair, mechanical system repair, plumbing system tap-ins, wells and septic systems, weatherization, and accessibility. If you are interested in applying for one of these grants, please stop by village offices to pick up a grant application packet.

Progress in Lodi

Village Website Is Complete – The new village website has been launched!! Please take a look at it at www.villageoflodi.com and explore the different headings. We are very pleased with the results and will continue to expand and add new information as time goes on. This will be a great way for residents to receive pertinent information.

Whisper Creek Subdivision – We are currently in discussion with the subdivision property owner and his developer regarding their plans to finish Whisper Creek Lane and build more single family homes within the development. A continuance of the public hearing for this project will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Lodi Council Chambers. Please plan to attend if you are interested in the plans for this project. The property owner hopes to begin this next phase very soon. This will be very positive growth for our village.

Flooding - Spring is right around the corner. The Village of Lodi strongly suggests that all property owners carry sanitary sewer back up insurance as well as flood insurance. These two property damage events are not normally covered on a home owner's insurance policy. When these events occur, they can be difficult to handle. The Village of Lodi is not responsible for paying for these costs. We suggest discussing these coverages with your insurance carrier.

The Hawthorne Drive Reconstruction Project main improvements have been completed. Final grading and seeding work will be completed as weather permits. We are very pleased with this street renovation project. The Oakwood Drive reconstruction project is scheduled for this year. In upcoming years we will focus on the reconstruction of Lakeview Drive and River Street. The selected streets were identified by our staff and engineering team as those in most desperate need of repair. We will continue to evaluate each area of the village to proceed with future street renovation projects.

CDBG Grant Received for Public Restroom Upgrades – I am pleased to report that the work will be done this year to upgrade and make handicap accessible the public restrooms in Lodi Village Hall and Lodi Community Park. A CDBG grant was applied for and received for these needed upgrades.

Ohio MARCS Grant Approved – I am very pleased to report that the Lodi Fire Department has been approved for an Ohio MARCS Grant in the amount of \$47,364. The MARCS Grant is available to fire departments that serve a population of 25,000 or less. The money will be used to purchase the systems, equipment, and/or services that are a part of, integrated into, or otherwise interoperable with the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) operated by the State of Ohio with respect to providing fire protection services.

Update to Utility Billing Software – The village is currently looking at options to upgrade our utility billing software. It is hopeful that an upgrade may be installed in the near future which will allow for online paying of utility bills. I will keep you posted on the progress.

The planning commission has been meeting and will be focusing on our zoning code revisions and comprehensive plan implementation. If you have any thoughts or recommendations on this subject please feel free to email me at rob.geissman@villageoflodi.com.

Upcoming Grant Possibilities

I am pleased to report that the village recently submitted requests to State Senator Larry Obhof's office for funding for new playground equipment for Lodi Community Park, a splash pad for Richman Field, and repairs to the Indian fountain in Lodi Central Park. Funds are available through the state capital budget for these types of projects. I will keep you posted on the status of the request.

I am pleased to report that the village has applied for a grant to place crosswalk signals in the downtown area. It is hopeful that this grant will be received to help with the safety of our citizens. I will keep you posted regarding the grant results.

Upcoming Village Meetings


March 18, 2020 – Planning Commission Meeting at Village Hall – 7PM

March 23, 2020 – Council Meeting at Village Hall – 7PM

March 24, 2020 – Lodi Board of Public Affairs Meeting at Village Hall – 6PM

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these subjects or local government in general please contact us at 330-948-2040 or info@villageoflodi.com.

Sincerely,

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Robert Geissman, Mayor