

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: November 15, 2019

Administration

The City was notified this week that its NatureWorks Grant application was approved by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The grant amount of \$18,294 will include a local match of \$6,098 to complete much needed repairs to the Nisbet Park restrooms. Repairs include roofing, exterior doors, interior/exterior painting, skylights and lighting. Also included in the project, is a new ADA compliant drinking fountain with bottle filler.



Wednesday, I attended the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's downtown merchants meeting at Bishop's Quarter. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss events and preparation of the 2020 DORA schedule.

On Wednesday, the Wellness Committee hosted a luncheon for Public Works and City Hall employees. Incentive gifts were passed out to each employee and Julie Robinson introduced a 5-week Step Challenge for all employees and encouraged everyone to participate as we close out 2019. The 2020 Wellness Program will be introduced and rolled out in early January. There will be incentives, challenges and activities planned throughout the year. The Wellness Committee will also host a meal for the Police Department on November 25, as they were not able to attend on Wednesday. Hopefully all employees will participate and take advantage of everything the Wellness Committee has planned for next year! The Wellness Committee includes Misty Brents, Mandy Lucas, Julie Robinson and Becky Noel from City Hall, Rob Hayden from Public Works and Clerk of Courts, Mel Bacon. Thanks to each of these employees for volunteering to serve on this important committee.

In addition to the Wellness Committee luncheon, Human Resources Manager, Julie Robinson has been working on several employee policy revisions and continues to assist the LPD throughout their

interviewing process. The LPD had 50 lateral applicants. The testing for all non-lateral applicants ends today at which point she will resume her assistance for those interviews.

Loveland U met last Saturday at Public Works to learn more about snow plowing, water lines, road paving and storm water management. Lunch was provided by the Roadkill Cafe. Last night, the inaugural class of Loveland U attended their graduation ceremony at HCC. Randy Rico, WLWT meteorologist and Loveland resident, was our keynote speaker. Randi shared her passion for giving back to the community and her love for her hometown. Representatives from Cancer Free Kids, NEST, LIFE Food Pantry, Little Miami Conservancy, Loveland School District, Loveland Museum Center, Loveland Stage Company, and the City shared their volunteer needs in hopes that the class would find their niche in the community and stay or get more involved.



Public Works

Curb replacements in the Woodridge and Woodford subdivisions continued this week.

Public Works crews continued working on the fall brush and leaf collection programs.

On Tuesday the OPWC District 2 support staff met to rate appeals in scores for project funding applications. Appeals from the City were submitted for the Broadway Street Stabilization and the Miami Drive Culvert Replacement projects, resulting in a rating increase for both projects. The District 2 Integrating Committee will meet on November 22 to approve the list of projects recommended for state funding in Fiscal Year 2020.

On Thursday Cindy Klopfenstein met with two representatives from ODOT to discuss the Urban Paving Program (UPP). In UPP projects, ODOT contributes approximately 50% of the cost of repaving projects on State Routes within City limits. ODOT has State Route 48 from the 90-degree bend near Saint Columban to the City's northern Corporation limits (less the area that was paved this summer) scheduled for repaving in the summer of 2021. Development of construction drawings for the project will begin in 2020.

Building and Zoning

Oasis Turf and Tree was issued their certificate of occupancy this week. The Sanctuary at Miami Trails subdivision is near completion with all lots being occupied. Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel and Building Inspector, Jim McFarland closed out a permit for one of the four available lots. Of the remaining three lots, one is under construction and near completion for the framing. The Gold Medal building in the Commerce Park has completed their addition to a building that was once vacant.

Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby have completed a draft for Short-Term Rental (STR) legislation. The STR legislation is scheduled to be presented to the Laws and Ordinance Committee on November 21. A draft of the legislation will be posted to the City's website. In addition, several text amendments to Title III: Zoning Districts and Section 1107: Definitions accompany the STR policy.

Tom Smith also met with Evans Landscaping for a quote for the demolition of the property located at 124 Railroad Ave. (AKA the McCoy property). Tom will be meeting with one more contractor on Monday as well. Demolition of the structure is scheduled for early 2020.

Police

This week, LPD focused on transitioning back home. The move back was a major gateway for the renovations project and required significant time and effort from everyone at LPD. Service disruptions should be minimized after next week.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Annual Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Receptions Event Center.

The Law and Ordinance Committee will meet on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.