



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: July 15, 2022

Administration

Monday, the Civil Service Commission met and approved the hiring process for the Police Department Operations Assistant position, which is now open following the announcement that Monica Hammer had taken a position with the school district. The resulting employment opportunity was posted the following day by Human Resources Manager, Joy Deardorff.

Also on Monday, the Law and Ordinance Committee met to review regulations regarding e-scooters, which the committee tabled until additional information could be secured from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The committee also held initial discussions regarding upcoming amendments to Section 732 of the city's code of ordinances, related to Transient Businesses and Vendors, Mobile Food Vendors and Food Truck as the Planning and Zoning Commission reviews the corresponding zoning codes (1111.07 and 1111.08).

In addition, the Beautification Committee met on Monday to review spring planting efforts, and to begin planning for the City's fall planting initiative. The Arts Commission also met on Monday to discuss two on-going projects, specifically, the establishment of mural guidelines and the traffic signal cabinet wrap initiative.



This week, the City's Wellness Committee, Loveland 360, hosted a Lunch & Learn about the health benefits of Smoothies. The presentation included samples of three different types of smoothies, made fresh by the

presenters. The presenters did a great job of explaining the health benefits of drinking smoothies and discussed the various ways to prepare them.



Sub-consultant Meristem, under the direction of Patriot Engineering, submitted the Chestnut Property Wetlands Delineation Report to the United States Army Corps of Engineers this week. Additionally, Meristem has contacted the Ohio EPA (OEPA) regarding the submittal, and is awaiting feedback from that entity. The submittal of the report is the first step the Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Application with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Once the Army Corps of Engineers review and agree with the wetlands delineation, the formal permit application will be submitted, seeking approval to commence wetland remediation work and site excavation and remediation activities.

The Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday evening and received progress report on the items noted by the Board during their 2022 Annual Park Evaluation Report, as discussed at the May 12, 2022, meeting. The Board will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, work continues to progress at Chimney Ridge. At Quilter's Studio, some recent interior floor plan changes have required some additional electrical work to accommodate the proposed changes. Windows have been ordered for the project, but it is reported that shipping is delayed. Framing work continues at Blossom Hill Building #1, and rough grading work has commenced on Building #2.

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

- The Department hosted a pre-construction meeting with the St. Columban design team to go over the submittal process for the construction of the new community center at the parish campus.
- Work is also underway at the modular buildings located at St. Columban, and HVAC work is being completed there.
- The Department continues to field routine inquiries about permitting and construction projects throughout the city.

Property Maintenance inspections continue. This week, the Department coordinating a joint inspection of a property on Lowell Street with LSFD and the Hamilton County Board of Health. Significant exterior and interior maintenance issues were noted during the inspection that require remediation by the property owner. Progress is being made toward abating the issues there on that property, and the Department will continue to work to achieve compliance. High grass and junk, debris, and other complaints continued to be handled on a continuing basis.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM, to consider an application for Conditional Use approval, to convert the former Johnny's Car Wash into a microbrewery and tap room.

Finance

This week, the Finance Department has been preparing for next week's Finance Commission meeting, which will include a financial update for the first half of 2022.

Public Relations

Several updates were issued this week: [Public Works Facility Update](#), [LPD Hiring Two Positions](#), and [Movie in the Park Series Update](#). The [July e-newsletter](#) was sent on Thursday to subscribers.

Public Works

This week, Public Works continued to provide assistance to Goshen Township by working to clear downed trees and limbs resulting from the recent tornado. Public Works employees helped clear brush and debris, clearing the way for further recovery efforts and utility work.



The new Public Works building is continuing to take shape. This week, crews continued to work on finishing of the interior drywall within portions of the new structure.



Paving work continued to progress in various areas throughout the City this week. The crews are working efficiently to complete the repairs this summer.



Police

Our thoughts are with Clearcreek Township Police Officer Eric Ney, his family, and the rest of the Clearcreek Township Police Department and the community after Ney was critically injured while responding to a domestic violence call on Tuesday night. Ney's injuries are a reminder of the dangers that our law enforcement professionals face while protecting and serving the community.

This week, Officers Boettger, Spraul and Wright worked in Goshen Township alongside other agencies to give Goshen Township officers a few days of rest after the tornado that caused significant damage there last week. Officer Mike Wright assisted the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as an interpreter on an auto accident. Officer Wright's fluency in Spanish is a valuable asset to the City and other agencies in our region.

Officers made an OVI arrest this week. It was the driver's fifth arrest for OVI. Additionally, the Police Department investigated numerous domestic-related and disturbance incidents, several hit-skip accidents, intrusion alarms and businesses found open, and assisted other law enforcement agencies with break-in investigations at commercial business properties.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The city has partnered with TriHealth to bring a [mobile mammography bus](#) to the downtown area on Tuesday, July 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Per TriHealth, they have had a strong response and are booking appointments quickly. TriHealth believes this will open the door for further partnerships in 2023.



The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance will host a concert featuring Pandora Effect on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM, on the patio of Hometown Café.



The city's first Movie in the Park event of 2022 is fast approaching, and it will be a homerun for fun! Join us at Phillips Park on Saturday, July 23. Pre-show fun will begin at 7 p.m. and *The Sandlot* will begin at 9 p.m. Please note the entire 2022 movie series has been moved from East Loveland Nature Preserve to Phillips Park. [Learn more about the event here.](#)

Next week's meetings include:

- Finance Commission - Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 5:00 PM