

**CITY OF LOVELAND  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**DATE:** March 12, 2021

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**Administration**

City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, Planning Consultant, Liz Fields with McBride, Dale, and Clarion, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith, and I walked portions of Loveland-Madeira Road to evaluate a couple of streetscape concepts to incorporate into the City's Master Development Plan that is currently being drafted. The streetscape improvements are designed to make the area more aesthetically pleasing with the addition of tree lawns and supplementary pedestrian access with additional sidewalks.

Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose, Clerk of Council, Misty Brents, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith attended a conference call with Cincinnati Bell on Monday pertaining to the status update of Smart City. This week fiber for the Access Points (AP's) was ran at City Hall and Nisbet Park. It is anticipated that installation of the AP's will be completed in the next two weeks. Later that evening, Krista, Misty, and Tom also attended a conference call with Cincinnati Bell's media and campaign promotions personnel to discuss the next steps for advertising and promoting of the Smart City utility, including the incorporation of the Lovin' Life Loveland website.

This week, the removal of the Boike Park Tennis Courts was completed. The city will now be working with the Loveland Youth Soccer Association to create soccer fields in the now cleared area.



This week, letters were mailed to all residents in phase 1 of the Loveland Height Housing Rehabilitation Grant program. An online application for eligible property owners was also developed and placed on the city's website.

## **Finance**

It was another busy week in the Finance Department as we saw a steady stream of people coming in to pay taxes. As always, our staff was able to provide outstanding customer service to everyone that walked through the door.

Wednesday, Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, and I had further discussions with Finance Commission member Mike Colangelo regarding the City's Financial Health Indicators. As we continue to fine tune our reports, we are able to get a clearer picture of the City's financial health, as related to funding future projects.

## **Building and Zoning**

Rodi Italian Bistro was issued their Certificate of Occupancy. A signage application for Tahona Restaurant was also submitted. Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby, Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith attended their first of four building permit software trainings on Thursday.

## **Public Works**

On Wednesday, Scott Wisby and Cindy Klopfenstein attended a kick-off meeting with reps from Burgess & Niple and the Clermont County Engineer's Office for the design of the E. Loveland Ave. project. Terracon is tentatively scheduled to take geotechnical borings near the E. Loveland Avenue bridge on March 19.

Also, this week, contract negotiations began with DER Development Co. LLC, the low bidder for the Public Works office and garage building.

## **Police**

Loveland residents reported two cars stolen this week. Both cases were solved, and the vehicles returned to the owners. Our residents, and many others around Ohio, continue to receive fraudulent notices about unemployment benefits. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services set up a website to collect all fraud reports (<https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/>) Residents can report incidents directly on the website unless they desire a local report. Calls for services are steadily increasing, and more people and traffic around Loveland with the weather change.

## **Upcoming Events and Meetings**

Thursday March 18, Veterans Memorial Committee meeting, 6:00 PM, City Hall