

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: March 13, 2020

Administration

Progression of the Coronavirus was monitored throughout the week, with updates to the website of pertinent reports from federal, state and local agencies. Friday, a statement was prepared and posted on the City's website providing a more detailed update of steps taken by the City regarding the virus. Additionally, a more conspicuous location on the City's website for updates on the virus was created to allow easier access of the information for our residents and businesses.

After delays at the state level, authorization for the commencement of the Train Trestle Safety Project was finally completed this week. The project includes the installation of an over-height warning system, which will create an infrared beam over the road at the height limit of the trestle clearance (8 feet). When an over-height vehicle approaching the trestle from either direction breaks the infrared beam, a flashing sign warning alert will be activated. Installation is estimated to be completed in six weeks.

Demolition of the 3 vacant structures located on the parking facility site was on-going throughout this week. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week.

Building and Zoning

A Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for a Downtown Pedestrian and Streetscaping Plan was distributed to interested land use planning firms on Friday.

April 1, 2020 is Census Day. The census happens every 10 years. In early 2020, residents will be asked to count everyone who lives in their home as of April 1. Households will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census either in the mail or from a census taker. Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone, or by mail. Census data provides vital information for decision making pertaining to development in the community, business, and future planning.

Important dates to know:

- March 12-20 - An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.
- April 20-27 - A final reminder postcard before and in-person follow-up.

For more information, visit: <https://2020census.gov/>

The Comprehensive Plan is in the second phase of development with the completion of several

focus groups meetings, including local businesses, residents, committees, neighborhood leaders, and the Loveland School District. A Comprehensive Plan steering committee will provide an outline for business development, traffic, parking, neighborhood preservation, and many other key issues involving the future of the City of Loveland. Public engagement is strongly encouraged. The first steering committee meeting will be held Monday April 6th at 6:00 pm at the Loveland City Hall. In addition to meeting attendance, a brief eleven question Googledocs survey is attached: <https://forms.gle/pMVMnRZjDfshofHa9>. Participation in this survey will significantly aid in the development of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Police

LPD spent some time this week helping out our neighbors through our mutual aid contracts. K9 Mack and Officer Bibelhausen were deployed three times. One was the tracking and arrest of an armed assault suspect in Symmes Township. Lieutenant Scott Humphrey responded to Pleasant Plain with the Clermont County SRT team.

LPD and the Ohio Crime Prevention Association hosted 50 people for the *House of Worship Security and Safety* training at the Loveland Safety Center on Thursday. Lieutenant Amy Campbell is attending the Supervisor Training and Education Program through the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation this week.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Arts Commission Meeting, March 16, 2020, 7:00 PM, Argo Conference Room - City Hall

Ad Hoc Committee to Review Council Rules and Committee Rules Meeting, March 19, 2020, 6:00 PM, Argo Conference Room - City Hall

Public Relations and Communications Committee Meeting, March 19, 2020, 7:00 PM, Colonel Paxton Conference Room-City Hall