



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: January 28, 2022

Administration

Following Council's approval at their Tuesday meeting, purchase orders were issued this week for the following projects:

- LED Message Center – Loveland Madeira Road Gateway
- Fencing for the city's first dog park at Kiwanis Park
- New Playset at Phillips Park

Also as a result of Tuesdays council meeting, two grant applications were submitted this week.

- An application to the Ohio Department of Development's, Brownfield Remediation Program for the environmental clean-up of the city owned Chestnut Street property was submitted on Thursday.
- A request through the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safety Program for the signalization of the West Loveland Bike Trail Crossing was submitted on Friday.

Building and Zoning

The remaining two townhomes on Second Street continue to move forward with the roof being set for unit 219 and the foundation being poured for unit 217. Other activities for the department include:

- A fire suppression sprinkler permit for the new public works building has been issued.
- The ChimneyRidge subdivision currently has five lots under construction, each of which is for presentation at Homearama 2022.
- 1303 Mattec Drive, Premier Surgical Institute, has completed their plan review, and is now ready for permit issuance for interior alterations to accommodate ambulatory services. Premier Surgical Institute is a sister company with close affiliations to the existing Premier Pain Institute located at 1301 Mattec. Drive in the Commerce Park.
- An application for a Special Planning District (SPD) located at 102 Oak Street has also been submitted.

Public Relations

Several stories were shared with the community and media this week: [Jan. 30 Declared Black and Orange Who-Dey, K9 Mack Retires, 2021 Stan McCoy Service Award Bestowed](#), and [Hearts Afire Schedule Announced](#). Fox 19 attended this week's City Council meeting to film the honorary proclamation declaring Sunday Black and Orange Who-Dey. The city teamed up with Loveland City Schools on this fun way to celebrate the Bengals, and the story has received a lot of buzz on social media. A big thanks to Superintendent Mike Broadwater and Communications Consultant Andrew Setters for coordinating with students!

The city continues to receive media coverage from last week's Homearama groundbreaking. The Cincinnati Enquirer published a press release written by Krista Rose, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, on Jan. 27.



Planning continues for the Hearts Afire Weekend (Feb. 11-13). A press release was sent to announce the event lineup, and the event brochure was finalized. Volunteers Nancy Duff and Sherri Sperelakis starred in a video to promote the event, which will go live on social media next week.

Public Works

On Monday, several staff members attended John Mueller's visitation and funeral. John was a bus driver for Loveland Schools for the past 5 years after he retired from Loveland Public Works.

On Thursday, 5 bids were received for the parking lot expansion at the Safety Center. JK Meurer was the low bidder, and the contract award is anticipated to be on the Council agenda for Feb. 8.

The loop detectors for the railroad pre-emption system on State Route 48 are scheduled to be replaced today. Completion of this work will allow for the downtown Quiet Zone to be re-instituted, resulting in the trains no longer sounding their horns as they travel through the downtown district.

Finance

Wednesday, Assistant Finance Director Barbara Turcotte, notified the city that she has accepted another position and tendered her resignation. Barbara is one of the many members of city staff who work hard behind the scenes to keep the City of Loveland functioning. Barbara has played an important role in preparing the annual budget, processing accounts payables, employee benefits and our bi-weekly payroll. On behalf of city staff, mayor and council, and the entire community, we thank Barbara for her hard work, and

we wish her well in her future endeavors.

This week City Council approved Ordinance 2022-17, which authorized a levy to be placed on the May 3, 2022 ballot for fire protection and emergency medical services. On Thursday the ordinance was hand delivered to the Hamilton County Board of Elections offices. Hamilton County will coordinate with Clermont and Warren Counties to ensure that the levy appears on the ballots for all Loveland voters.

Police

This week Ohio Criminal Justice Services notified LPD we received funding from the State of Ohio to implement body worn cameras. The city should receive the pre-award packet next week with more information.

K9 Mack was recognized at City Council on Tuesday night for his service and dedication.

The Loveland Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association released its 2022 Emergency Services Scholarship this week. Applications and information are available by emailing LovelandCPAAA@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Meetings

January 30 is Black and Orange Who-Dey in the City of Loveland. Wear black and orange to cheer the Bengals to victory.

The Downtown Streetscape Committee will meet on January 31 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.