

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: July 16, 2021

Administration

This week, the city received approval from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to commence with our renovation of the ditch line that runs between Railroad Avenue and the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail.



The project, which was derived from the city's Strategic Downtown Plan, includes piping the area, installing catch basins, adding two flights of stairs, landscaping, and concrete pads for trailside benches. The project will be completed largely in house, although the concrete work will be contracted out. The end result of the project will be improved drainage, and better access from Railroad Avenue to the bike trail as currently wood pallets are used.



Downtown Strategic Development Plan

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Monday, Building and Zoning Clerk, Becky Noel, and I, participated in a zoom meeting with a representative from the Verdin Company, to discuss our options for replacing the Carillon system which operates the bells in the downtown district. The current system, installed in 2003, has stopped working and is not repairable. Based on the meeting, we executed a purchase order for the system which best fits our needs. Note that this project does not include replacement of the speakers in the cupola at The Works, as they are operating with no issues. The new system, which will have expanded functions, and a much greater song list, should be installed and operable in early September.

Tuesday, I was the guest speaker for the Northeast Rotary's monthly luncheon, held at the Kenwood Country Club.

The IT Board met on Thursday to review CIP projects slated for the 2022 budget. Among the projects being proposed are server replacements, Utility Billing Software, Genetec active directory system and a couple of standard service agreements for firewalls and cloud-based solutions for online applications (Meraki routers).

Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith participated in a Cincinnati Area Manager Association (CAMA) event on Friday. The event was held at the new FC Cincinnati Mercy Health Training Facility in Milford. As the Vice-President of CAMA, Tom was responsible for the preparation and coordination of the event.

Friday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, and I, attended a virtual meeting with representatives from the Louisville KY branch of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), to discuss the next phase in the Riverside Drive Road Slippage Repair project. USACE has prepared a scope of work for the planning portion of the project, which is a 50/50 cost split. The city included funding for our portion of the planning process in the 2021 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As the repairs to Riverside Drive is a significant endeavor, and outside funding is imperative, Cindy identified the USACE as the most viable source of funding for both the planning and construction phases of this project.

Finance

This week at the City Council meeting, a public hearing was held to discuss the 2022 Tax Budget. A tax budget provides a preliminary estimate for the upcoming year for funds that receive property tax revenues. It does not go into as much detail as the more formal operating budget that will be presented later this year. After discussion, the 2022 Tax Budget was approved and will be sent to Hamilton County prior to the deadline of July 20, 2021.

Building and Zoning

The five-lot development on Cedar Drive has been completed, with each home receiving their certificate of occupancy.

City Solicitor, Joe Braun, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith met Wednesday to review the modifications to proposed legislation that would govern property maintenance and various types of public art, including murals. The legislation is ready for presentation to the Law and Ordinance Committee.

Public Works

Following City Council's approval on Wednesday for the Main and Chestnut Streets project, Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose worked with City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, to prepare a [Press Release](#) detailing the project. The press release was effective, as the project was mentioned on WLW (700) radio this morning. Also, as referenced at the council meeting, on Thursday, a [Letter to Residents](#) was mailed to all residents/property owners within the project boundaries.

Police

On Monday, officers responded for a male that was found deceased in his residence. Investigators from multiple agencies are involved in the ongoing investigation.

School Resource Officer (SRO), Jesse Moore attended a one-day training in Centerville, Ohio. The training covered law enforcement response to calls for service involving individuals with Autism and developmental disorders.

Officers spent two days resolving a custody issue involving a mother who traveled to Kentucky with her daughter in violation of an active court order. The mother intended to keep her child in Kentucky for approximately one month before returning to Ohio. Police Officer, Mike Boettger successfully negotiated the child's safe return before charges were filed against her for interference with the custody of a juvenile.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Loveland Police Department and Loveland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are sponsoring the 9th annual "Stuff-a-Cruiser" event this Saturday, July 17, to fill the shelves of the LIFE Food Pantry. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Loveland Kroger. For more information [click here](#).

The Harmonics will be performing in Nisbet Park this Sunday, July 18, from 6-8 p.m. as the City's Concert in the Park series continues. More information is available on the [Lovin Life](#) website.

The Comprehensive Development Plan Steering Committee will meet on Monday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 19, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Finance Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 20, at 5 p.m. at City Hall.