



The Village News

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Mayor Jill C. McKelvey

Our Code Enforcement Officer Scott Woodruff has been fielding many calls regarding the revised flood plain maps. I have taken a few calls and many of you are being contacted by your mortgage lender regarding your need to obtain flood insurance. Many of you have not had any flooding in the time that you owned your home. Those who have experienced flooding remember when the Mad River breached the banks in May 2019 and may have questions regarding flood insurance. So let me give you the updated information that we know at this time.

The previous flood plain map was approved/created in 1985. The current one has been debated and discussed for almost 10 years. The 2014 Flood Plain Map has not been approved at this time, BUT will be later this year.

Based on the information that we received from FEMA’s mapping contractor on 4/19/23, anticipates they will issue the Letter of Final Determination (LFD) for Logan County and Incorporated Areas on 5/30/23. These letters initiate a 6-month period before the new flood maps and study are scheduled to become effective on 11/30/23. From what we know the banks are trying to get ahead of this but are very early in the process when many of you were contacted in January 2023.

ODNR will contact all the Logan County communities with dates for webinars that will explain the regulations update process. ODNR will then schedule individual meetings with all the communities to provide one-on-one ordinance update assistance.

The Village of West Liberty will be holding a **Public Meeting on August 28th** at 6pm in Town Hall Opera House with Alicia Silverio (NFIP State Coordinator and Floodplain Management Program Manager) and Allison Fowler (Logan County Floodplain Manager) to explain what you can do as a homeowner to either refute the floodplain area for your home AND/OR how to obtain flood insurance which fits your risk.

Below is the link to the FEMA Map Service Center where you can select the state, county, and community to search for your specific property. The website is <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanceSearch>

After you click search you can then select from the Effective Products which are the older 1985 maps and the Preliminary Products which are the newer maps which will be approved later this year.

If you select the preliminary maps for example, there will be a drop down listing the panel numbers and you can select the download button on the right.

Once downloaded it is a little easier to scroll on and zoom in and out. You may want to use the preliminary map on one screen and the auditors site or google earth on another screen to compare the aerial views and confirm you are looking at the correct property when you are doing searches on the maps.

There is a physical map in the Village Office for you to view as well. Questions may be brought to a public meeting in August where we will invite some experts to answer your questions.

It is recommended that if any residents are able to secure a letter of map amendment from FEMA, that it be filed with the deed so that future property owners, etc. would know about the status change because FEMA would not redo a map for individual properties, and it may be years before we get a new map study.

Mayor Jill

West Liberty Business Anniversaries

- June 1st Piatt Castle Est. 1912
- June 10th, Town Hall Dedicated 1869
- June 11th, West Liberty Splash Pad.
- June 12th Therasas Gingerbread House III
- June 29th Sherman Ricketts Memorial

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| June 24th 12-7:00 PM | Summer Street Market & Car Show | East Columbus Street |
| June 24th At Dusk | West Liberty 4th Of July Celebration Fireworks | At Lions Park |
| June 25th 11AM-4PM | 19th Century Style Independence Day Celebration | At Mac-A-Cheek |

Clerk's Corner

Thank you to all who came out to the Opening Event for the Splash Pad !! We will have more about this event in next months newsletter (at the time of printing of the June Newsletter, the event had not happened yet)

Gas and Electric Aggregation rates meeting was held on May 31st. (too late for this newsletter printing). We met with the Logan County Commissioners and discussed the rates for the Aggregation. We will have this latest information in the July Newsletter. We are getting closer.

Don't forget to call the Clerk's Office, **937-465-2716**, when you fill your pool for the summer. Building a fence? Stop in at the Clerk's office and fill out a building permit. **Shelter house** rentals at the Lions Park, are going *fast*.....call the Clerk's office if you need a shelter reserved for your event this summer. Cost is \$50 per day. Have a birthday or anniversary announcement to put on the electronic sign at the City Building? Call the Clerk's office ! Cost is \$10 per day. Want to book a private party at the Splash Pad this summer? The Splash Pad can be reserved on Tuesday evenings only, for \$140.00, from 6 to 8pm. Call the Clerk's office to make a reservation.

Cindee Boyd
Clerk/Treasurer
937-465-2716



From The Village of West Liberty:

CONGRATULATIONS

To West Liberty Salem Graduates Class of 2023 !!

We would like to congratulate all of the graduates on their years of hard work and dedication. You have earned your day of recognition and celebration! We wish you the very best of luck as you start this new chapter of your lives .

West Liberty Lions Club

A Big Thank you to the Community for your support of the 1st Fish Fry of the season on May 20th. **Thank you** to the Community, their family and friends for coming out and enjoying the 2 shows of the Cullpepper and Merrieweather Circus held on May 21st at Lions Park. We appreciate your support !!



The West Liberty Business Association is hosting their annual Summer Street Market June 24th 12-7pm. There will be street vendors, food trucks, a car show and live entertainment! **Honey Compass** will be playing from 12-3pm. You don't want to miss out on the fun ! Scan the QR code to register as a vendor, food truck, or register your car for the show. Extended shopping hours in the Village and **fireworks** at dusk at The Lions Park.

Find It All On **E. Columbus Street**



(Scroll down to June 24th events)

Patty Kauffman Council Member

Downloading the new **Feel @ Home WL** app.

I can be a little backwards when it comes to phones and computers, but I've found that adding the **Feel @Home WL** app to my phone was easy.

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD



- 1) Turn phone on and that should bring up a search bar.
- 2) Touch camera icon and point it at the QR code. The square digital bar code.
- 3) Tap on the onelink.to/feelathomewl link and it will take you right to the app site

From there you can fill out a profile to sign up for and customize alert notifications, view latest village information, see what events are coming up, look up zoning requirements, check out council minutes, etc. There is a lot going on in this user-friendly app! And it's FREE. By adding the app to your phone and customizing alert notifications you'll be able to get only alerts that pertain to you. For example, I live on the east side, so I would get notices for trash or boil water notices only if it pertains to the east side. It's a good way to keep plugged into what's going on in West Liberty.



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Article written and submitted by Brenda Snyder, WLBA Secretary

We would like to congratulate Stoner's Ice Cream Parlor for being selected at the West Liberty Business Association's June 2023 Business of the Month. The Ice Cream Parlor is owned by Jeff and Kelli Stoner. This is their 6th year of owning it. Jeff also works for Godwin Contracting and Kelli works at The Ohio State University as a Nurse Manager over the Infusion and Clinical Lab. She also just graduated from The Ohio State University with her doctorate so you can now call her Dr. Stoner!

The Ice Cream Parlor currently employs 16 young ladies and gentlemen. You can always walk into a welcome greeting, great service, and their support to you. At one time their building housed the village Post Office as well as one time being a snowmobile dealership. Jeff and Kelli both frequented the parlor as kids so when they bought it, they wanted to bring back that same nostalgia and atmosphere. They also now offer a food trailer that can do events out in the community. You have most likely seen them at the West Liberty Labor Day Festival.

Jeff and Kelli support their community by being members of various local clubs and civic organizations. They are members of the West Liberty Business Association as well as the West Liberty Lions Club. As business owners they sponsor and donate to many different events, organizations, and causes in and outside of the community.

Customers love the generous portion of ice cream they are served! Jeff says that mainly customers like to come in and see the kids working. They get compliments on how polite, nice, and patient the workers are.

When they are not at the Ice Cream Parlor they enjoy spending time with their family and friends. They say their favorite part of owning a business in West Liberty is the smiles and memories that are being made when people visit their store. Their favorite thing about West Liberty is definitely the people! When asked if there was anything they would like for their customers to know, they said "Thank you for letting us serve you! We so much appreciate you all!"

A quote from one of their most loyal customers is "The customer service they provide is unique and one of a kind just like their banana splits..." Bill McKelvey

Every month Marie's Candies lets the Business of the Month winner pick their favorite candy. Jeff and Kelli chose Chimney Sweets so those will be highlighted for the month of June. The Ice Cream Parlor then takes the chosen candy and creates a sundae featuring that candy. That treat is yet to be determined.

There will be an award presentation on May 31st at 6:00pm. The public is invited.