



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

October 21, 2022



New Street Banner installation commenced downtown

Administration

Last Friday, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose, Permit Specialist Becky Noel, City Manager Dave Kennedy, and Police Chief Michael Gabrielson attended Homearama's closing luncheon at The Landing Event Center. The city received a plaque as recognition for being the home of the 59th annual home showcase. Event organizers confirmed attendance for the 16-day show was approx. 25,000, and the show was billed as a huge success coming off the last two years of low attendance due to the pandemic. City administration, police, public works, and fire/EMS were thanked for their contributions to helping ensure a smooth show.



Loveland U students got a crash course in government finance and parliamentary procedures before rounded out the evening with a mock City Council. The school district will host the session next week.

Wednesday, I attended the Clermont County Commissioners meeting, during which they approved an allocation of \$225,000 towards the West Loveland Bridge Sidewalk Replacement project. This project has been stalled due largely to the need to relocate conduit located within the sidewalks to the underside of the bridge. The condition of the sidewalks on the northern side of the bridge has decayed to such a point, that this summer temporary repairs were made to keep the sidewalks from being closed. The bridge is owned and maintained by both Hamilton and Clermont County, and the project was being funded largely by Hamilton County and state grant funding. The city is contributing funds towards decorative railing and new lighting.



The allocation from Clermont County will allow this project to now advance forward. Special thanks to the Clermont County Commissioners and to Mayor, Kathy Bailey for her efforts in expressing the considerable need for the additional funding to the commissioners.

Building and Zoning

This week saw the submittal of yet another permit for construction of a new building at the Blossom Hill Development. Plans were received for the units located at 115-123 Blossom View Drive. Meanwhile, work continues on the other two structures already underway, with work advancing at a rapid pace! Inspections continued for the new Premier Pain expansion located at 1301 Mattec Drive, with interior inspections and fire vault inspections continuing.

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

- A permit was issued to Loveland Schools for the installation of a ramp to a modular unit located at 6740 Loveland Miamiville Road.
- Insulation inspections took place for the unit located at 210 N. Second Street.
- Framing inspections continue at Shopper's Haven. The architect has also made some initial inquiries about façade renovations at this prominent location.
- The City received signage plans for the new Mathnasium facility located at 700 Loveland Madeira Road. Once the signage details are finalized, the review will be completed.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM was rescheduled due to illness. The Planning and Zoning Commission will now meet on Thursday October 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Finance

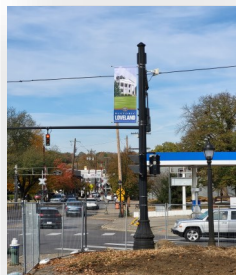
On Tuesday, the Finance Commission met to hold their quarterly meeting and also to continue discussing the 2023 Budget. The Finance Commission will continue discussing the 2023 Budget at their next meeting on Thursday November 3 at 5:00 PM at City Hall.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) is again reaching out to individuals that have not filed a municipal tax return. People that receive these notifications are encouraged to complete their filing utilizing RITA's website (ritaohio.com) and contact RITA directly (1-800-860-7482) with any questions.

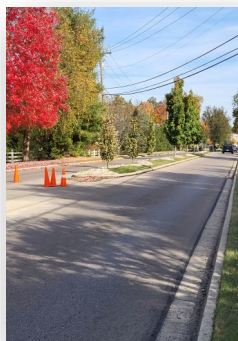
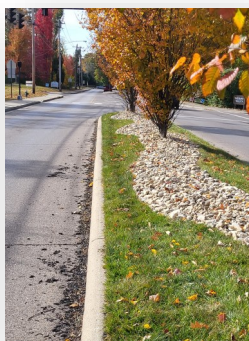
Public Works

New GIS Intern, Sean Derryck, began working on the annual dry weather screening at storm sewer outfalls this week. Sean has already obtained his GIS Certificate and is currently working on his Master's Degree at UC..

On Friday, new banner installation began at various intersections throughout Downtown and West Loveland. Upon completion of the installation process, the banners will be located at the Five Points Intersection, Second Street and West Loveland Intersection, Wall Street and West Loveland Intersection, and at the intersection of Loveland Madeira Road and West Loveland Avenue. These new banners were designed by local artist Peter Sexton to graphically illustrate and celebrate various prominent and historic structures in the City. Special thanks is owed to Mr. Sexton for capturing some iconic Loveland structures and developing beautiful artwork that celebrates and honors the City's rich history. Also, special thanks is owed to Misty Clark for working with Mr. Sexton throughout the design process.



On Lebanon Road, median renovations were completed to remove the troublesome black mulch. As a replacement, the City worked with Finer Lawn and Landscaping to develop a plan to install sod (grass) and decorative river rock to accentuate the tree plantings located there. Work finished up on Friday of this week, and the contrast between the lawn area, rocks, and fall colors makes a fantastic impact along this heavily traveled corridor! The placement of the rocks will also reduce overall maintenance associated with these landscape medians and will make an impression for many years to come.



The preliminary scores for OPWC funding applications in District 2 were released this week. By our calculations to apply the weighted factors for rating categories, it appears that the E. Loveland Ave. Improvements project is currently ranked as first priority of the entire District's LTIP funding program, and second place in the District's SCIP program. The City's partnership with MSD and Clermont County to include bridge and sanitary sewer replacements in the project scope greatly improved this project's rating over past applications for E. Loveland Ave. The Harrison Ave. Improvements project appears to currently be ranked as 5th priority of the entire District's LTIP funding program, and 46th place in the District's SCIP program. The decision to apply for grants with local match supplied instead of last year's grant-loan request approach, means both projects are eligible for LTIP funding as well as SCIP. An appeal for the Harrison Ave. condition rating was submitted to the District today, in hopes of increasing the project's rating and likelihood of funding. Appeal results in District 2 will be shared with applicants on Nov. 9. Nov. 18, the District 2 Integrating Committee will meet to approve the priority order of project applications, and an initial cut line for SCIP and LTIP funding will be shared.

Public Relations

News was released this week about [OKI Grant to Install Automated Signal at Bike Trail Crossing](#) and [East Loveland Avenue Gas Main Replacement](#).

The city's digital message sign is functioning again. Since late September, you may have noticed a blank screen as you drove by the sign. This week Duke Energy completed the electric meter replacement along Loveland-Madeira Road to restore power to the sign.

The city's October e-newsletter was emailed to subscribers on Tuesday. [Read here](#). If you would like to subscribe, please [follow this link](#). The biannual print newsletter has been finalized and submitted to the printer. Residents can expect this in their mailboxes the week of Nov. 7.

Public Safety

This week Officer Bobby Taylor completed the 12-week Field Training Officer program and was released to solo patrol. Officer Taylor will be assigned to the Day Shift for the remainder of 2022. Congratulations Bobby on a job well done and getting your career with the LPD team off to a great start.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Arts Commission will meet on Monday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m.

On Thursday, the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the Veterans Memorial Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

For community activities, visit [Loveland Life Loveland](#).
