



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

July 22, 2022



The city partnered with TriHealth to bring a mobile mammography bus to the community on Tuesday, July 19 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All appointments were booked, and the event was a success.

Administration

Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I met with the three firms that will be submitting proposals for the design, engineering and construction supervision for the new Fire Station 63. The meeting allowed the city to field any technical questions the firms may have before their proposals are submitted on July 29.

As part of the valuation of all city buildings for insurance coverage purposes, a subcontractor for the Public Entities Pool (PEP) (city's insurance carrier) toured each city building. While the process is very time consuming, it is an important process to assure that the city is not over or under insured. Special thanks to Water Plant Operator, Ricky Gregory, for leading the representative on the majority of his tour.

Recently, the City had the opportunity to host a National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Bike Trail and Preservation Tour, organized by the Cincinnati Preservation Association. Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, served as the host for the group. The tour was well-attended and focused on the success of the bike trail, its relationship to Downtown Loveland, and the historic preservation efforts that have occurred here in Downtown. The tour group enjoyed visiting downtown as a stop on their tour, and the City was proud to showcase our downtown businesses and buildings.

Building and Zoning

Work continues to progress at ChimneyRidge, and the development is now taking shape. Many of the homes are well underway, with interior and exterior finish work being completed. Reviews also commenced for the Home Zone Tent for Homearama. All builders report that they are on track for the 2022 Homearama Event in September, and inspections continue on the homes currently under construction. At Blossom Hill, footer inspections were completed at 100-108 Blossom Hill Drive, allowing construction on this second building to proceed.

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

- At Shopper's Haven, inspections continue on the alterations of existing tenant spaces located at both 523 Loveland Madeira Road, as well as 679A Loveland Madeira Road.
- The Department has started the review of the Nisbet Park Gazebo plans. The contractor is working on furnishing some additional information to complete the review process.
- The Department received plans for fueling apparatus for the existing bus transportation facility located behind Loveland Elementary School, along Loveland Madeira Road.

Property Maintenance inspections continue. Significant remediation activity is occurring on Lowell Street, which was subject to a significant joint enforcement effort a couple of weeks prior. Here, the owners are working to abate the property where joint inspections were held previously. The Department will continue to monitor progress on this site, with the goal of allowing the property owners to bring the property into compliance. Delinquent properties where the city has previously conducted abatement efforts were distributed this week. Property maintenance inspection and enforcement efforts are having a positive impact, as owners continue to take pride in the management of their individual properties.

Finance

I had the opportunity to meet with Charles Bastin, who has accepted the Assistant Finance Director position. Mr. Bastin, is very qualified, with significant governmental auditing experience. Charles, who goes by Chuck, will begin working for the city in early August.

The Finance Commission met and reviewed 2nd quarter financial information prepared by Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, and a detailed analysis of Ohio Financial Health Indicators by commission member Michael Colangelo. Other topics for the meeting included administrative cost recovery, water rates, short term financing for needed city hall improvements and planning for the 2023 budget.

Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, Customer Service Specialist, Mandy Lucas, Director of Finance, Mark Medlar and I, participated in our first implementation meeting with Paycor. The city has made the decision to switch our payroll services from in-house, to utilizing the services of Paycor. The onboarding process is very detailed, and it is anticipated that the first Paycor payroll will be in early October.

Public Relations

Two updates were issued this week: [Loveland Youth Baseball to Host Little League Tournament](#) and [City Explores Regional Traffic Study](#).

Planning continues for Homearama, which will take place September 3-18 at ChimneyRidge. On Monday, July 18, Building Department Clerk Becky Noel and Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose met with the Cincinnati Homebuilders Association (HBA) at the East Loveland Nature Preserve and former Masonic Lodge site. These two spots will be used as parking areas for the Homearama shuttle bus, which will operate on the show weekends. The group drove the proposed shuttle route and discussed signage needs. Then, on Wednesday, July 20, Becky participated in virtual planning meetings with the HBA. Also this week, a sign-up form was sent to all city staff to register for a time to work the city's booth during the event. The booth will be located in the exhibitor tent, and this will be a chance for staff to interact with all show attendees, answer questions about the city, distribute events calendars and promotional materials, etc.

This week, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose filmed a video with Officer Kyle Bibelhausen and K9 Cruz at the Matt Haverkamp Dog Park. This video will review rules and etiquette for the dog park; it will be shared within the coming weeks. In addition, a sign has been added to the dog park with emergency phone numbers to help ensure guest safety.

Public Works

We continue to be very satisfied with the progress on the new public works building. The front façade brick veneer, sprinkler system and interior painting, are all either completed or in progress. We remain on schedule for project completion by this fall.



This was an active week for road work, highlighted by the completion of a large portion of West Loveland Avenue. I know that this particular section of our road program was a headache for our residents, and we appreciate their patience.

Other roads recently completed include Rich Road, Harper Avenue, and all the public roads in the White Pillars Subdivision.



Police

Officer Mike Boettger assisted Miami Township with a fatal hit/skip auto accident where a pedestrian was killed. His investigative skills led to the identification of the striking vehicle, and eventual arrest of the driver.

Officers took reports for more thefts from autos, this time at McCoy Park. Please remind everyone you know to keep valuables out of sight and their car doors locked. Loveland officers also responded to two dog bites, two possible missing persons, intrusion alarms, several mental health runs, three domestics, four fight or trouble runs, and numerous calls for service that required advice or police involvement without a report.

Upcoming Meetings & Events



The image features a large, stylized sign that reads "MOVIE IN THE PARK" in a retro, neon-style font. The sign is set against a dark background with a blue sky and silhouettes of trees. To the right of the sign is a movie poster for "The Sandlot: 25th Anniversary". The poster shows a group of young boys looking up at the camera, with a baseball in the foreground. The text "BLU-RAY + DIGITAL" is at the top, and "THE SANDLOT 25TH ANNIVERSARY" is in the center of the baseball.

The Sandlot
Saturday, July 23

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We hope to see you this Saturday, July 23 at Phillips Park for the city's first Movie in the Park of 2022, featuring *The Sandlot*. Pre-show fun will begin at 7 p.m. and the movie will begin at 9 p.m. [Learn more about the event here.](#)

City Meetings

July 26—City Council 7:00 p.m.

Information about other community activities and events can be found on our [Lovin Life Loveland](#) website.
