



**City of Loveland**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**DATE:** March 25, 2022

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**Administration**

On Wednesday, Loveland 360, our employee Wellness Program, hosted their first Lunch & Learn. A representative from Healthworks gave a presentation on Financial Wellness. She provided valuable information to the employees in attendance. Lunch was provided for the twenty-two employees who signed up to attend. The event was well received, and Loveland 360 looks forward to hosting more of these lunch & learns to encompass all aspects of wellness.



Thursday, the city submitted a grant application to the Clermont County Park District, which if approved, would fund the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and security cameras within both McCoy and Nisbet Parks. Special thanks to LSFDP Deputy Chiefs, Mike Books and Jon Frye, for gathering all of the required quotes and technical information needed for the application.

Also, this week, the city submitted a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant-Pre-Application to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) for funding to replace the back-up generator at the city's water treatment plant. This has been a priority project for city staff, and we are reviewing multiple funding opportunities.

Friday, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, and I had a conference call with Jon Bernstein, Chief of the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance for the Ohio EPA. The purpose of the call was to gather information on the new H2Ohio program. The H2Ohio program is a new funding opportunity which may offer resources for the city's water infrastructure needs, including the back-up generator for the water plant.

Donovan Energy completed the installation of the dual port electric vehicle charging station this week in the Linda J. Cox Trailside Parking area. The next steps include staff's onboarding and training from AmpUp, signage installation, and painting/stripping the parking spots. This project was funded by the OEPA Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund Electric Vehicle Charging Grant. Special recognition goes out to Misty Brents in securing the grant funding for this important project.



### **Building and Zoning**

A highlight of this week's activities in the Building and Zoning Department include:

- The last two units at the Second Street Townhome project entered the permitting phase, with Unit 217 receiving a framing permit, and Unit 219 receiving a foundation permit.
- A demolition permit was obtained for the obsolete block building at the Wicked Pickle and renovation efforts continued at the site. The improvements at this location are taking shape and the new siding compliments the overall appearance of the area.
- Demolition work continued at the former Masonic Lodge along East Loveland Avenue.
- A framing inspection was completed at Hops and Berry Taproom at Browns Crossing in Historic Downtown. Garage doors are anticipated to be installed next week.
- A seventh home has been permitted in the Chimney Ridge Development and is ready to issue.
- DER continued site preparation at the new Public Works Building.
- Signage posts were installed for the new digital electronic message center sign at the public works facility gateway along Loveland-Madeira Road.

- Site plan review comments were prepared and distributed to Rumpke for their new Fleet Maintenance Facility at 282 E. Kemper Road. The Building Department and City Engineering staff are awaiting revised plans and other documents to continue their review of the project.
- The Mike's Carwash expansion project continues to progress. The project is currently in the site plan review stage, with comments prepared and distributed. Staff is awaiting plan revisions responsive to comments and will continue their review once received.

Building and Zoning Staff addressed a stormwater and erosion control complaint related to the Blossom Hill Development. On Thursday, staff observed that silt fencing was installed near the development entrance. Staff will continue to monitor this issue and respond if additional measures are required. The Building Official is also awaiting revised plans from the 111 N. Third Street to address compliance issues at this location.

The Accela Building and Zoning Permitting software went "live" on Monday, and staff continues to work through minor issues related to streamlining full implementation of this important software. Online permit application functions are still under development at this time to assure that the implementation is successful once deployed.

Department Staff attended several virtual meetings related to the planning for the August 2022 Homearama event and met to discuss follow-up action items.

### **Police**

Officers conducted extra patrols in local parks and neighborhoods after several reports of property damage occurred in Symmes Township and Montgomery.

Spring weather always brings an increase in auto accidents, and this past week was no exception. Officers handled numerous accidents and other traffic issues.

Lt Corbett mediated an ongoing noise issue between the St George Russian Orthodox Church and a neighboring house.

Officers conducted daily foot patrols to make contact with the public and check on businesses; they found several local businesses with unlocked doors after hours.

### **Public Relations and Communications**

The city's March e-newsletter was sent this week. Read/subscribe [here](#). The city will begin mailing a biannual print newsletter to residents and businesses this spring. Work is underway for the first issue; City Council/staff hopes this is a way to help keep residents informed about city news and events.

Staff and Tigers, Inc. students are finalizing plans for the Dog Park grand opening celebration on May 7.

### **Public Works**

On Friday, Cindy Klopfenstein attended the OPWC District 2 Support Staff meeting to aid in drafting recommendations for the next funding round's rating methodology. The OPWC District 2 Integrating Committee is scheduled to meet on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to approve updated rating methodology.

The annual report for the City's NPDES II permit was submitted to the OEPA this week, ahead of the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The Civil Service Commission will meet on Monday, March 28, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.