

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: June 25, 2021

Administration

This week, signage installation was completed to promote the Smart City program. Fifteen signs were installed along West Loveland Avenue, and two signs were installed in Nisbet Park. The goal was to have this signage installed before the Independence Day Celebration, where we hope to have many visitors join the WiFi network. Going forward, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose wants to work with Cincinnati Bell on signage opportunities for the Linda Cox Parking Lot/Loveland Farmers' Market area.



Building and Zoning

Several applications have been submitted for interior alterations at the Shoppers Haven Shopping Center. The Shoppers Haven Shopping Center will be undergoing a remodel expansion involving the relocation of Premier Tumbling and Dance to combine the occupancy of one space and provide additional space, expansion of the BMV, and renovations to the front façade and roof.

An application has been submitted by the Little Miami Conservancy District for a new outdoor pavilion at 211 Railroad Ave. The proposed pavilion will be used for educational purposes.

Public Works

This week, the Broadway Stabilization Project was finalized. The stabilization of the hillside has likely prevented significant premature road and utility damage from occurring. Speaking to an area resident while visiting the project recently, she extended her thanks to the city, and said she was becoming very concerned about the slippage. A special nod goes out to City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein for securing the funding for this project, and also the coordination and supervision efforts by our Public Works Director, Scott Wisby.



Before



After

Moving on with an more infrastructure projects, Thursday, the city held a pre-bid meeting for the Main/Chestnut Water Main project. Bids will be opened on July 1, with contract approval possibly being presented to City Council at their July 13 meeting. Perhaps the largest single project to occur in some time, residents of Main, Chestnut and South Wall Streets will see new water mains, some storm water improvements, curb repairs, road resurfacing and traffic signal upgrades. This will be an exciting project, and one that has been in the development phase for many years.

Thursday, crews began working on the repair, resurfacing, and restriping of the basketball and tennis courts at Lever Park. Work began with a cleaning of the surface and crack repairs. Given the heavy use of the McCoy Park courts, which had similar repairs in 2019, the completion of this project will be welcomed by many of our residents. Also, the project continues to demonstrate the city's commitment to reinvesting in our park system.



In an effort to reduce the number of days of construction, and to improve work zone safety, the sanitary sewer pipe installation on State Route 48, began night work this week. During the day, crews will complete trench restorations.

On Wednesday, Cindy Klopfenstein attended training from OPWC for the new web portal they will be launching shortly. Beginning this August, all project funding applications to OPWC must be submitted through the web portal. Project agreements, disbursement requests, invoice payment, and other features will also be available on the portal, though loan repayments will also still be possible to do through the OPWC website.

Police

Last weekend, heavy rain flooded several spots in the downtown area keeping LPD busy and traffic diverted. On Monday, Officers located two people in possession of drug items in McCoy Park. LPD assisted Goshen Officers with an abduction and the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force locating a witness to an overdose. Lieutenant Corbett and Officer Jacob Steinkoenig responded to a fight between two people on Wittenberg. The male subject was arrested for obstructing the investigation then attempted to bribe both officers to let him go. Criminal charges were filed. Two other people were arrested on warrants.

This week LPD welcomed Officer Michael Wright. Michael comes from the Pigeon Forge area of Tennessee where he was an officer for several years before moving to Ohio.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The City's Concert in the Park series continues this weekend featuring The Michelle Robinson Band. The concert will be in Nisbet Park on Sunday, June 27, at 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 27, is the last day to enter or submit nominations for the City's [Love and Flowers Contest](#).

The deadline to submit applications for [Loveland U](#) is Wednesday, June 30.