



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: July 8, 2022

Administration

The city's annual Independence Day Celebration was held on Monday. The event was very well attended with no major incidents to speak of. This was an all-hands-on deck event and I would like to thank our Police Department, Public Works Department, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, City Hall Staff, and the Event Planning Committee for pulling off another great event. A special thanks goes out to our local business sponsors who really stepped up this year donating a total of \$24,900 toward the event.



The application deadline for Loveland U has been extended to July 15. To date, we have received 16 applications. Our goal is to have at least 30 people in the program. Please try to recruit at least one person this week by reaching out to your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers. Encourage them to apply by sharing this link: <https://lovelandoh.gov/365/Loveland-U>. Anyone who lives, works, or is a member of a Loveland organization is eligible to attend.

Thursday evening, I attended the Loveland City School District board meeting. My purpose for attending, was to join the School Superintendent, Mike Broadwater, in updating the board on the joint efforts to bring a School Resource Officer (SRO) to the elementary school. City Council will be presented with legislation approving the SRO at their upcoming meeting.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, work continues to progress at Chimney Ridge, and the new homes there are really taking shape. Work continues at a measured pace at the Quilter's Studio building

addition. Additionally, the Department issued a permit for work at 1303 Mattec Drive, allowing the Premier Pain expansion project to commence. The permit for Blossom Hill Building #2 was also issued this week, allowing construction to proceed on 100, 102, 104, 106, and 108 Blossom Hill Drive.

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

- The Department completed inspections for framing and insulation this week at the new Public Works Building.
- At Shopper's Haven, an engineering change was submitted for review due to the need for a modified design to accommodate poor soil conditions on site. Once revisions are received, plan review will commence.
- A permit was received for interior alterations at 579A Loveland Madeira Road. Once architectural plans are submitted, they will be forwarded for review.
- A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with the working group advancing the St. Columban Community Center in the coming weeks.

On the Chestnut Street property, Patriot Engineering continues to work with Meristem to finalize the application to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Application (PJDA) process. Meristem also notified the Ohio EPA of our intent to file the PJDA as well.

Property Maintenance inspections continue at a measured pace due to seasonally steady complaint volume. Staff is working on several complex properties to mitigate long-standing issues. Most recently, the Department attempted to coordinate a property maintenance inspection in conjunction with LSFD and the Hamilton County Board of Health on a property on Lowell Street. High grass and junk, debris, and other complaints continued to be handled on a continuing basis.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on July 5, 2022, to hold an initial discussion about amending the Planning and Zoning Code to further regulate or restrict the establishment of permanent food trucks. At that meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission directed Staff to work to establish a Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session in August to solicit feedback from businesses, community groups, residents, and other stakeholders with regard to potential food truck regulations. The Commission ultimately felt that this process will assist the Commission and Staff to craft regulations that are most responsive to present and underlying concerns with the process by which non-special event food trucks and mobile food vendors are currently regulated. Additionally, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday August 2, 2022, to consider an application for Conditional Use approval, to convert the former Johnny's Car Wash into a microbrewery and tap room.

Finance

With recent turnover in the Finance Department, once again, I would like to thank our staff for ensuring that our operations continue to run smoothly. This week Utility Billing Clerk, Lisa Craig and Finance Clerk, Ann Gott did an exceptional job of making sure the needs of our residents and customers are met.

Public Works

The Public Works Department responded to storm damage within the city limits after Wednesday's major storm event. Additionally, the Public Works Department provided assistance to nearby Goshen Township, where a National Weather Service-confirmed EF-2 tornado touched down on Wednesday afternoon, causing extensive damage throughout the community there. The Department and the City of Loveland are

appreciative of the opportunity to help our neighboring communities in need of assistance during this time. The Department will continue to offer assistance to Goshen Township, while preserving the ability to provide excellent service to our residents and businesses within the city.

At the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park, located within Kiwanis Park, the Public Works Department completed the installation of landscaping rock to enhance the drainage area, provide protection for dogs and people, and to allow for ease of maintenance during mowing. The improvements resulted in improved aesthetics and safety for the Dog Park.



The new Public Works Building project continues to be on schedule. With the shell of the building complete, interior work has begun.



Police

Thank you to all Loveland Citizen Academy Alumni Association Volunteers that came out to ensure a safe and fun time at the annual Loveland 4th of July celebration. Here are a few photos of the event.



Farewell to our friend and co-worker Monica Hammer after 17 years of service to LPD. We celebrate you as you move on to another adventure.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Next week's meetings include:

- Civil Service Commission – July 11 at 5:00 p.m.
- Beautification Committee – July 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Law and Ordinance Committee – July 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- Arts Commission – July 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- City Council – July 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board – July 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- Tree and Environment Committee – July 14 at 7:30 p.m.

No city events are planned next week. View other upcoming events by visiting our [Lovin Life Loveland](#) website.

I will be out of the office next week on Thursday (14th) and Friday (15th). During my absence, Cory Wright will serve as Acting-City Manager.