

Dear Resident,

March 8, 2021

Covid-19/Coronavirus Response:

During this critical time in Coronavirus 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. The office will be open by appointment only from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for customer needs outside of paying monthly bills. Please call 330-948-2040 to make an appointment. 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 or 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.

Columbia Gas Line Work

Residents on Janice Street, Grove Street, Evergreen Drive, Wooster Street, and a small portion of Prospect Street should have received notices from Columbia Gas regarding a gas line replacement project for those streets. The project began in early February. If residents have any questions regarding this project, please contact Ben Cutler from Columbia Gas at 216-215-4103.

Whisper Creek Housing Development – Phase 2

The Whisper Creek subdivision is beginning phase 2 of their housing development project. They are currently working on clearing away brush, etc. You will soon see more activity in Whisper Creek as they begin building new single family homes.

Utility Billing Software Upgrade

Data conversion has begun to implement the new utility billing system for the village. The target date to go live is the month of May. All data is being converted from the current JBase system and is being programmed for a new Microsoft SQL billing system. This system will allow online payments, etc. More information will be available next month regarding features and instructions for residents to utilize the online features. This will be a great asset.

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

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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.

Oakwood Drive Underground Electric System Upgrade

You may notice construction work currently underway on Oakwood Drive. The underground electric system is being reconstructed and upgraded at this time. This work needs to be accomplished before the total reconstruction of the sidewalks and street surface is done later this year.

Grant Awards

I am very pleased to report that through the hard work of Fire Chief Chris Ridenour, the Village of Lodi recently received a federal grant award in the amount of \$25,054.70 as part of the COVID-19 Supplemental Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This money will be used to purchase personal protective equipment and related supplies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

I am also very pleased to report that the village recently received notification of a funding award of \$105,000 from the State of Ohio Bi-Annual Budget Capital Funding Program. This money represents 100% of the cost of equipment and installation for a splash pad to be placed at Richman Field. We would like to thank State Senator Larry Obhof's office for sponsoring this project for the village. Our children will enjoy this immensely.


I am also very pleased to report that the village has been awarded an Ohio Public Works Commission Grant in the amount of \$750,000. This grant will go towards funding needed for the EPA mandated construction of the Hawthorne/Evergreen Drive area water tank project. This is a Board of Public Affairs utility project and they worked closely with the Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) to obtain this grant. This will be a great help to the village towards meeting the funding needs of this project.

Upcoming Village Meetings

Please refer to the village website at 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. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R A' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Robert Geissman, Mayor