



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: June 17, 2022

Administration

Monday evening, severe storms moved through the city, leaving many residents without power. With temperatures in the upper 90's on Tuesday, Chief Huber worked with the school district to open a cooling center at Loveland High School until Duke Energy could restore services later that evening.

Monday evening, Human Resources Manager Joy Deardorff proctored the Civil Service exam to establish the eligibility list for the Finance Clerk position.

On Tuesday, the city was notified by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) that our grant request for \$3,146,143 was not approved for funding. The city has already secured \$1,150,000 in state and federal funding toward the \$6,292,627 total project cost. Moving forward, staff will work with Council and the Finance Commission to determine how best to proceed with this project.

On Wednesday, Assistant City Manager Cory Wright and I attended a flagpole dedication to celebrate John Hill Construction's 25th Anniversary. The event commemorated several important milestones for this Loveland business, and we are appreciative of John Hill Construction's continued investment and commitment within our community.



Thursday morning, Deputy Chief Mike Books, Lieutenant Michael Szpak, and Assistant to the City Manager Misty Brents met with representatives from the Loveland Athletic Boosters to begin planning for this year's Homecoming Parade which will be held on October 6.

Thursday afternoon, Assistant City Manager Cory Wright, Assistant to the City Manager Misty Brents, and I met with newly appointed Councilman Neal Oury to discuss ongoing and upcoming projects in the city.

Friday, I participated in the Clermont County Park District Comprehensive Master Plan - Steering Committee Kickoff meeting. The committee will be assisting the park district with the planning of the new park to be located on a portion of the former Grail property, which is being annexed into the city.

Applications for participation in the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant program continue with approval of a new gutter project on Cherokee Drive, issued on Friday.

Public Works

The new street light mast poles and decorative pedestrian signals have been installed at the intersection of Wall Street and West Loveland Avenue, and the new signals are now operational. The project has significantly upgraded the streetscape appearance in the West Loveland Historic Business District.



Annually, the city's Parks and Recreation Board completes an evaluation of all city parks. From these evaluations, Public Works begins to address the items needing attention. This week, the skatepark equipment at Lever Park was sandblasted and re-painted. Special thanks to the hard work of the board members, and their commitment to the city's park system.



In response to the storms this week, the city's Public Works Department will be conducting a brush pick-up beginning Monday June 20, 2022. Public Works will be making one pass through the city.

Building and Zoning

This week, the Building and Zoning Department issued the foundation engineering change for the new Rumpke Fleet Maintenance Building. Hops and Berry is now open, and it is exciting to see another new to market concept being conducted here in Downtown Loveland. At 111 N. Third Street, the final fire door is now installed, and drywall work is being completed in anticipation of receiving a final certificate of occupancy soon. The Department also received site development and civil engineering plans for review, for the new Community Center planned at St. Columban's campus.



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

- Progress continues at the Chimney Ridge development, and new permits are being received periodically for construction of homes independent of the Homearama event.
- Work continues at the Quilter's Studio addition.

LSFD

This week, LSFD held their annual Safety Camp. The event had a total of 120 campers mostly from the City of Loveland and Symmes Township. The event included training in Fire Safety, Pet Safety, Bus Safety and Bike Safety. Great community outreach by our Fire Department!



Police

The Run, Walk for a Reason series occurred on the Loveland Bike Trail recently and Officers stopped by to recognize the event sponsored by the 988 Initiative (the upcoming new suicide prevention Hotline number). More to follow on this burgeoning National suicide Hotline number.



On June 12th, the Police Department received a report of a Critical Missing adult. That adult was found safe on June 15th. Below is a Facebook post from the mother of the adult missing thanking the officers of LPD and BCI.

"Please understand that as public as we were about her disappearance, we are now going to be private as we start to heal from this, so there won't be any details shared, but know that she is safe!"

I would love to call out every single person and say a personal thank you but that would be impossible since there were so many!! I will call out the Loveland Police Department and BCI though. From the very first moment that she was reported missing, they went so far above and beyond that it is hard to even imagine. You really cannot imagine how dedicated they were in finding her - not just from using their resources, which was huge, but they were emotionally invested too. They kept my family informed and calm as well."

Loveland PD is always looking for new recruits and it is never too early to make a connection. We hope to see this young man in police work in about 20 years.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Amazing Charity Race will be held this Saturday in Loveland and Symmes Township. The race begins at 8 a.m. and will visit several city parks before ending in Phillips Park at 4 p.m.