

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: April 23, 2021

Administration

This week, the city received notification from Hamilton County regarding a new program to allocate \$650,000 in CDBG-CV funding to provide and/or expand free public Wi-Fi within communities. As this a proposed initiative of the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) for the Loveland Heights, Thursday I met with Cincinnati Bell representatives to discuss cost and implementation of such a project, so that the city could submit for funding. Applications are due May 21, 2021, and additional information is forthcoming.

The Law and Ordinance Committee met on Monday to review amendments to section 351.18 that would assist in the enforcement of junk vehicles that are stationed for long periods of time. The committee recommended approval of the amendments to City Council. The committee also reviewed the creation of a chapter for Public Nuisance and Blight Removal and amendments comprising various sections of Chapter 1305 pertaining to the enforcement of the property maintenance code. The committee has scheduled a meeting for May 12 for further review of the latter. Additional information can be obtained at:

<http://lovelandoh.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1431&Inline=True>.

Thursday, Mayor Bailey, Councilmember Butler, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose, and I, attended a kickoff event for the 2022 Homearama, held at Bishop's Quarter. The Homearama is scheduled for June of 2022 at the Chimney Ridge subdivision on Butterworth Road. During the kickoff, developer Greg Berling stated that these events typically attract 20,000 to 25,000 visitors. Mr. Berling also thanked the city for their assistance and cooperation in the development of the Chimney Ridge subdivision.

Friday, Mayor Bailey, joined the Tree and Environment Committee for an Arbor Day celebration at Phillips Park near the Simpson Forest trailhead. Mayor Bailey read the Arbor Day Proclamation and special guest, author, Joan Maloof, spoke to the audience about the importance of preserving Old Growth Forests throughout communities.



Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith continues the process of working with Lexipol to update the City's employee personnel policies.

Interest in the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant program remained steady this week. To help with providing information to residents, additional links were added to the city's website regarding the program, to view the updates [Click Here](#). In an effort to continue moving the program forward, letters will be mailed to residents in phase 3 on Monday. To view the program's phase map, [Click Here](#).

Finance

The Finance Commission met Wednesday to discuss a variety of topics including 2020 year-end cash balances and the City's cash flow position. The Commission also reviewed the first quarter 2021 financial and income tax updates that were presented by Director of Finance, Mark Medlar. Revenue and expenditure data collected for the first quarter of 2021 has been very encouraging, led by strong income tax revenue. Some property tax revenue was not received until early April, which will be included in the second quarter financials. The Finance Department and the Finance Commission will continue to monitor the City's revenues and expenditures to ensure the long-term financial health of the City.

Building and Zoning

The exterior awning addition for Ramsey's Trailside restaurant has been completed. The awning brings partial enclosure for additional outdoor seating.

Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel and Property Maintenance Inspector, Ralph Vilardo continue to work with Accela for the creation of the Building and Zoning Permit Software. Their stewardship includes verifying the content and completion of all online forms pertaining to their respective duties.

Public Works

This week, new pickleball nets were provided for installation for the courts at McCoy Park. The new nets were greatly appreciated by our pickleball community, as many emails of thanks were sent to City Hall. Also, the courts at Lever Park will be repaired, recoated, and restriped in mid-June. These courts will also include new pickleball striping.

We continue to work on securing the needed easements for the replacement of the traffic signals at the West Loveland/Wall Street intersection, with a property owner meeting on Wednesday. Also, in terms of the traffic signal replacement project, we are reviewing costs to modify the pole design to include lighting as part of the signal. This style of traffic signal is becoming more common and is in keeping with our plans to install new antique style street lighting along the West Loveland Avenue Business District.



Tuesday, staff, and contractor Larry Smith Incorporated, participated in a pre-construction meeting for the State Route 48 Sewer Main Extension project. The contractor anticipates the project commencing in late May.

Police

This week, LPD began interviewing candidates for the two open police officer positions.

LPD received recognition and an award from Lexipol for "excellence in policy management." The City will be publishing an article about the award soon.

LPD is participating in the DEA National Drug Takeback this Saturday, April 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. LPD accepts pills, capsules, and tablets. We cannot accept creams, liquids, or injectables.

An incident involving the Loveland Colorado Police Department made national news causing increased emails and phone calls erroneously sent to our Department. LPD redirected people on social media, via phone, and by email.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee; April 26, 2021, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers
- City Council Meeting; April 27, 2021, 7:00 PM, City Hall
- Board of Zoning Appeals; April 28, 2021, 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
- Recreation Board; April 29, 2021, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers