



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

November 4, 2022



New landscaping was installed along the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail

Administration

I met with Councilman John Hart, representing Loveland City Schools, to review locations for a sign that the city and the school district are working on, saluting Loveland Middle School Girls State Track Championship.



Tuesday evening, I met with residents from Loveland Miami Road to discuss their concerns regarding the location of the proposed sidewalks included in the 2023 budget. The city will work with Choice One Engineering to determine modifications to the siting of the sidewalks in an effort to reduce any adverse impact. Once proposed modifications are made, another meeting with the residents will be scheduled.

The north offices of city hall were prepped this week for painting, which will begin this weekend. Following painting, new carpet is also to be installed, as we continue to make much needed improvements to the building.

This week, the City's consultant Patriot Engineering, provided oversight services required to conduct the temporary closure in place of all formerly active underground storage tanks located at 106 West Loveland Avenue. The closure reports will be filed with the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks (BUSTR) to document that the tanks are out of commission, sealed, and no longer active. This critical activity is part of the initial steps to prepare the site for eventual demolition activities. Work continues on the Abandon Gas Station program grant with regard to providing additional information at the request of the funding agency reviewing the submitted application (Ohio Department of Development).



Loveland U met at Public Works this week to learn about storm water, water meters, snow removal routes and asphalt road conditions. Graduation will be held next Wednesday, November 9, at HCC beginning at 6:00 p.m. Council members, department heads, community partners, and representatives from local non-profit agencies have been invited to attend.

Duke Energy has scheduled several upcoming gas main projects within city limits. We expect there will be traffic delays, and we ask residents for their patience during the construction. Please note all dates are weather dependent. Please plan for traffic delays. We will continue to post project updates in the coming weeks. A [project along East Loveland Avenue](#) is ongoing now.

A project will take place in Historic Downtown Loveland from Nov. 9-Dec. 30. Construction will take place Monday-Friday after 9 a.m. No overnight work is planned. Two-way traffic will be maintained by flaggers. There will be three construction locations:

- ◆ Intersection of SR 48/2nd Street (near Graeter's & fire station)
- ◆ Along E. Broadway St. (Five Points intersection to trestle near Loveland Canoe & Kayak)
- ◆ Along Karl Brown Way (Trestle to Harrison Ave. near Nisbet Park)

State Route 48/Oakland – The final project will begin in late November and is expected to run through January 2023. This will take place from the east end of St. Columban's property (near football field) to the intersection at Loveland-Miamiville Road/Oak St. This project will require day and night work. Single lanes will be closed during the day with two-way traffic maintained by flaggers. A portion of the project will require nightwork with a full closure and detour.

News was released this week about [Fall Brush Collection](#) and [Gas Main Projects](#).

Building and Zoning

This week, the Building and Zoning Department issued several permits for on-going projects of significance within the City. At Blossom Hill, permits were approved and issued for the third building, located at 115—123 Blossom View. Construction activities can now commence at this location, further advancing this project. Also, the department completed the review of the solar panel installation at the new Public Works Building, located at 10980 Loveland Madeira Road, and issued the permits to complete this installation. Once the contractor has received IBI approvals, the installation work will commence.

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

- ◆ The demising wall planned at the Goodwill location at 330 Loveland Madeira Road is ready for approval, pending the receipt of review fees.
- ◆ A permit is ready to be issued for the re-roofing of eleven buildings at Chapelwood Apartments, pending the receipt of the required permit review fees.
- ◆ Inspections continued at Shopper's Haven this week for interior tenant improvements.
- ◆ Final HVAC inspections were scheduled for the HVAC replacement project at Castle Skateland.
- ◆ Inspections continued at Premier Pain (1303 Mattec) and Blossom Hill (108 Blossom Hill).
- ◆ The department is working with Fischer Homes to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for the unit located at 118 Blossom View, which will serve as the model unit for the project.

Additionally this week, the Chief Building Official conducted public outreach on several residential properties that were performing exterior work without permits. The Department will continue to work with these owners to secure the permits required to complete the improvements, in a manner consistent with applicable code requirements. The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 for an introductory review of proposed mobile food vendor regulations. The Commission voted to adopt a motion to schedule a work session to review the draft regulations and to discuss potential changes thereto, prior to taking action to proceed through the text amendment process.

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

Finance

On Thursday the Finance Commission met for the third time to discuss the 2023 Budget. The Finance Commission has worked very hard to review the requested budget, and has recommended that the budget be approved by City Council. Staff anticipates that the 2023 Budget will be presented to Council at the November 22, 2022 meeting. We would like to thank the Finance Commission for their dedication and hard work during the budget process.

Public Works

Brush collection will run November 7-18. It is essential that residents follow instructions so that crews can work efficiently. We encourage you to review the list of accepted items, read the instructions, and/or watch the instructional video. All can be found [here](#). Leaf pick-up is ongoing through November 16. You can view the street schedule [here](#).

DER is doing site work at the PW complex to prep the new parking area in front of the building. Proofroll was conducted this week on Phase 2 of ChimneyRidge. It passed & Heath Ct. is now curbed & paved.

Public Safety

This week LPD made a huge advancement in interoperability between NECC Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and the Records Management System (RMS) or report writing system used by officers. This connection allows information and data entered by NECC to transfer and be available to officers when they complete their reports, saving officers from duplicating work already completed. A huge thank you to LPD Systems Manager Tina Kerns, LSFd Captain Aaron Burg and Hamilton County RCIC.

Mayor, Kathy Bailey, Vice Mayor, Ted Phelps and Councilmember, Kent Blair, were joined by Assistant Cory Manager, Cory Wright and I, to participate in a "Push In" of the recently delivered Rescue Unit 61 at the Symmes Fire Station. As explained by LSFd Deputy Chief, William Goldfeder, the "Push In" tradition dates



back to the late 1800's when horse drawn fire equipment returning to the station needed to be disconnected and "Pushed In" back into the station bays.

During the ceremony, Fire Chief, Otto Huber also swore in newly promoted officers for the Loveland Symmes Fire Department.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City Council will hold a Work Session on Monday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. regarding the 2023 Capital Improvement Program followed by their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Tuesday, November 8, is Election Day. City Hall and the Safety Center are polling locations.

The Parks and Recreation Board are scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Followed by a meeting of the Tree and Environment Committee at 7:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, in observation of Veterans Day. Join middle school students from St. Columban School in honoring the men and women who have served our Country at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial.

For a listing of other community events, visit <https://lovinlifeloveland.com/events/>
