

Dear Resident,

November 6, 2020

### **Happy Thanksgiving**

We would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Village of Lodi's Winter Wonderland**

The Village of Lodi is co-sponsoring a Winter Wonderland celebration with Lodi Library on December 5, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on village square! The historical society will have Victorian era characters placed around the square to enhance the atmosphere. Please come and enjoy the festivities. All activities will be held outdoors.

### **Leaf Collection**

Leaf collection has begun within the village and will continue through at least Thanksgiving week. All leaves must be raked to the curb - do not place leaves in the street, but make sure they are close enough to the curb for pick up. Leaves in streets cause storm sewers to clog and create traffic hazards. Also, please do not put trash, sticks, rocks, or other debris in with your leaves. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **Covid-19/Coronavirus Response:**

During this pandemic the Village of Lodi has taken steps to continue to provide normal services to our residents while protecting our employees and the public. We have closed all buildings to visitors but our offices are still functioning. We ask residents to mail in utility payments or use the night box located to the left of the door at our village offices downtown. We are not accepting walk-in payments. We are not accepting cash in the night box. If you need to pay by cash, you must pay during the normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by knocking on the window. Someone will take your cash payment but we are not making change at this time. We prefer that customers pay by check or money order rather than cash. We want to make the environment as safe as possible for our residents and employees. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work through this together.

We ask that residents continually monitor information from the CDC, Medina County Health Department, and the Ohio State Health Department and **please** follow the guidelines they provide. [Medinahealth.org](http://Medinahealth.org) or [Coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://Coronavirus.ohio.gov) have the latest real-time information. You can find health and safety messages and information you can use to protect the health of your household.

### **Upcoming Grant Possibilities**

I am pleased to report that the village of Lodi recently applied for a NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency) Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) planning grant. We have applied for \$85K worth of planning assistance to map out future pedestrian trails and bike paths as well as study vehicle traffic and congestion in the downtown area. If the grant is approved the planning activities will take place next year and the residents will be invited to participate. Our hope is that we will receive the grant and a master plan will be created. Once a plan is in place we can then apply through NOACA for an implementation

grant to develop trails and make needed changes to help mitigate congestion in the downtown area in the future. I will keep you posted regarding grant results.

### Upcoming Village Meetings


Please refer to the village website at [www.villageoflodi.com](http://www.villageoflodi.com) for updates on all scheduled meeting dates and times. Meetings will be held on an as needed basis at this time and may be held electronically. Information will be provided for public participation needs if the meetings are held electronically. Thank you for your understanding during the pandemic.

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](mailto:info@villageoflodi.com). We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,



Robert Geissman, Mayor



**Thanksgiving Safety**

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

**Did you know?**



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

**Have activities** that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.

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