



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

September 23, 2022



Adirondack Chair donated by Homearama, is placed at City Hall

Administration

Homearama at ChimneyRidge concluded Sunday, Sept. 18. Attendance topped 24,000 for this 16-day event. As a parting gift, the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati donated the show's super-sized Adirondack chair to the city, which has been placed in front of City Hall at the new outdoor dining area, or "pocket park." A [press release](#) was sent summarizing the city's participation in the event. Thank you to all residents, business owners, the Loveland Police Department, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, and Public Works for your support of the show.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) held a work session Tuesday evening. The purpose of the session was for the commission to meet the city's new historic preservation consultant, Beth Sullebarger. Beth will serve as a consultant to the HPPC, as they conduct design review on new construction and significant building renovation projects within the historic district, as she does for the Village of Glendale and the City of Montgomery. Beth's background, and vast historic preservation experience will benefit both property owners within the district and the HPPC. The work session went well as the commission was educated by Ms. Sullebarger on the "Do's and Don'ts" of being on a historic preservation commission. The HPPC members were very receptive to the experience and value Beth brings to the commission, and asked great questions about procedures. It was a good meeting, and it was very clear to me that the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission recognizes the importance of properly administering the city's Historic Design Review Guidelines, and the positive impact that they will have on the long-term preservation of the city's historic district.

At the Chestnut Street Property, the City continued to work with Wetland Consultant Meristem and Patriot Engineering to secure wetland mitigation credits to allow the issuance of the Nationwide 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the corresponding 401 Permit from Ohio EPA. The City hopes to have the bulk of the mitigation bank work and permitting approval accomplished in the next forty-five days. The City will be purchasing mitigation bank credits from a source yet to be finalized, to allow this work to proceed. Also this week, the City secured the contract to perform the Lead Soil Excavation and Debris Pile removal work with Buckeye Elm Contracting, and also opened bids for the Groundwater Remediation Project. Bids will be reviewed by Patriot Engineering, prior to an award recommendation being advanced to City Council.

This week Loveland U visited the Little Miami Conservancy to learn more about the agency's conservation efforts and what they do to project the river. Next week, the class will learn all about the Loveland Symmes Fire and EMS Department.



Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, progress continues at a rapid pace at Blossom Hill. Each of the various residential units at Building #1 is at a different stage in the construction process, with 118 Blossom View being set for final inspections, and 116 Blossom View beginning interior drywall work. Additionally, framing continues at Building #2. Staff facilitated a meeting with St. Columban design representatives to address comments related to the planned Community Center, with revisions anticipated to be received soon. Once comments are addressed, the matter will be resubmitted for final review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. At ChimneyRidge, work has now started on new homes there since Homearama has ended.

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

- ◆ At Quilter's Studio, stucco work has commenced on the exterior and the project is advancing toward completion.
- ◆ At 1303 Mattec, work on the Premier Pain expansion continues. An engineering change required some additional plan submittals, which are now under review.
- ◆ At 912 Loveland Madeira Road, engineering work has started on the repair and reconfiguration of a large retaining wall that is integral to the facility located there. However, no application or plans have been filed.
- ◆ Demolition commenced on the deteriorated structures, located at 108 North Second Street and 103 East Loveland Avenue.
- ◆ The new Loveland School Transportation Facility Fuel Tank project continues, with the required concrete pad completed and the tank installation now underway.
- ◆ At the Rumpke Fleet Maintenance facility located at 282 East Kemper Road, foundation walls are now being poured.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM to discuss and consider a proposed text amendment impacting the "L-I" Light Industrial District.

Public Relations and Communications

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose assisted Public Works Supervisor/Liaison to the Tree & Environment Committee with deploying an email to the 2022 Free Tree Giveaway recipients. Tree pickup will take place Oct. 22.

The city's digital message sign (located along Loveland-Madeira Road near the city limits/Public Works campus) is down for maintenance. Expected downtime is a minimum of two weeks.

Finance

Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I, met with Public Works Director, Scott Wisby and City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein to review capital projects and equipment purchases, proposed for the 2023 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) recently mailed non-filer letters to taxpayers that neglected to file a municipal income tax return. Taxpayers that received a letter can simply send RITA the documents listed on the non-filing letter via their website: <https://www.ritaohio.com/Individuals/Home/File>

More details about non-filing notices can be found here: <https://www.ritaohio.com/Individuals/Home/NonFilingNotice>

Public Works

A new digital "No Right Turn On Red Arrow" was installed in the east bound lane of West Loveland Avenue at its intersection with Loveland Madeira Road. The new arrow, limits right turns on red, only when the movement of approaching traffic restricts it. The previous, standard type of sign, always restricted right turns on red even when approaching traffic would not of have been in conflict. The technology of the new digital sign will allow for more right turn traffic movement at this intersection. The city is currently working a design to increase the capacity of the right turn lane approaching the new sign to accommodate an even greater flow of right turns onto Loveland Madeira Road.



Public Safety

A victim recently left a vehicle running in a local parking lot, while they went inside to throw away garbage. When they returned to the car approximately 30 seconds later, a male was in the driver's seat pulling away from the building. LPD continues to investigate the auto theft. Remember most vehicle related thefts are crimes of opportunity and are preventable.



Police Chief, Michael Gabrielson visited the Care Center, 11020 S Lebanon Road, exploring ways LPD can assist them in their mission. The center helps those struggling to put a plan into action to remove barriers, and build resources needed to thrive in life. Be ready for more great things from this new community partnership.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Oktoberfest event will take place Sept. 23-24 in Downtown Loveland. To view an event schedule, [click here](#).

The Arts Commission will meet on Monday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Cit Hall.

Save the date for Feb. 10-12, 2023! Planning has commenced for the 2023 Hearts Afire celebration. Communication will be sent to local businesses in the following weeks with information about reserving ice sculptures, RSVPing for activities, etc.
