

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: July 2, 2021

Administration

Monday, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith and City Solicitor, Joe Braun met to review and update several proposals to the property maintenance code in preparation for presentation to the Law and Ordinance Committee at their next meeting.

Building and Zoning

Property Maintenance Inspector, Ralph Vilardo is pleased to report that several properties with ongoing maintenance issues and violations have been brought back into compliance. Many of these properties have been sold and purchased with new owners/tenants prompting renovations and, in some cases, complete remodeling. As a highlight, one of the properties was blighted and subject to the stipulations of Councils newly approved public nuisance legislation. Staff is pleased to report that, at present, that is no longer the case.

Plans for the last two townhomes on Second Street, and the new Public Works Building have been submitted and are being reviewed by the City's contracted Plans Examiner, Majed Dabdoub with Dabdoub and Associates.

Finance

This week, the City's annual financial audit for 2020 was completed and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was finalized. The annual report was then submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association for review for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The annual reporting process takes a great deal of work and coordination between departments and offices. I would like to acknowledge Director of Finance, Mark Medlar for his efforts and other staff members that took time out of their schedules to pull information for the report and answer questions that the auditors had when they were here. The annual report is available for review on the City's website: <https://lovelandoh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1936/CAFR-EOY-2020?bidId=>

Public Works

On Wednesday evening, FEMA held a virtual open house regarding flood insurance rate map updates for the Little Miami River. Several representatives from FEMA, FEMA's consulting engineers, ODNR, Cindy Klopfenstein and other floodplain administrators from various communities throughout Hamilton County also attended to answer questions from the public. Two residents from Loveland participated in the event.

On Thursday, the bid opening for the Main and Chestnut water line project was held. Two bids were received, the lowest of which was \$1,168,028 from Ford Development Corp. A resolution to authorize the contract award for the project to Ford is anticipated to be on the July 13th Council agenda.

In the city's on-going effort to reduce strikes on the Karl Brown Way train trestle and realizing that many motorists are unaware of what the recently installed siren system is indicating upon activation, a sign was installed this week to alert motorists.



Police

Last weekend, LPD and Hamilton Township officers conducted joint patrols in downtown Loveland and along the bike trail in Loveland and Hamilton Township. On Monday, Loveland officers responded to a roll-over auto accident on State Route 48 in the construction zone. Officers Jenna Fisher, Kyle Bibelausen, and K9 Mack recovered a white substance from a traffic stop on Oneida.

A strong storm caused a lightning strike near the Loveland Safety Center knocking out power for several hours. Lebanon Road was shut down while Duke repaired the damaged pole. LPD met with several groups about upcoming events.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The next installment of Rails, Trails and Ales will feature the band 3 Piece Revival. Activities run from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Brown's Crossing at the Jackson Street Market.

Marty's Waffles will be serving breakfast in Downtown Loveland on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Jackson Street Market.

Enjoy more live music on Saturday when Model Behavior takes the stage in front of Jack Rabbit for the Bands and Brews concert series. The band will play from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Loveland's Independence Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 4. Scheduled activities include:

Kid Zone — 4 to 6:30 p.m., Nisbet Park

This fun area will feature rides, inflatable games, face painting, balloon twisters, photo booths, lawn games by [NEST](#), Disney characters, Cincinnati Circus performers, a photo booth, and demos by Premier Martial Arts.

Downtown Band — 4 to 8 p.m., Jackson Street Market at Brown's Crossing

[Russell Kuzuhara](#) will perform along the bike trail at Jackson Street Market. There will also be a beer booth in this area from 4 to 10 p.m.

Parade — 7 p.m.

The parade will leave from Loveland Elementary School (600 Loveland Madeira Road), turn on West Loveland Avenue, and travel through the downtown district, ending at the intersection of State Route 48 and East Loveland Avenue. If you or your organization would like to be in the parade. Children are welcome to ride their bikes in the parade. Please meet at the school at 6:30 p.m. to line up. A kids' bike decorating contest will be held; [click here for details](#).

Concert — 8 to 10 p.m., Nisbet Park

The [Bluewater Kings Band](#) will perform from 8-10 p.m. at the Nisbet Park Amphitheater. The band specializes in high-energy music, and a six-piece ensemble will perform popular songs.

Fireworks — 10 p.m.

The fireworks display will begin at 10 p.m. and be visible across the city.

Food Trucks — 4 to 10 p.m.

Food truck vendors will be available at Nisbet Park and at Jackson Street Market. Try out [Loveland Dairy Whip](#), [Stellar Street Eats](#), [SEA Cuisine](#), [The Right Stuff Grill](#), Sugar Shock Funnel Cakes, [Smoothie King](#) and more.

Free Shuttles — 4 to 11 p.m.

Parking shuttles will be transporting eventgoers continuously from 4-11 p.m. Shuttle pick-up locations will be at Loveland High School (1 Tiger Trail) and the Loveland Early Childhood Center (6740 Loveland-Miamiville Road). Drop-off locations will be at Riverside Drive (near Loveland Veterans' Memorial) and Third Street (near Whistle Stop Clay Works). Please note eventgoers will need to walk to the festivities from the drop-off locations.

Parking

Eventgoers are encouraged to use the park-and-ride shuttles! However, if you do drive, additional parking will be available on the east side of town at the [East Loveland Nature Preserve](#) and Masonic Lodge. The city will NOT implement its [parking meter pilot program](#) on July 4. City lots and on-street spaces will be free to park. (Please note that private lots may still charge for parking.)

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observation of Independence Day.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m.

The Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m.