

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: July 23, 2021

Administration

Monday, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission met to review two Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) requests. The commission approved both requests including a new outdoor education facility at the 209 Railroad Avenue, the headquarters of the Little Miami Conservancy. The second COA approved by the commission, was the for a new sign at 295 West Loveland Avenue, the offices of PRMG Mortgages. The commission has now reviewed four COA requests since the adoption of the Design Guidelines by City Council.

This week, the landscaping at City Hall, which was installed last summer, was “freshened up”. New mulch was laid, along with the planting of some Black-Eye Susans.



The Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee met on Monday to discuss the approach and execution of the Comprehensive Master Development Plan. Among the discussion, it was decided to hold a public engagement event to discuss future proposals for the Loveland-Madeira Road corridor. A tentative date for the event has been set for August 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The location is yet to be determined. Once the location is secured, a newsflash and weekly social media announcements will be disseminated. In the meeting it was also proposed that, following the August event, a second public engagement event will be scheduled, tentatively for late September – mid-October, to present and gather feedback on the comprehensive plan as-a-whole. It is anticipated that the plan be presented to council for adoption in November.

Wednesday, members of city council and staff attended the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce Salute to Leaders awards ceremony. At the event, Loveland/Symmes Fire Chief, Otto

Huber was recognized with the Salute to Leaders award for his years of service as fire chief and the many hours of volunteer service he has contributed to the community.

Finance

On Tuesday, the City of Loveland Finance Commission held its regular quarterly meeting. Items of discussion included the second quarter financial results, income tax update, State of Ohio financial health indicators, and levy funding levels. Revenues have been strong during the first half of the year and will continue to be monitored closely. The Finance Commission will meet again in the fall as the 2022 Budget process progresses.

Public Relations

Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose completed two press releases this week:

1. [City Invests in Park Improvements](#)
2. [City of Loveland Commits to First Solar Project](#)

Building and Zoning

Property maintenance inspector Ralph Vilardo reports that the blighted property located at 201 Oneida has been boarded up and declared condemned by the Hamilton County Public Health Department. In the event that no further action is conducted on behalf of the owner, city staff may present legislation to council declaring the property a public nuisance. Ralph also reports that many of the on-going issues that have occurred over the years at the property located at 114 Wilson are in the process of resolution as the owner has begun construction of an addition to the property as well as a remodel to the exterior.

Public Works

This week, the repairs to the courts at Lever Park were completed. New tennis and pickleball nets are being installed.



This week, the contract for the Main and Chestnut Street Project, which was recently approved by City Council, was executed, and a Notice to Proceed issued.

Public Works Director, Scott Wisby and City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, are pleased to report that next week the drainage repairs at the entry to the Sentry Hill Subdivision will be completed. They are also reporting that the crews completing the sewer main extension project, will be off of State Route 48 by the end of next week, and all traffic lanes will be restored. We realize this is good news to the residents of Brandywine and Butterworth Glen subdivision.

Work on the replacing the damaged light in the city hall parking lot began this week. The light was damaged by a delivery truck earlier this summer. All expenses for the work are covered through an insurance claim filed by the city.



Police

On Monday and Tuesday, LPD hosted Force Science Institute De-Escalation Training at the Loveland High School. Lt. Mike Szpak, Lt. Scott Humphrey, and SRO Jesse Moore attended this valuable training.

On Wednesday afternoon, a large delivery van found itself wedged under the railroad trestle on Karl Brown Way. The driver ignored the early warning system that had activated when he passed the sensor. The van was stuck under the trestle for approximately three hours while a towing company worked to remove it. The road closure caused significant traffic issues throughout the city. The uninjured driver was cited for disobeying a traffic control device.

Officer Jacob Salamon responded to a person passed out in his vehicle behind a business. Field tests were conducted, and the driver was arrested. This was his third Operating a Vehicle Impaired (OVI) charge. The driver was incarcerated at the Clermont County Jail on the OVI charge and numerous other charges.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

City Council will meet on Tuesday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.