

**CITY OF LOVELAND  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**DATE:** September 17, 2021

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**Administration**

The Beautification Committee meet on Monday night to finalize plans for Fall planting, which will occur on Saturday morning. Planning for Light Up Loveland is underway. The Arts Commission also met on Monday evening to discuss their initiatives for 2022.

Loveland U kicked off on Wednesday evening at the Loveland Museum Center. Participants were able to tour the museum and get a little history lesson about how the museum was established before participating in several ice breaking exercises. Mayor Bailey welcomed the new class and Councilman Andy Bateman was also on hand. 2019 Loveland U alumni Susan Craig and Nick Winnenberg were present and shared their positive experiences with the program. Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith, Clerk of Council, Misty Brents, Director of Finance, Mark Medler, and I highlighted our upcoming sessions, each vying to host the best class.

**Building and Zoning**

Property Maintenance Inspector, Ralph Vilaro, reports that the property at 115 Railroad has been purchased and improvements to the property to bring it into compliance are beginning. As determined by the Hamilton County Board of Health, the property remains uninhabitable, but is no longer under a condemnation order. Mr. Vilaro also reports that the condemned property at 201 Oneida has been broken into. The back and front doors were both opened with the entire front door frame being removed. The “Condemnation Placard” had also been removed, and has since, been re-posted. The home remains condemned. The Hamilton County Board of Health reports that they, along with the Loveland Police Department, will continue to closely monitor the property and respond to any complaints.

**Finance**

This week, the Finance Department continued working on the 2022 budget. The Department also coordinated with ClearGov representatives to prepare for the integration of data to the new ClearGov Budget Presentation Software.

**Public Works**

This week, Customer Service Specialist, Mandy Lucas, celebrated six years of employment with the city. Mandy is often the first person our new residents see when they come into city hall and sign up for utility services and she does an excellent job welcoming them to the community. Thanks, Mandy, for your service to the city.

This week, another damaged flood light in the city hall parking area was replaced. Proper lighting in the downtown district is important for the safety of our residents, visitors, and city staff. With that, improvements to downtown lighting have been ongoing and will continue.



*New Floodlight Installation – City Hall Parking Area*

### Capital Improvement Project Updates

Miamiview Drive: The project on Miamiview Drive, which will result in a new box culvert, road resurfacing and installation of a t-turn around, is well underway. During a site visit today, crews were installing an insert-a-valve, which will allow the water main within the project limits to be relocated without impacting resident's water service. While on-site today, I thanked the crews for being so considerate to the Miamiview Drive residents, as we have received little to no complaints during the project.



*Insert-A-Valve Installation – Miamiview Drive Project*

State Route 48/Butterworth Sewer Main Extension: The foreman for the project reports that they anticipate being fully complete by the end of next week. Special thanks to the residents of Brandywine, Butterworth Glen and Sentry Hill for their patience throughout the summer with lane closures, evening work hours and temporary traffic signals.

2021 Road Paving Program: This week, the road paving program is wrapping up in Woodford and West Claiborne. Concrete curb replacements on Commerce Drive will take place today and Saturday, with paving planned for Monday.

### **Public Relations**

This week, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Krista Rose began promoting the [fall family movie night](#). She also worked on the city's September e-newsletter, which will be sent early next week. She filmed two videos with City Hall staff for future release; Krista is hoping to start a video series in which staff members answer common FAQs. Topics may range from building and zoning to utility questions. She will post the videos on social media and the city website to help residents stay informed. The Loveland Police Department is on board for filming short videos on FAQ topics, too.

### **Police**

On Friday, several LPD officers attended the run/walk to benefit the Loveland Police Officers Association. Officers Jake Salamon and Michael Wright ran the entire 5K in full uniform and duty gear, and Chief Rahe also participated in the run. It was a very successful night with community support. Officer Kyle Bibelhausen and Mack gave a demonstration at the Nisbet Park amphitheater.

The September 11th procession and memorial went smoothly. As they do before every city involved event, LPD night shift officers spent several hours Friday night setting up the cones and No Parking signs in preparation of the procession, and several hours Saturday night after the memorial breaking down the barriers, cones, and signs.

Officers responded for a fight at Loveland High School between several students. One student was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Loveland officers assisted Hamilton Township officers with several investigations, including attempting to locate a suicidal person and find the driver of a vehicle involved in an auto accident with a person struck.

### **Upcoming Events and Meetings**

St. Columban will host its annual festival this weekend, September 17-19.

Whistle Stop Clay Works will host their fourth annual Pottery Affaire on Saturday, September 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. featuring 20 vendors, food trucks, wheel demos, studio tours and hourly door prizes.

St. George Russian Orthodox Church on Lebanon Road will host their annual Russian Festival on Saturday, September 18, from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, September 23, at 6 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the results of the Nisbet Park Open House and online survey.

The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance will host Oktoberfest next weekend.