



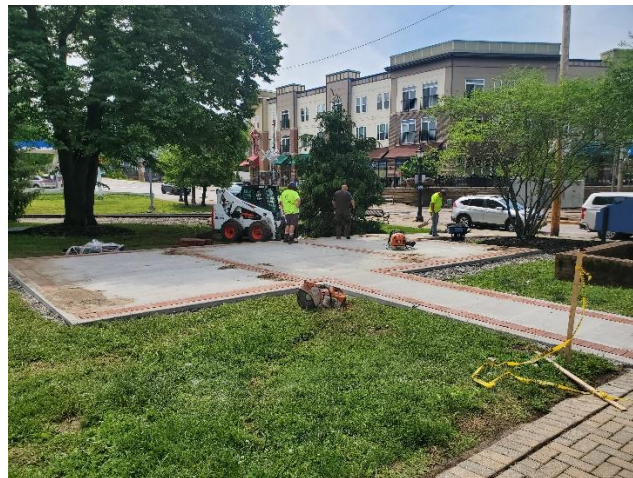
## City of Loveland MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**DATE:** May 20, 2022

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### **Administration**

Throughout the week, work on the outdoor dining patio at city hall was conducted. New tables for the project were delivered on Wednesday and will be installed by Public Works next week. The patio area, which is within the city's DORA boundaries, will offer another option for outdoor dining. Special thanks to Hamilton County for the funding for this project.



On Tuesday, City Manager David Kennedy and Assistant City Manager Cory Wright met with Dan Corey, who represents the Warren County Transportation Improvement District. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies and partnerships for exploring corridor studies to relieve congestion at the West Loveland Avenue bridge. Staff will continue making efforts to build a regional coalition in furtherance of this objective.

On Wednesday, our Wellness Program-Loveland 360, hosted a lunch and learn on the topic of Mental Health. Twenty-two employees were in attendance for the hour-long presentation by a representative from Health Works. It was a very informative and thought-provoking session. All attendees were also given a journal to use, in correlation with suggestions from the speaker.

On Wednesday, City Manager David Kennedy and Assistant City Manager Cory Wright met with Patriot Engineering and Environmental staff to kick off the Chestnut Street Brownfield Remediation Project. At the meeting, City staff reviewed the work schedule for the remediation program with Patriot Engineering to gather information and to establish the approach required to initiate the project.

The first work to be undertaken on the site will be the completion of the Wetland Delineation study prescribed in the scope of work and the grant application. The Wetland Delineation study will commence in the following weeks.

The Veterans Committee met on Thursday evening to finalize plans for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 30, at 9 a.m. [Parade registration](#) is still open.

### **Building and Zoning**

Work continues at Hops and Berry to prepare for a grand opening soon. Work remaining includes general fit and finish work, clean-up activities, step repairs, and signage installation. Building Department Staff will be issuing a temporary certificate of occupancy soon so that they can obtain their liquor license and health department approvals. At Blossom Hill, foundation work is completed for the first building, and underground plumbing installation is currently underway in advance of pouring the finished floor slab. Mechanical work has also re-commenced at Quilter's Studio.

Here are some additional highlights from the Building and Zoning Department's activities during the past week:

- Work at the new Rumpke Fleet Maintenance Facility at 282 East Kemper Road continues, as the building is now in the foundation stage.
- Progress continues at the Chimney Ridge development.
- A Fire Alarm inspection is planned for 111 North Third Street, and other approvals are in the process of issuance at this time.

The Property Maintenance Inspector has been diligently acting to address nuisance vegetation and high grass complaints, as these complaints spike seasonally with the advent of warmer weather conditions. Additionally, enforcement activities have succeeded at 307 Wall Street, as the owner has evicted the troublesome tenants and is now actively working to rehabilitate the structure in compliance with both City and Board of Health requirements. The city is thankful to both the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department and the Hamilton County Board of Health for their assistance in addressing this issue in a timely fashion. Property Maintenance Staff initiated a review of 623 Paxton Avenue.

Staff finalized an upcoming Special Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, which will occur on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Draft 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Loveland with the intention of making a final recommendation to City Council regarding adoption of the plan.



The Planning and Zoning Commission will also hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, to review the following cases:

Case # 22-03: Continuation of an existing Public Hearing for a Special Exception Mobile Food Vendor use at 118 Karl Brown Way filed by Hops and Berry.

Case # 22-04: Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a Special Planning District (SPD) for Oak Street, filed by Hunt and Whitaker, LLC.

### **Public Works**

Monday, road salt bids were submitted to City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein. Bid results and contractual legislation will be presented at the upcoming council meeting

This week, paving on Main, Wall and Chestnut Street was completed much to the appreciation of the area residents. This project which has been in the works for many years is nearing completion with the new traffic signal poles anticipated to be install in the near future.



**Main Street – Before**



**Main Street - After**

The old, damaged sign at J.T. Stottmann Field was replaced this week.



This week American Engineers, Inc. performed soil borings at several locations along Riverside Dr. / E. Kemper Rd. for a geotechnical investigation as part of the riverbank instability study by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The crew will be present to perform soil borings in a few additional sites one day next week as well. These borings represent continued progress on the important need to completing a long-term stabilization of Riverside Drive.

In conjunction with this year's annual road program, the city is transitioning to a new street sign design which incorporates the city logo.



## Police

Several LPD Officers and City Manager, Dave Kennedy attended the annual Clermont County Law Enforcement Awards Banquet to recognize retired Chief Sean Rahe as well as several other deserving Police Officers for their life saving and community service events.



Over the past three weeks you may have seen LPD officers on foot patrol in the downtown area. During this period of time over 50 walking patrols were logged by Officers. Foot patrols, business checks, answering questions, taking pictures, and interacting with residents and guests of Loveland were the highlights of these patrols.



The Last Amazing Charity Race planning is in process now. Multiple City employees met this past week to discuss the route, the number of police, Loveland CCAA members, Fire/EMS and Public Works persons that would be needed. Loveland staff will be participating in a Challenge along the racecourse. If you are interested in helping, contact Misty.

## Public Relations

In an effort to keep residents better informed, the city's NEW biannual print newsletter was mailed to residents and local businesses.

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose & Building Department Clerk Becky Noel attended Homearama meetings on May 18. Planning continues for this event, which will take place Aug. 6-21.

Registration for the 2022 Loveland U program is open. The application deadline is June 1.

The city's new digital message sign was installed, and messages are running. The sign is located along Loveland-Madeira Road near the Public Works facility. Stay tuned for traffic alerts, event reminders, construction updates, etc.



Planning is also underway for the city's Independence Day Celebration. This is a free, family friendly event made possible by businesses partnering with the city. If you own or represent a business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact [krose@lovelandoh.gov](mailto:krose@lovelandoh.gov) by June 1.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

The Harmonics will kick off the city's Concert in the Park series on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in Nisbet Park.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

On Wednesday, May 25, the Downtown Streetscape Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Also meeting Wednesday, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is holding a special meeting on Thursday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.