

**CITY OF LOVELAND  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**DATE:** November 1, 2019

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**Administration**

The Cincinnati Reds notified the City this week that they would be returning a Cincinnati Reds commemorative bench back to our downtown district at no charge to the City.

Monday, the City closed on the purchase of 124 Railroad Avenue. Bids are being secured for the demolition of the structure.

The demolition of 118 South Lebanon began this week adjacent to the Safety Center. Removal of the home will allow for the City to expand its public and employee parking areas, along with installation of an additional ingress/egress lane for our emergency vehicles.



Following City Council's authorization at their October 8 meeting, an application for Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding was submitted on Thursday to the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). If awarded, the funding will be utilized to conduct training for Loveland and Clermont County Police Departments on identifying and coping with stress related to serving as Police Officers. If funded, the training will be conducted by Dr. Kevin Gilmartin who specializes in issues related to law enforcement and author of *Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement*.

Wednesday, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith, City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein and I interviewed two firms whom were selected from the seven that submitted RFPs for the design and engineering of the City's new Parking Garage. The two firms interviewed were Desman Design Management and Champlin Architecture.

Thursday evening, I attended the open house of Oasis Turf and Tree and their recognition as the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's 300 members. The evening included opening remarks by Mayor Kathy Bailey.

Also Thursday evening, I visited the Northeast Communications Center as they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The dispatchers gave demonstrations on the center's technology and views of the various security cameras located throughout Loveland and Symmes Township.

On Friday evening, I am scheduled to attend the Citizens Police Academy being held in Miami Township.

### **Public Works**

Public Works continued leaf pickup throughout the week.

### **Building and Zoning**

Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an employee of the City. Becky has been an excellent addition to the department. Her contributions and ingenuity have significantly improved the operations of the department in the time she has been with the City.

An application and plans were submitted for a drive through at Tropical Smoothie. The plans are currently being reviewed by the City's contracted Plans Examiner, Majed Dabdoub. The City has seen an increase in applications for additions such as sheds, decks, and covered porches suggesting a good and vibrant economy.

### **Police**

This week, LPD hosted the Loveland U participants and passed out candy on Halloween. LPD is scheduled to transition "back home" to the completed PD on November 12-14. Work at the Safety Center is increasing as the vendors prepare for this milestone.

Julie Robinson, Tina Kerns, Monica Hammer, Amy Campbell and Mike Szpak began interviewing potential police officer candidates this week. The interviews will continue through the end of November.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- The Historic Preservation Design Review Committee, will meet on Monday, November 4, 7:00 PM, at City Hall
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 5
- The Finance Committee, will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 5:00 PM, at City Hall
- The Planning and Zoning Commission, will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 PM, at City Hall
- The Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), will meet on Thursday, November 7, 5:00 PM, at City Hall