



# VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS

*City of Stone, Est. 1814*

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## JANUARY, 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

January 14, 2020

January 28, 2020

### Council Members

**President Pro Tempore,**

**Michael Belek**

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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>

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## VILLAGE STAFF

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**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

## NEW MAYOR OF LITHOPOLIS – ERIC SANDINE

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Effective January 1, 2020, the Village will have a new mayor- Eric Sandine. Eric has served the Village of Lithopolis in the past, and we, the Village staff, look forward to working with him during this new term.

## FINAL MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOE TAYOR

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Dear Residents of Lithopolis,

My term as Mayor is coming to an end, and I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support these past 25 months.

When I was elected as your Mayor in November 2017, the Village was in serious financial trouble. Although we are no longer facing a financial emergency, money will be tight going into 2020 and beyond.

The failure of the .5% Replacement Income Tax is a serious loss for the Village, and we will need to use funds wisely to make ends meet, while deferring many of our proposed projects. Because of this failure, we will not have the funds available to fix decaying streets, replace aging trucks and equipment, connect our neighborhoods with pedestrian walkways, develop our parks and grow our police department. As many have expressed the desire to have these improvements to our community, I would encourage you to request that Council place the .5% Replacement Income Tax back on the ballot as soon as possible.

As always, I encourage you to attend the Council meetings and get involved in your community! Thank you again for your support during my term as the Mayor of Lithopolis and I wish you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Mayor Joe Taylor

## HOLIDAY TRASH SERVICE

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Due to the holidays, trash services will be moved to Thursdays on these dates only: December 26, 2019 & January 2, 2020

## **PRACTICE PROPER SNOW REMOVAL TO KEEP STORM DRAINS AND DOWNSPOUTS FLOWING**

If this winter follows the trend of the past few years, we can expect to see several storms that require plowing, blowing and shoveling our streets, driveways and sidewalks free of accumulated snow. While village staff will be working diligently to keep the roadways clear, homeowners can take several steps to ensure water from the melting snow or subsequent rainfall has somewhere to go.

The first step is knowing the location of storm drains near your property. These may be in the form of curb inlets which are found in the curb strip or catch basins that may be round or square entrance to the storm sewer and are covered by a metal lid mounted flush with the ground. Keeping these clear of ice and snow is crucial so that runoff created by the melting snow or rain can reach underground pipes and not flood the surrounding area. This will also reduce ponding of water that may refreeze into hazardous ice overnight.

If your gutter downspouts or sump pump discharge through underground pipes, you'll also want to keep the outlet of these clear to prevent water backing up around your foundation or into your basement. In newer developments, many of these discharge pipes outlet at the street curb and can become blocked when plowed snow piles up.

A few extra minutes of shoveling to keep the storm drains and downspouts unobstructed when you're clearing the sidewalk can save a lot of headaches later!

## **SNOW REMOVAL RECOMMENDATIONS & SAFETY TIPS**

### **Recommendations:**

Do Not shovel snow onto streets or paths.  
Keep snow removed from around your mailbox.  
Clear public sidewalks as soon as possible.  
Clear a 3ft radius around hydrants in case of an emergency.  
Do Not build snow structures close to street.  
Park cars off street when possible after snow.

### **Safety Tips:**

Always warm up muscles before shoveling snow.  
Know your limits and take frequent breaks.  
Lift with your legs, not with your back.  
Avoid twisting & turning.  
Dress in layers and stay hydrated.  
When using snow blowers, do not wear loose clothing.

## **REPORT SEWER ALARMS ASAP**

**If you hear an alarm, please report this as soon as possible by calling 614-837-2031.**

Turning the sound or power off to a sewer alarm, or ignoring it all together, can be dangerous and can cause many unnecessary problems. Please report all sewer alarms to the Village Office as soon as possible.

## **LOST/FOUND**

During this year's Honeyfest, a pair of prescription eyeglasses, in a hard case, were found and delivered to the Village Office. These have yet to be claimed. If they are yours, please come to the Village Office to give full description of the glasses so they can be returned to the rightful owner

## **HISTORY OF LITHOPOLIS**

Some interesting facts about the history of Lithopolis:

- The community was originally laid out in 1815 as "Centerville"
- In 1836, it was chartered as "Lithopolis"
- The name "Lithopolis" is derived from the Greek language and means "Stone City"
- The name is a reference to the large deposits of valuable stone that were found in and near the town.
- The native stone was used in the construction of The Wagnalls Memorial Library

