



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

September 30, 2022



City Council recognizes Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Ricky Gregory and Public Works Maintenance Crew Leader, Rob Hayden, following being sworn into their new positions by Mayor Bailey

Administration

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission met to review a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application for a replacement sign within the district boundaries. The HPPC continued the request to a future meeting, to gain more information and potential amendments to the sign's design. During the meeting, the members voted unanimously to move the start time of their monthly meeting, from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The HPPC meets the 4th Wednesday of each month.

At 501 Loveland Madeira Road, the city completed soil borings in furtherance of environmental testing required to complete the property acquisition. When the report is completed, the results will be forwarded to the funding agency for final sign-off. Once all due diligence is completed, and the funding is cleared, the city can complete the acquisition.

On Thursday of this week, City Manager David Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Cory Wright, and City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein met with representatives from Duke Energy regarding a gas main replacement project that will be advanced soon within Historic Downtown. The city and Duke Energy discussed the project, which will involve both open cut and directional boring activities along Karl Brown Way, Harrison Avenue, and the Karl Brown/West Loveland and Five Points intersections. The city further stressed the need to coordinate traffic control and hours of work, service line replacement, and planned infrastructure improvements that will be undertaken later by the city within the project area. Further updates will be provided as the project advances.

Planning is underway for the 2023 Hearts Afire Weekend. Information was emailed to city businesses regarding event sponsorship opportunities, how to reserve an ice sculpture for the walking tour, and how to RSVP for a hosted activity. All information is [posted online](#).

Building and Zoning

Work continues at Blossom Hill, with both buildings progressing toward completion. Mechanical and insulation inspections are now complete on 112 Blossom View, with framing and fire stopping inspections completed at 110 Blossom View. At the Premier Pain expansion located along Mattec Drive, work began to install the required underground fire line. Partial inspections are scheduled to occur this week in furtherance of this project. A certificate of occupancy was granted to 20 Paxton, where a previous temporary certificate of occupancy was granted. In the Historic Downtown Loveland area, demolition work continued for the two structures located at 108 North Second Street and 103 East Loveland Avenue.



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

- Plans were submitted for interior and exterior alteration work at Dunkin Donuts, located at 226 Loveland Madeira Road.

- Plans were submitted for a signage face change for the existing ground and wall signs at 127 W. Loveland. Jack Rabbit is now Fleet Feet. The plans were subsequently reviewed by the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission on September 28, 2022. The hearing was continued to obtain additional information and to review the project's conformance with design regulations within the District.
- A partial permit was issued for the footer, foundation and slab work for the new gazebo in Nisbet Park. Additional plans have been filed to address some of the remaining review comments.
- Plans are now under review for the tents and stage for St. Columban's festival.
- At Quilter's Studio, the 2nd floor exterior stucco work continues.
- Fuel Tank at bus lot for Loveland Schools is complete.
- The permit for interior alterations at 679A Loveland Madeira (Shopper's Haven) is now ready to issue.

Property Maintenance inspection and enforcement work continues throughout the City. The property on Lowell continues to undergo extensive rehabilitation work, with the exterior receiving new paint and gutters, along with additional landscaping. The residents should be able to move back in within the next 45-60 days. Additional enforcement continues throughout the city on delinquent properties that are not maintaining their property. This week, the City's abatement contractor mowed six (6) new lawns. After continued enforcement efforts that have spanned multiple years, the City is finally achieving compliance with a long-time delinquent property located along West Loveland Avenue. As always, monitoring and follow up will be required to make sure that compliance is permanently maintained.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet next week on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM to hold a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Planning and Zoning Code in the "L-I" Light Industrial District.

Finance

The Finance Department continues to work on implementing the migration of the City's payroll functions to Paycor. Additionally, the Finance Commission will kick off the 2023 Budget discussion next, with a meeting scheduled to occur on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the City of Loveland Safety Center, located at 126 South Lebanon Road.

Public Relations

News was shared this week about [Fall Leaf Collection](#), [One Stop Drop](#), [HHW Disposal Event for Hamilton Co. Residents](#), and [Public Works Employee Promotions](#).

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose completed a video about [curbside recycling](#). The city contracts with Rumpke for its recycling (and trash) service. In recent years, Rumpke has accepted many new materials into its recycling program, such as disposable coffee cups and yogurt containers. Special thanks to the [Loveland Sustainability Council](#) for taking on this project to help to explain current "recycling rules" to residents.

As a reminder, city infrastructure/traffic projects are noted on the [Constructions Project page](#) at LovelandOH.gov. We encourage you to visit this page to stay informed. Pages have been added about the [Chestnut Street Property Remediation](#) and [Second Street/SR 48 Traffic Improvement](#) to update residents on project progress.

Public Works

At the new Public Works Building, concrete was poured into the garage bay floors.



Public Safety

LPD officers certified in the use of the less lethal shotgun. This tool allows officers to stop a person's behavior, from a distance, without causing permanent injury or death. Without these less lethal tools an officer's options may be limited to a higher level of force.

The Civil Service Board certified the candidate list for the part-time Records Specialist position. Interviews of the top candidates will begin shortly as LPD moves forward to fill another key staffing position.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Loveland-Symmes Community Firefighters' Association will hold its annual KidFest on Saturday, October 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Nisbet Park.

Once Stop Drop, hosted by the Loveland Sustainability Council, will collect recycling at two locations on Saturday, October 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information is available on the [Loving Life](#) website.

Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. at the Safety Center.
