



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

October 14, 2022



The Sanderson Sisters made a special guest appearance that the city's showing of Hocus Pocus.

Administration

The final Movie In The Park, Hocus Pocus, was held on Saturday, and by all reports, it was a huge success. BRS Insurance sponsored this year's Movie in the Park series and have already said they were interested in sponsoring the series again next year. Special thanks to Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose, Permit Specialist, Becky Noel and Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Clark, for their efforts. These types of events take considerable staff time, but are obviously greatly appreciated by our residents of all ages. Phillips Park has proven to be a great venue for these movies, and I know they are already planning on next years series.

City Staff held a virtual meeting with ODOT District 8 staff to conduct an initial review of the Quality Based Selection RFQ/RFP document for the West Loveland Avenue Bridge Congestion Mitigation Study. The meeting was productive, inasmuch as the staff at District 8 will review the document and provide feedback and recommended changes. Once the document is finalized, the scoping document will be uploaded to ODOT's Local Projects page to solicit Letters of Interest from interested and qualified firms.

Loveland U visited the Stage Company this week to learn more about the ins and outs of running a community theater. Pat Furterer and members of the Loveland Stage Company shared the history of the theater and discussed the complexity of putting a production together on a shoestring budget. Class members toured the facility, learned about stage lighting, and practiced choreography.



The Parks and Recreation Board met, and in addition to swearing in newly appointed member, Sherry Hamlin, the board review proposed park projects for 2023. The following park projects are being reviewed by the Finance Commission for the 2023 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

- McCoy Park Restrooms: The project would install a new roof and make interior improvements to the restrooms at McCoy Park.
- Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park Improvements: The project would install a drinking fountain
- Nisbet Park Gazebo – Bike Trail Connector: The project, would connect the new Nisbet Park gazebo to the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail. The city has submitted for grant funding for this project.
- Loveland Heights Tot-Lot Playset Replacements: The city has been awarded \$75,000 towards the replacement of the playsets at the Cherokee and Navaho Tot-Lots, within the Loveland Heights. In addition to new playsets, the city is working with Cincinnati Bell to add free public wi-fi at each tot-lot in the hopes of making the parks community gathering spots.

New corporation limit signage have begun being installed at our boundaries by Public Works. The 2023 budget will include funding to complete the project. Special acknowledgment to Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, who once again, took a project that was stalled and advanced it forward.



Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, work and inspections continue on the final two homes presently under construction at 217 South Second Street and 219 South Second Street, since these last two units are now sold. The project developer will also be starting road work and has been in contact with the City Engineer to discuss specific requirements.

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

- On Thursday, tent and stage inspections took place at St. Columban as they prepare for their festival this weekend.
- Framing inspections took place this week for the interior alteration at 1303 Mattec, Premier Pain's ambulatory division.
- St. Columban filed revised plans for their pending site plan review, presently before the Planning and Zoning Commission. The City Engineer is now conducting a review of the plan revisions for their new community center.
- Staff continues to meet with Avocette to address formatting of reports and the sorting and processing of permit-related fees within the new permit software.

Property maintenance inspections continue on a weekly basis despite the seasonal change in weather. The department was able to facilitate successful clean up of a long-vacant property located on Marbea. On Lowell Street, the property condemnation was lifted by the Board of Health and the residents will resume occupancy soon. Final notices regarding unpaid property maintenance invoices were mailed and any remaining unpaid will be sent to council for approval of tax assessments.

Public Relations

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose spent much of the week preparing newsletter communication. Next week, the city's digital e-newsletter will be emailed to subscribers. In early to mid-November, residents and businesses will receive the fall edition of the biannual print newsletter.

Public Safety

Halloween is creeping up on us and the Candy Police will be ringing doorbells soon! Residents of Loveland or Hamilton Township who would like officers to visit a child or adult with special needs may contact Lieutenant Mike Szpak at 513-707-6116 or mszpak@lovelandoh.gov to schedule the Candy Police to stop by on October 31st between 5-8PM



This week K9 Cruz and Officers, Bibelhausen, Parks and Ashbury, provided a K9 Demo and Drug Investigation and Interdiction session to the Loveland Citizens Police Academy.

Auto thefts and thefts from vehicles have picked up in the Glen Lake neighborhood. Please remind citizens to S.T.O.P.

SECURE your vehicle by locking your doors and removing keys/fobs

TAKE all valuables out of the car, this includes purses, firearms, electronics

OBSERVE and report suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood

PREPARE, predictable is preventable

Upcoming Meetings & Events

St. Columban's Fall Festival is this weekend, Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Festival will include live entertainment, fireworks, raffles, and more.

The stores of Jackson Street Market will host a "Witches Night Out" Sip & Shop on Friday night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This Saturday the Seth Mitchell Hero 5K returns to Loveland for its 13th year to remember Captain David Seth Mitchell, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2009. All proceeds benefit the Captain Seth Mitchell Memorial Scholarship through the Loveland Schools Foundation.

Also on Saturday, LSFD will be raising funds for the Karen Wellington Foundation. The foundation provides vacations, relaxing spa days, concerts, and other fun-only activities for women and families living with breast cancer. Firefighters will be on West Loveland Avenue at the Bike Trail Crossing and the East Broadway Trail Crossing from 9:00 a.m. to Noon for a fill the boot campaign. Later that evening, firefighters will be offering table service at Ramsey's Trailside from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Loveland City Hall.

The Finance Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Loveland City Hall.
