

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: December 13, 2019

Administration

Monday, Human Resources Manager, Julie Robinson and I attend the Civil Service Commission meeting to certify the Police Officer recruitment list. Special thanks to Julie for her support to our police personnel during the recruitment process.

Also on Monday, the Historic Preservation Design Review Committee met to review the preliminary design guidelines presented by our consultant, the Gossman Group. During the meeting the committee also set a public hearing (January 9) for the review of an application to designate the White Pillars Homestead as a local historic structure.

Tuesday, the City received the completed State Route 48 speed study from Choice One Engineering. The study was authorized by the City as part of our efforts to reduce the speed limit along the City's portion of State Route 48. Legislation will be presented to City Council at the January 14, 2020 council meeting, and if adopted, presented to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

This week, the White Pillars Homestead, owned by the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) was listed for sale <https://www.move2loveland.com/property/101-founders-drive>.

Special thanks to Mike Meldon and Gary Benesh from our Tree and Environment Committee for their coordination and receipt of a mini-mural from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Inc. The interactive neighborhood mural will be placed in areas such as near the clock tower or along the bike trail this coming spring.



Human Resources Manager, Julie Robinson has also been working to secure several discounts for the City's workers compensation policy. Among the discounts is a transitional work bonus, which is in the event that a claim is made instead of placing the employee on leave a light duty is available. The total in policy discounts is \$4,289. Julie is also working with Civic HR and the LPD on revising the City's employee performance evaluation process.

Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith and I met with representatives from Independent Energy Consultants to discuss a renewal of the City's natural gas aggregation program. This item will come before the City Council in January 2020.

Public Works

This week, a third and final round of fall leaf pick-up was completed in Clermont and Warren Counties, as well as a portion of Hamilton County.

Monday, Cindy Klopfenstein attended ODOT District 8's Local Public Agency Day Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss ODOT-funding opportunities and department updates.

This week the City's 2019 Road Rehabilitation Program was completed.

Also completed this week was the Cedar Drive Water Main Replacement project.

Building and Zoning

A small cell application came in from Verizon Wireless. The project at 155 Commerce (Fischer Process Industries) in the Commerce Park is moving along. They recently passed their fire alarm test and are working on their sprinkler suppression and paint booth. The business growing and in need of additional space. Fischer Process Industries is a manufacturer of pumps and valves of all types. The Mile 42 Coffee Shop has completed their rough-in plumbing and electrical. They are now moving onto the drywall stages and should be ready to open for business very soon. The NorthStar Church has completed and passed the inspection for the foundation of building D.

The Building and Zoning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission wish to extend their gratitude to Commissioner Bob Cox for his years of service on the Planning and Zoning Commission. His position will be replaced by Mr. Brian O'Neill. The Building and Zoning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission wish to extend a warm welcome to Mr. O'Neill as a new member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Police

LPD assisted with two holiday events this week at Loveland United Methodist Church and in front of RP Diamond. LPD received its new 2019 Ford F150 this week and the vehicle has already received a lot of attention and comments from the community and law enforcement agencies.

The new LPD K9 Chevy Tahoe should arrive next week. Special thanks to Officer Tim Wilmes who expends a lot of time and energy making sure LPD has a fantastic fleet.

This week, Officer Jacob Salamon represented LPD at the AAA Traffic Safety Awards and accepted a Gold Award for LPD's efforts to keep our community roads safe.

Chief Rahe will be on vacation beginning December 20. Lieutenant Mike Szpak will be the Acting Chief of Police in his absence.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Christmas in Loveland, Saturday, December 14; 4:00 to 9:00 PM

Recreation Board, Tuesday, December 17; 7:00 PM, City Hall

Tree & Environment Committee, Thursday, December 19; 7:00 PM, City Hall