



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: May 13, 2022

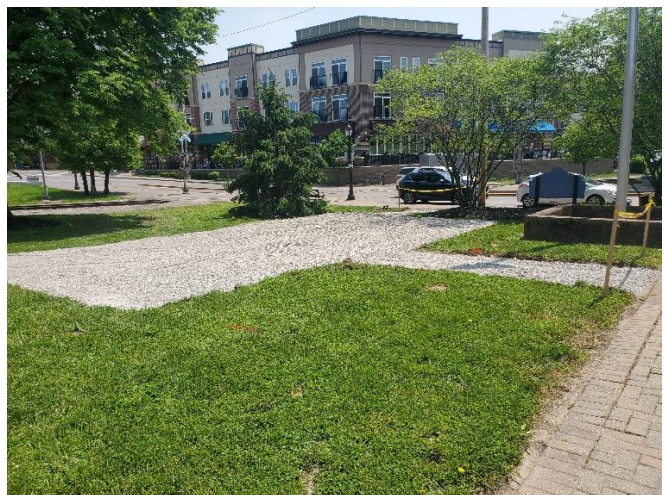
Administration

This week, the city's application for a Community Entertainment District (CED) on Loveland Madeira Road was approved by the Ohio Department of Commerce. This approval will allow future entertainment businesses within the CED boundaries to see significant savings on liquor permits costs.

Throughout the week, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, Safety Director, Sue Madsen, and I participated in four interviews for the Police Chief position.

The city's Records Commission met on Tuesday to review and approve proposed modifications to the city's records retention schedule.

Installation on the outdoor dining area in front of City Hall began on Thursday with a clearing of the site, and placement of a gravel base. The concrete is scheduled to be poured next week, and the tables will be installed by Public Works as soon as they arrive. The project, which is located within the city's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) boundaries, will expand outdoor dining options in the downtown district.



On Thursday, the new electronic message board on Loveland Madeira Road was completed. The sign will go into operation following software training.



The Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday evening and reviewed their park evaluations with Public Works Director, Scott Wisby.

Mr. Red is back in the rotation and ready to pose for pictures with all his fans. Fiberglass Custom Repair did a great job repairing Mr. Red's leg and freshening up his uniform. A special thanks to Chief Otto Huber and the LSFD for coordinating the repair work.



Finance

This week, the audit team from Clark Schaefer Hackett were at City Hall for an in-depth review of the city's 2021 financials. In addition to reviewing documents, the auditors spoke with employees to discuss their roles and the financial protections that we have in place. Finance Department staff was able to do all this and still complete its normal duties and continue to provide excellent customer service.

Building and Zoning

The Wicked Pickle renovations appear to be largely complete, and it was great to see patrons dining outside while taking advantage of the seasonal weather this week. On Tuesday of this week, Staff attended the Monthly Meeting of the Intermodal Coordinating Committee held by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. At that meeting, ODOT District 8 Staff provided a very informative presentation regarding the ODOT Multi-Year Work Program (MYWP).

Staff is working to finalize an upcoming work session for the Planning and Zoning Commission for the purpose of reviewing the Draft 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan. The Work Session is tentatively scheduled for Thursday May 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



With the recent rain and the arrival of warmer weather, property maintenance inspections continued to increase in volume. Of note, staff is working proactively with LSFD and the Hamilton County Board of Health to address a significant public nuisance property at 307 Wall Street due to unsanitary living conditions.

Public Works

On Monday, Tele-Vac Environmental, flush vacuumed and CCTV'd storm sewers near three bank instability areas on East Kemper Road/Riverside Drive. Conditions were shared with United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) for consideration in their planning study on the Riverside Drive Stabilization Project.

On Wednesday, cleaning of three of the City's water towers began with the Commerce Park tank.



Work to install interior under slab conduit and utilities began this week at the Public Works building.



Police

This coming week has been proclaimed National Police Week with May 15 being recognized as National Police Memorial Day. On May 18 at 5:15 p.m. Clermont County Officers will gather to recognize the week, mourn those we have lost, and celebrate those award winners for the Excellence in Police Service at the 2022 Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. We want to thank all Loveland employees and Council members that have and continue to support police service in the City of Loveland.



School Resource Officer (SRO) Boettger, spent a day this past week teaching kids about the dangers of alcohol use and drunken driving. The class was well received and appreciated by all.



Be on the lookout for Loveland Police Officers in the downtown area. This young man wanted a photo with Officer Wright while he stopped for a coffee. If you see one of officers out and about, make sure to stop and talk with the Officer. He or she may even have a sticker badge to give you.



Public Relations

This week, press releases were issued for the city's [Memorial Day](#) Program, [Loveland U](#) Enrollment, and a notice that applications were being accepted for a vacancy on [City Council](#).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

I will be out of the office on Friday, May 13. In my absence, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright will serve as Acting-City Manager.

The Arts Commission will meet on Monday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.