



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

October 28, 2022



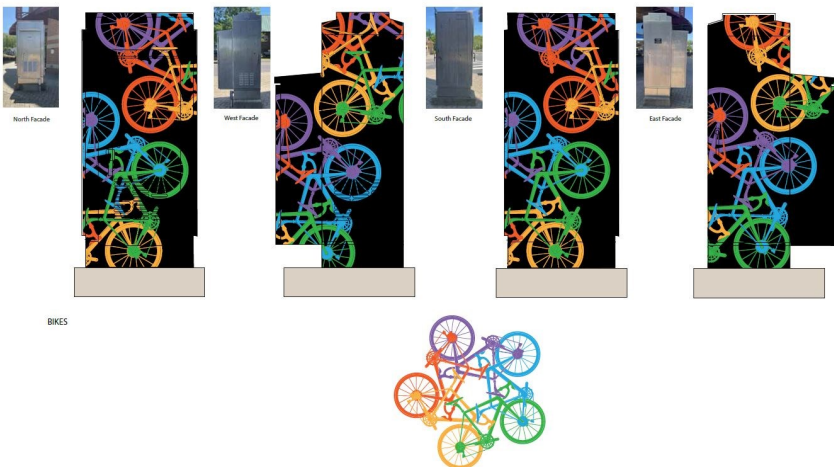
Members of the Tree & Environment Committee and employees from the Public Works Department administer this year's Free Tree Giveaway Program.

Administration

This week, City Council took the decisive step to award the bid for groundwater remediation at the Chestnut Street property to Innovative Environmental Technologies, Inc. which will result in remediation of existing groundwater contamination on the site. This work will follow the debris pile and lead soils cleanup activities which were previously awarded by the city. The city will be reimbursed for 75% of the total expenditures, up to the full grant award, through the Ohio Brownfield Redevelopment Program grant that the city was awarded earlier this year. Once the remediation activities are completed, monitoring will take place prior to the issuance of a "No Further Action" letter. Once finalized, the property can be readily marketed for reinvestment and redevelopment activities.

At 106 West Loveland Avenue, the city, working in consultation with the city's environmental consultant Patriot Engineering, finalized and submitted an application to the Ohio Abandoned Gas Station Grant Program for funds to accomplish closure and remediation of the site. Once the application is approved and funds are received, further activities will take place.

The Arts Commission selected a design to wrap the electric traffic signal box at the intersection of W. Loveland Avenue and St. Rt. 48 in front of Graeter's Ice Cream. The design is bold, impactful, colorful, and eye catching. The colors represent the river, bike trail, school colors, and diversity. Moving forward, the Commission plans to solicit artwork from local artists to wrap other traffic signal boxes in the community. Each wrap is expected to last three years and can be replaced with a new design.



Loveland U visited the Loveland High School last night and were able to participate in their #beLOVELand Showcase Night. The evening began with Superintendent Mike Broadwater discussing the district's finances and proposed operating levy. The class then mingled with students to learn more about the programs and clubs offered throughout the district such as robotics, music, performing arts, and the Hope Squad. They were also able to see examples of classroom lessons. The evening ended with a Q&A with representatives from the district. Next week, Loveland U will visit Public Works.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met and approved new awning signage for LoveBird Chicken located at 110 S. Second Street (Loveland Station). The two new awnings will include the LoveBird Chicken branding, with one facing West Loveland Avenue and the other facing west towards the railroad tracks. The project will now proceed through the regular permitting process.



Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I, did a final walk through of the bike trail landscaping project, with contractor Donnie Powell. The project, which will landscape the area along the bike trail from Harrison Avenue south to the town clock, will highlight one of the most visible portions of the city's downtown district. Adjustments to the landscape design have been made based on recommendations from the Tree and Environment Committee, including organic mulch and species modifications. The project kicks off new week.



News was released this week about [LPD's 4th Annual Candy Police](#) and the city's [EV Charging Station](#). The EV story received media coverage and was highlighted by WKRC (Channel 12) and WCPO (Channel 9), among others.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the plans for the third building at Blossom Hill were approved from a building permit perspective, and the zoning review is now underway. Once approved, permits can be issued. Work continues on the two existing units presently under construction, and significant progress is being made there. Also this week, the Planning and Zoning Commission met to finalize the site plan review process and approvals for St. Columban's new parish center.

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

- The ramp for the modular classroom at LECC was installed and final inspections took place.
- Inspections continued for the Premier Pain expansion at 1303 Mattec.
- Plans are now under review for the proposed Mathnasium signage located at 700 Loveland Madeira Road.
- Plans were received for new solar panels being installed at the new Public Works Building. Plans are under review at the present time.
- Plans were also received for a new interior demising wall at the Goodwill Plaza, located along Loveland Madeira Road.
- The department received seven new residential HVAC replacement permits this week.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to review and consider an initial draft of proposed modifications to the existing regulations governing Mobile Food Vendors.

City Council will hold a scheduled hearing on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to consider proposed zoning text amendments to Chapter 1156, "Table of Permitted Uses" within the Planning and Zoning Code.

Public Works

Congratulations to Jake Stoltz for completing the five week CLD training program and obtained his CDL license.

This week, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose completed a project to assist Public Works. A notice was designed for staff to leave at residences regarding city services. This is a simple way to communicate, for example, that a car needs to be moved to fully plow the street or that items left at the curb for brush pick-up are not accepted (i.e. bamboo). Currently, Public Works has no way to communicate these types of messages to residents other than knocking on their door or happening to see a resident out in their yard. The intent is to promote education about city services to help improve crews' efficiency and to reduce phone calls about leaf/brush not being collected.

Tree pickup was held Oct. 22 for the Tree & Environment Committee's [Free Tree Giveaway](#). Public Works employees Jason Brock, Jimmy Johnson, Chris Rose, and Shaun Tringelof assisted the committee with organizing and loading the trees for residents. Approximately 30 residents who signed up for the trees did not claim them. Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose deployed two follow-up messages this week to these residents with Jason Brock coordinating pick-up arrangements. Any trees not picked up will be planted on city property. The committee plans to recommend several locations in the Heights where trees could be planted.

CITY SERVICES NOTICE



PUBLIC WORKS

We could not complete

- Brush collection
- Leaf collection
- Road repair
- Snow removal
- Other _____

due to:

- Items not accepted
- Vehicle blocking access
- Other _____

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Public Safety

Fire Chief, Otto Huber, LSF D Executive Officer, Brue Hawk, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, Dan Montgomery with MSA Architects and I, held a design kick-off for the new Fire Station 63. All involved with the design process appreciate the need for the new station to compliment the surrounding structures, which include many residential units. As the design process continues updates will follow.

LPD was invited to Loveland Presbyterian Church's Trunk or Treat and spent time with some great kids! One young lady told Lieutenant Mike Szpak she wants to be a police officer when she grows up and wore the costume to prove it.

Chief Gabrielson sat down with Loveland Magazine reporter, and intern Mahi Sheth for a "meet the Chief" video segment. Mahi, a Loveland High School student, did a great job on just her second video interview



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Halloween Villainous Edition will be held in downtown Loveland on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Trick or Treat is Monday, October 31, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Finance Commission will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
