Reminders:

We have just had to replace the sanitary sewer pump in the Wilson Farms subdivision.

The cause – disposable wipes.
The total cost- approximately $10,000.00.

Pump failures occur when inappropriate materials are flushed. Items that should NEVER be flushed:

- Grease
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Q-Tips
- Disposable wipes of any kind

These items will cause pump failure. Homeowners may be held financially accountable for these premature failures when the pumps are clogged with debris. The greatest damage is caused by “disposable wipes”.

Seen below is only the beginning of the removal of “disposable wipes” from the Wilson Farms sewer lift station.

• The Village of Lithopolis will be accepting resumes through March 10, 2017 for a Village Administrator Trainee. Position will progressively undertake supervision of the day to day operation of water filtration, distribution, water plant maintenance, sewage collection, road construction and maintenance, storm water MS4 program, building and zoning code enforcement. Salary plus benefits. For a complete job description, contact the Village Clerk at leslie.devico@lithopolis.org.
Your neighbor’s basement backed up with sewage!

When sanitary sewers are clogged with grease and so called “flushable or disposable” wipes, the result can be a dirty, smelly mess!

Your sanitary sewers collect water from toilets, sinks, showers, tubs etc… and transport it to the Canal Winchester Water Reclamation Facility, which contracts with Lithopolis to treat the sewage. Any plugging of these lines or lift stations can be a real headache to area homeowners and can cause thousands of dollars of damage.

Grease, feminine hygiene products, q-tips cause damage. Flushable or disposable wipes for both adults and children cause the most severe damage. Even though most are labeled as “safe to flush”, rest assured they are not! They should be thrown in the trash and not flushed to the sanitary sewer. Additionally, items made of plastic, metal and heavy fiber may clog your house’s sewer line, your neighbor’s sewer line, or damage the lift station serving your subdivision.

The Village of Lithopolis has again had to replace three lift station pumps in less than four years due to clogging of the pump impellers with “flushable or disposable” wipes. This clogging leads to pump imbalance that destroys bearings, or motor overload that destroys motors.

The most recent cost of the replacement pump has cost Village residents approximately $7,000.00. In addition, the cost of a temporary pump and the crane to remove and install the new pump adds an additional $4,000.00 of the cost and repairs of “flushable or disposable” wipes.

These costs are being shared by ALL the residents of the Village, yet only a few residents in Wilson Farms, Stoney Bluff and Rolling Acres cause the problem. Please stop flushing these products and save ALL the taxpayers this unnecessary expense.

The pump shown from the Rolling Acres lift station was destroyed by the “flushable and disposable” wipes seen hanging from the impeller.