

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: May 28, 2021

Administration

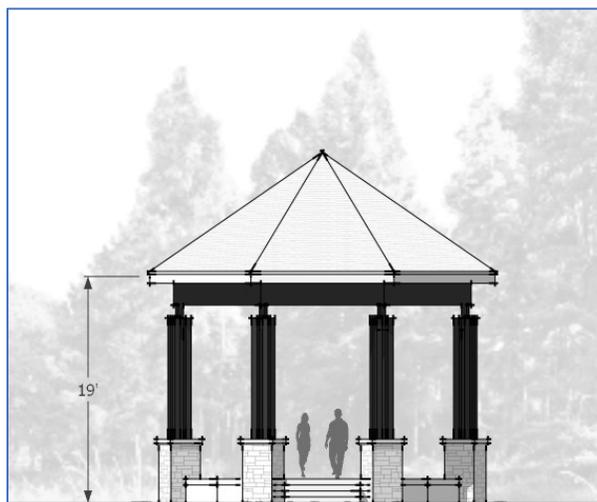
This week, the first project in the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant program was completed with a new roof on a residence on Durango Drive. Other projects will be commencing soon as participants patiently wait for quotes from very busy contractors.

Wednesday, I had the opportunity to meet with the owners of the White Pillars Homestead and get a tour of the inside to see their progress on renovating the historic structure. While the renovation progress is going well, it was especially nice to see how Mr. and Mrs. Deochand have made it a family home with their two young boys. They are very happy to be a part of the Loveland community.

Wednesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met and reviewed two Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications. The applications were the first ever to be reviewed by the commission since the adoption of the design guidelines and the establishment of historic preservation boundaries. Both of the COA requests were approved by the commission. Again, special thanks go out to the members of the HPPC for their efforts in preparing the guidelines and establishing the boundaries.

The IT contracts with CBTS and Velecor are maturing. City staff met on Wednesday to review the scope of the contracts, service levels, and to evaluate the present and future needs of the City.

Thursday, the city's NatureWorks grant application for a new gazebo in Nisbet Park was submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The city has received positive public feedback on the project, and our application included a letter of support from the Little Miami Conservancy. The city will be notified in the fall if our request is approved for funding.



Proposed Nisbet Park Gazebo

Finance

This week the City completed the sale of bonds for the 2021 Various Purpose issue. This includes funding for the new Public Works Building and the refunding of outstanding debt items. The refunding elements of this transaction will save the City significantly due to the lower interest rate.

Building and Zoning

Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby continues to coordinate the data migration of the City's Building and Zoning data between the City's current building and zoning software provider and Accela (new software provider). A significant milestone was reached this week with the completion of gathering and compiling the data and then transferring it to the new provider for migration.

Property Maintenance Inspector, Ralph Vilardo, LSF Deputy Chief, Harold Gregory, LPD Lt. Amy Campbell, and members from the Hamilton County Health Department met to visit the residence at 201 Oneida. The purpose for this visit was to evaluate the habitable circumstances of the residence as the property is in violation of several health and property maintenance codes.

Public Works

The sanitary sewer extension project on Butterworth Road and State Route 48 will begin on Tuesday. The work zone will be limited to a one lane closure with temporary traffic signals provided to maintain 2-way traffic. Traffic delays are anticipated. In an ongoing effort to better notify our residents of project schedules and impacts on traffic, an alert was posted on our website. Additionally, Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose, posted information on the project on the city's [Facebook](#) page. The project information was also sent to Hamilton Township Administration.



Road salt bids from three providers were opened on Monday. Compass Minerals was the low bidder at \$71.02/ton delivers, \$78.02 piled. The bids will be presented to City Council at their June 8 meeting.

A special update for our pickleball community, the repair, resurfacing and restriping of the courts at Lever Park will begin on Monday June 7. Upon completion of the project, new pickleball nets will be installed.

Police

This week, K9 Mack and Officer Kyle Bibelhausen assisted Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies in establishing a suspect track in a murder investigation. Officer Elliott Spraul assisted Miami Township Police with an OVI arrest.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

City offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observation of Memorial Day.

The Veterans Memorial Committee has planned a Memorial Day parade and ceremony on May 31. The parade begins at 9 a.m. at the Loveland Elementary School and disband at the Veterans Memorial. Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will be held featuring guest speaker Col Brad Wenstrup. An Air Force fly over will take place at approximately 9:40 a.m. To view the event program [click here](#).

Immediately following the city's Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, the Greater Loveland Historical Society will dedicate the WWII Honor Roll Monument. The memorial was constructed in 1944 as an "Honor Roll" to recognize local men and women who served during World War II. It also served as a central location where family members could leave updates on where their loved ones were serving and how they were doing. Some of those serving lost their lives during the war. After the war, the monument was relocated to allow the construction of the Brown Building in Downtown Loveland (where Montgomery Cyclery is located). It ended up on a local farm on Route 48 and was used as a shed from about 1953 until 2019. It was recognized at an estate sale in 2020 and the museum was contacted. The monument was in good shape and was restored by the museum with the help of local residents and John Hill Construction. Old photos and recollections helped to keep the restoration accurate.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

On June 1, Hamilton County Public Health will host a free COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Loveland Farmers Market (held at the Linda Cox Parking Lot in Downtown Loveland). Open to ages 18 & older. Questions? Contact 513-946-7800.

The Public Relations and Communications Committee will meet on Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Rails, Trails, and Ales summer concert series kicks off on Saturday, June 5, at Brown's Crossing at Jackson Street Market featuring Rooster Ridge from 7-10 p.m.