



# VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS

*City of Stone, Est. 1814*

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## FEBRUARY, 2020

### Village Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm

### Village Council

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

### Upcoming Meetings

February 11, 2020

February 25, 2020

### Council Members

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**Lithopolis Mayor's Court** is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, every month at 5:30p.m.

### Village Website

<http://www.lithopolis.org/>

### Pay Utility Bills Online at:

<https://client.pointandpay.net/web/VillageofLithopolis>

**HOME OF THE HONEYFEST**

## VILLAGE STAFF

**Eric Sandine**, Mayor

**Ed VanVickle**, Village Administrator, Water Operator

**Amanda Wolin**, Interim Fiscal Officer, Zoning Inspector

**Michelle Triplett**, Utility Billing Clerk

**Joshua Lafferty**, Maintenance

**Lonny Heft**, Maintenance

**Ben Lockhart**, Maintenance

**Cindi Newsome**, Mayor's Court Clerk

## US CENSUS

Once every ten years, the US Census Bureau does a complete population count, surveying every resident in the US. This is mandated by the Constitution, and includes individuals with work visas, internationals students, and unauthorized immigrants, but excludes visitors such as tourists.

Residents will soon be receiving a Census letter by mail, and the Village asks that every household report all members living in their home. This information is very important as it determines representation in legislative districts, sets eligibility for government programs like housing assistance, establishes levels of funding for local clinics, hospitals, roads, emergency services, and more.

Not reporting accurate data or underreporting may cause a reduction in funding to the community. Please take the time to report all members living in your home. This will only benefit our community.

The 2020 Census will be the first census to include online surveys. Doing the survey online will avoid a census surveyor knocking at your door.

For More Information about the US Census visit:[https://usafacts.org/reports/2020-Census?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI5Puo5LvE5gIVh4bACh2MCgD9EAAAYASAAEgJZ1fD\\_BwE](https://usafacts.org/reports/2020-Census?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI5Puo5LvE5gIVh4bACh2MCgD9EAAAYASAAEgJZ1fD_BwE)

To watch videos of the Fairfield County Commissioners encouraging participation visit:<https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/>

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Sandine will be scheduling several public meetings in February to receive feedback on a Village plan to address the scaling issues caused by hardwater. Meeting dates and times will be posted on the Village Facebook page and the five (5) posting areas in town.

*Wagnalls Library, Lithopolis Post Office, Faler's Feed Store, Das Kaffeehaus, & Village Office*

## **BUILDING & ZONING**

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As spring approaches, residents may be planning construction projects. To ensure building safety, the Village enforces state building standards through the building and zoning permit process outlined on the Village website. Applications must be submitted, reviewed, and returned before construction begins. Beginning this process early in the project will avoid delays.

Zoning, Residential, or Commercial permit applications, as well as information regarding permits, can be found on the Village website or by calling the Village Zoning Inspector, Amanda Wolin at 614-837-2031.

Before applications will be reviewed, you must first have:

- (1) two complete sets of construction plans, (2) a total of three site plans, and (3) a plan review deposit (non-refundable)

Permits are NOT required for remodeling projects that do not include structural changes and includes like-for-like replacement in the same location, such as:

- Kitchen/Bath fixture replacement or remodeling
- Interior refinishing
- Door/Window replacement
- Roof/Gutter/Downspout repairs
- Driveway/Sidewalk repair, replacement, resurfacing if done to the Village's standards  
*(work done in the Right-of-Way does require a permit)*
- Tuck-pointing and/or repair of exterior masonry
- Basement waterproofing

Permits ARE required for:

- Radio antennas, masts or windmills greater than six feet above main structure
- Any construction in the required side, front or rear yard setbacks
- Fire/Security detection systems (alarm owner's permit from local police and installer's permit)

## **SUMP PUMPS CONTRIBUTE TO STORMWATER**

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If you have a basement, then chances are good that you also have a sump pump that works hard to keep water collected from around your house foundation from turning your lowest floor into an in-ground swimming pool. What many people don't consider is where that water goes once it gets pumped out. Depending on your location and surrounding topography, the outgoing pipe may connect into your gutter downspouts and drain into the street, flow onto the surface of your yard, or discharge directly into a creek.

This makes it important to realize that anything that goes into your sump pump basin will be pumped, untreated, into the environment and care should be taken to prevent anything other than fresh water from entering the pit. One of the most common occurrences of this is having your clothes washing machine drain hose empty into the sump basin. The drainage of these should always be tied into your sanitary sewer line so the detergent and dirt-laden water does not contribute to stormwater pollution. Other potential sources of pollution that may enter the sump basin include: paints, softener salt, bleach, and other household chemicals. Just take precautions and educate your family members that the sump basin is not to be used as a waste receptacle or urinal.

## **R.I.T.A.**

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The collection and administration of local income tax for the Village of Lithopolis is handled by the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). RITA is the largest administrator for municipal income taxes in the State of Ohio. Tax forms are available through their website at: <https://ritaohio.com/> Their phone number is: [1-866-721-7482](tel:1-866-721-7482)

### **RITA TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE EVENT**

March 12, 2020 11:00AM to 6:00PM – Canal Winchester Community Center

The Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) invites all taxpayers who are required to file a municipal income tax return for any RITA municipality to attend a *free* Taxpayer Assistance Event. Agents will be on-site to answer questions and assist with RITA municipal income tax return preparation. To receive assistance preparing your return, please bring all the applicable information listed below. RITA agents will work on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on this event call 1-866-721-7482.

- Social Security Number for yourself and spouse
- W2(s) from all employers and Form 1099(s)
- Addresses and dates for each location in which you resided during 2019
- Federal Schedule(s) C, E, F, Federal forms K-1, 2106, & 1040