

**CITY OF LOVELAND  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager

**RE:** Weekly Update

**DATE:** December 3, 2021

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**Administration**

Monday, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith, and I met with KZF Design to review preliminary concepts for the downtown streetscape plan. This meeting allowed Tom and I to confirm project boundaries and rights-of-way before they are presented to the Streetscape Committee at an upcoming meeting.

Thursday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, and I had the opportunity to meet with residents from the Sugar Tree, Steeplechase and Huntington subdivisions, to discuss the installation of sidewalks along Loveland Miamiville Road towards Saint Columban School. Installing sidewalks along Loveland Miamiville Road has been in the discussion phase for many years. In an effort to finally get this project moving forward, and following discussion with Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, an amendment to the 2022 Operating Budget, to include engineering expenses for the sidewalks will be presented to city council. I want to thank the residents of these subdivisions, for their courteous and cooperative approach in how they reinvigorated this project, which will add to the goal of making Loveland a more walkable community.

Council Members-elect John Hart and Kip Ping met with city staff on Thursday for their orientation.

Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith attended a virtual meeting with other state-wide city managers and representatives from the office of the Mayor of Columbus, and Ohio State University to prepare for the 2022 International City Managers Association (ICMA) Conference in Columbus.

The policy review committee has completed their comprehensive revision to the city's personnel policies. Once formatted, they will be available online with accompanied procedures and training.

**Building and Zoning**

An application for interior alterations has been submitted for Premier Pain Institute located 1301 Mattec Dr. in the Commerce Park. The alterations will consist of expanding their existing floor plan 3,750 square feet to accommodate ambulatory services.

**Public Relations**

Krista Rose, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, has spent much of the past week promoting events: the Light Up Loveland holiday decorating contest, the City Tree Lighting event on December 4, and the Comprehensive Master Development Plan community engagement event on December 13. She finished a promotional video for the Comprehensive Master Development Plan that will be shared on the city's social media on December 6. Krista also had a preliminary phone call with the Home Builders Association

of Greater Cincinnati regarding HOMEARAMA 2022 in Loveland's new ChimneyRidge subdivision. Official planning meetings will begin in January 2022.

**Public Works**

Tuesday, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, and I participated in a virtual meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers to kick-off the Riverside Drive Stabilization project feasibility study. This meeting was significant, as it marks the beginning of a long, detailed process which will result in permanent improvements to the on-going slippage along Riverside Drive, stopping the endless process of making costly, temporary, short-term repairs.



Riverside Drive – Temporary Repairs

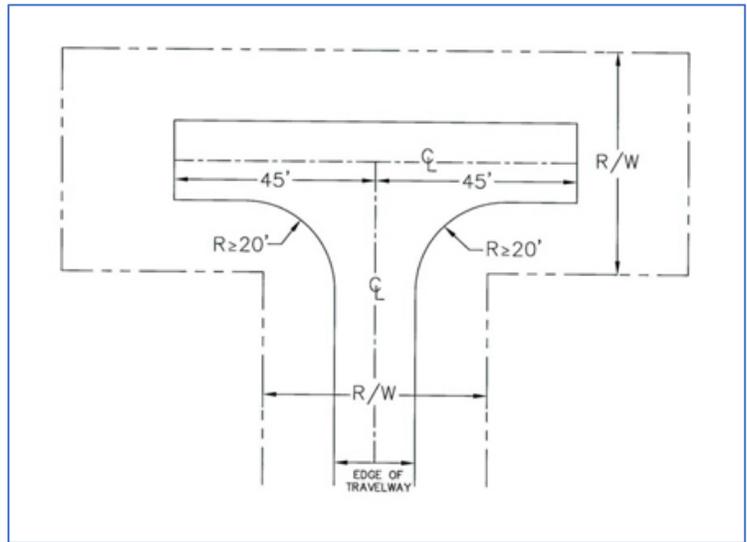
Work on the Main and Chestnut Street project continued this week, with crews abandoning the 4” water main. The contractor for the project, Ford Development, continues to work steadily and communicating with residents of the area on any service disruptions.

Preliminary ratings for a total of 67 applications for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding were released this week including the applications submitted by City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein. After applying the weighted factors to all projects, it appears the city's Cherokee water line is ranked 28<sup>th</sup> overall at 280 points, East Loveland Avenue bridge at 45<sup>th</sup> with 256 points, and the Harrison Avenue widening project at 56<sup>th</sup> with 236.5 points. An appeal was filed by the city today for several rating categories for each the East Loveland bridge and Harrison Avenue Widening projects in an attempt to increase these project's ratings. Appeals will be reviewed over the next two weeks and the District 2 Integrating Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on December 17, to approve a project funding priority list for submittal to the State.

Activity on the MiamiView Drive project this week included backfilling of the newly installed box culvert. Visits to the project site and discussion with adjacent residents indicate that construction activity has not caused significant disruptions. Also, the new t-type cul-de-sac, which will be installed, will greatly improve traffic flow on the street.



Miamiview Drive – Box Culvert Back Filling



Typical T-Type Cul-De-Sac

It should be noted, that currently \$1,555,028 of infrastructure improvements are in progress. In addition to these projects, in 2021, the city completed \$2,008,385 in infrastructure improvements including:

- Annual Road Program
- Broadway Stabilization
- State Route 48 Sewer Main Extension
- Loveland Heights Water Valve Replacement
- Boike Park Tennis Court Removal
- Lever Park Court Resurfacing
- GPS Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Pre-emption Units.

### Police

LPD did some training this week. Jenna Fisher attended Search and Seizure training, Lieutenant Mike Szpak attended a budgeting class, and Chief Rahe attended training on threat vulnerability and risk assessments for special events. Officer Brandon Asbury's first day as the newest police officer at LPD was this Wednesday. Chief Rahe participated in the learning session for new City Council members.

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

A community tree lighting is scheduled for this Saturday, December 4, at Jackson Street Market. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m., tree lighting at 7:00 p.m., and fireworks at 8:00 p.m.

The Storm Water Committee will meet on Monday, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Council will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

To see all upcoming community events, visit [www.LovinLifeLoveland.com](http://www.LovinLifeLoveland.com).