



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

August 26, 2022



Police Chief, Mike Gabrielson meets the Valentines Ladies

Administration

Special thanks to the Loveland Symmes Firefighters Association for new landscaping installed in the downtown district.



At the August 23, 2022 City Council Meeting, Mayor Bailey, City Council, and City Manager Kennedy, recognized Eva Wisby, Zoning and Economic Development Specialist for achieving twenty-five years of service with the City of Loveland. At that same meeting, Mayor Bailey, City Council and City Manager Kennedy and also recognized Public Works Director Scott Wisby for achieving fifteen years of service with the City of Loveland. Loveland is fortunate to have dedicated employees who devote such a significant portion of their lives and careers in service to our City.



Also at Tuesday's Council Meeting, City Council authorized City Manager David Kennedy to execute a purchase agreement for the property located at 501 Loveland Madeira Road, clearing an important step to securing primary access to the Chestnut Street Property with the acquisition of this strategically located parcel. The City will utilize grant funds from Hamilton County to offset most of the costs associated with the purchase of this property. With the execution of the purchase agreement, the City can now begin the process of conducting the required environmental studies and other due diligence efforts required to affirm the purchase.

At the Chestnut Street Property, the City filed the Nationwide 404 Permit with the United States Army Corps of Engineers this week, with the assistance and guidance of Patriot Engineering and Wetlands subconsultant Meristem. This permit, once the approval is received from the Corps of Engineers, will grant the City authorization to begin clearing and grading the site in furtherance of the environmental remediation efforts contemplated under the Ohio Brownfield Remediation program grant. Also, bid documents for the lead remediation and cleanup, as well as the groundwater remediation projects that are to be completed at the Chestnut Street Property are currently posted, with several potential bidders expressing interest in the project. Bids will be received until Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

Building and Zoning

At ChimneyRidge, progress continues in advance of the rapidly approaching deadline for Homearama 2022. Streets have been paved, and various contractors are working at a fever pitch to put the finishing touches on this marquee development within the City. Landscaping has already been installed, and many yards are sodded. The Homearama event will take place at ChimneyRidge from September 3rd through September 18th.



Meanwhile at Blossom Hill, construction is well underway at the first building, with activities and trades working throughout the week to complete Building #1. Exterior siding is already visible in some spots and the building is starting to take shape. Work also continues on Building #2 to prepare the structure for framing. In the coming weeks, this building will become more visible as the structure progresses through the development process.

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

- ◆ The department issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to 20 Paxton Ct. in the ChimneyRidge subdivision. The other homes are progressing and getting their final punch lists done in order to be ready for Homearama.
- ◆ All event tents have been inspected at the Homearama show site and are now ready for use.
- ◆ LoveBird Restaurant, situated in Historic Downtown at Loveland Station, had their new business walkthrough inspection this week. All completed work passed the inspection process. The owner may also expand staffing in order to offer brunch in addition to their existing dinnertime hours of service.
- ◆ The Department received an inquiry about a new tenant, Mathnasium, to occupy an existing tenant space at 700 Loveland-Madeira Road. Work has started at the new Rumpke Fleet Maintenance Facility along East Kemper Road, with site work now underway at this new project.

Public Works

As a follow-up to last week's paving of the downtown parking lot adjacent to the bike trail, the new access point is complete. This low-budget project will improve pedestrian access from this parking area to adjacent businesses. The project has already had positive feedback; "Just want to say thank you for the new walk thru along the trail. People are using it, and I think they appreciate not having to fight the bushes!", *Vickie, Trailside Provisions*.



Finance

This week, members of the Paycor Payroll Services implementation team hosted several virtual meetings with Paycor representatives as part of the implementation and on-boarding process. Transitioning to a new payroll system requires significant due diligence on behalf of the Finance Department team members to build the City's payroll database before the system can be made operational. The Implementation Team will continue to provide the required information to Paycor in furtherance of the planned transition. Implementation and training efforts will continue for the next several weeks, as part of this process.

Public Relations

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose completed two more back-to-school videos with LPD. One video introduces the community's [new SRO officers](#) and the second shares [school zone safety tips](#). Thank you to Officers Asbury, Boettger and Johnson!

News was released this week about [LSFD's federal grant](#). An overview of [Homearama](#) was also released to help keep residents informed.

Krista and Permit Specialist Becky Noel continued planning for Homearama. Directional signs were placed along Loveland-Madeira Road, West Loveland Avenue, State Route 48, and Butterworth Road. A special thank you to Public Works for assisting with sign placement.



Public Safety

On Wednesday, Scott Gordon from The Works Restaurant delivered their famous pizza for the official introduction of Chief Gabrielson to the beloved Valentine Ladies of Loveland!

At the August 23, 2022, City Council meeting Officer Bobby Taylor was sworn in by Mayor Bailey, and his daughter Peyton Taylor pinned his badge during the ceremony.



A traffic stop by Officer Fisher, assisted by Officer Bibelhausen and K9 Cruz, yielded a large quantity of dangerous drugs, more than 10X bulk. Another great example of teamwork, looking beyond the traffic violation and sending notice to anyone transporting drugs through our community that LPD will find you.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

My Brother's Keeper will perform in Nisbet Park this Sunday, August 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as part of the city's Concert in the Park series.

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Thursday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.
