



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

November 18, 2022



The city was awarded grant funding for improvements to the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park

Administration

The city received notification of two grant awards for park improvements projects. The Purina Foundation has awarded the city \$11,545 towards the installation of a dog water fountain to be installed in the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park. The new fountain will be installed before spring and should be a welcome addition to users of the park. Also, the city has been awarded \$28,422 in grant funding for a pedestrian path within Nisbet Park which will connect the soon to be installed gazebo to the bike trail. The pedestrian path will also lead to other components included within the Nisbet Park Master Plan. To view the Nisbet Park Master Plan, [Click Here](#).



Recently, I had the opportunity to discuss with some local residents options for the city to expand its number of pickleball courts. The popularity of the sport throughout the country, and within the city continues to grow. With this popularity, cities are beginning to construct pickleball only courts, rather than simply modifying existing tennis courts. The city and the parks and recreation board will continue to work with residents to identify locations for pickleball only courts, and gather information from area communities which have already installed them.

Speaking of the dog park, students from Tigers Inc. are assisting the city with the dimensions for the installation of a “small dog” section within the park. Always part of the original plan, the new section, which is included in the 2023 budget, will utilize an existing gate within the unleashing area. Tigers Inc. played an important role in the original dog park and their assistance and energy is greatly appreciated.

We recently met with the Loveland Sustainability Council to discuss how the city can advance its recycling efforts. One of the proposals which we are reviewing is installing an additional recycling dumpster in the Linda Cox Parking Area. The dumpster would only use up two parking spaces, and would include a screening. Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I met with a Rumpke representative at the proposed location, and they agreed that access in and out of the parking area will accommodate their trucks. An additional recycling location would be beneficial to businesses in the south side of the downtown district, and would reduce the heavy use we are experiencing at the recycling station on Harrison Avenue. As always, the efforts of the Loveland Sustainability Council are appreciated.



Staff participated in a zoom meeting with Duke Energy personnel to review our lighting options for the West Loveland Bridge Sidewalk Replacement project. In addition to installing new railings as part of the project, the city will be replacing the lighting along the north side of the bridge with a style more in keeping with our existing streetcapping. The bridge project, which is finally back on track, will create an enhanced entryway into our downtown business district. Thanks again to Mayor Bailey for helping secure the funding from Clermont County to offset significant increases in the overall project cost. The project is now a joint effort between the City of Loveland, Hamilton and Clermont counties.



At the former Mobil Station located at 106 West Loveland Avenue, the city, along with its consultant Patriot Engineering, completed core and drilling samples in furtherance of the city's pursuit of Abandoned Gas Station Grant Program funds through the Ohio Department of Development. Once the grant application to assist in completing the demolition and remediation activities is approved and funding is confirmed, work will commence to demolish the structure, remove the tanks, and remediate environmental conditions from known prior UST leakage on the site.

This week on the Chestnut Street Property, city staff and Patriot Engineering continued efforts to finalize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permitting questions and to furnish additional information responsive to the Corps' requests. Once all additional information is provided, the city and subconsultant Meristem, and primary consultant Patriot Engineering, will move forward with finalizing the mitigation and clearing and grading permits once approvals are received from the Army Corps. Once permits are in hand, mitigation and remediation work will commence on the site.

The third session of Loveland U wrapped up on November 9 with 18 participants graduating. Back row: Christiaan De Jongh, Pat Mays, Police Chief Michael Gabrielson, John Cummins, Shanda Gentry, Ryan Shew Shewmaker, Tom Scovanner, Kelly Sardello, Suzanne Welker, Jordan Dwyer, and Loveland U Director Rob Weisgerber. Front row: Debby Combs, Sue Selegaean-Dostal, Theresa Cummins, and Minette Wildhaber. Not pictured: Brian Maxon, Joan Hutton, Danielle Kamerud.



News was released this week about [Employees Recognized by City Council](#), [Loveland U Graduation](#), and [Park System Investments](#).

The print newsletter was mailed to residents last week (approx. Nov. 10). You can read a copy [here](#).

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose attended a Public Information Officer training November 15-17.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, work continued at the Blossom Hill Development. Additional inspections continued at 104, 106, and 108 Blossom View, as those units are progressing nicely. In addition, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was granted for 118 Blossom View, as this project will be the model home for the duration of the community build-out process. When the final Certificate of Occupancy is issued, the garage will be converted back to unfinished space as the temporary sales offices there will be removed. Additional plans and renderings were received for the DVD Brew Project, located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road. The project is presently in review now, and once the reviews are completed, the recommendations will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission for final review as part of the site plan approval process.

- Work and inspections continue on Premier Pain. Fire Alarm plans were submitted and approved and a temporary solution was achieved for the fire suppression line, until such time that the backordered meters arrive.
- Inspections continued at the new Public Works Building, located at 10980 Loveland Madeira Road.
- Plans were approved and a permit was issued for fire alarm system upgrades at the Loveland Elementary School.
- The City received plans for an additional parking area, to be installed at Oasis Turf and Tree, located at 897 Loveland Madeira Road.
- The plans for St. Columban's Community Center were received and are now under review at this time.

Public Works

Pavement was installed around the new public works building. Once staff fully occupies the building, and the old building is razed, the entire public works campus is scheduled to be paved as part of the 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).



On Wednesday we received notification that the city will be awarded a grant of up to \$50,000 for equipment and staff time required to map and inventory water service lines served by the city's water system. The authorization of the grant agreement execution is on the council agenda for next Tuesday. Special thanks to Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Ricky Gregory for identifying this important funding source.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Today, the OPWC District 2 Integrating Committee met and approved its 2023 funding list, which included a recommendation for both of the city's two applications. The East Loveland Ave. project will receive a \$722,400 grant through OPWC's SCIP funds and the Harrison Avenue project will receive a \$370,000 grant through OPWC's LTIP funds. The City already began survey and engineering work on East Loveland Avenue and will begin the process of acquiring easements soon, finishing the design and bid documents in early 2023. Surveying and design for the Harrison Ave. project is expected to start in January. OPWC follows the state's fiscal year of July 1-June 30. So, these construction contracts may be awarded as early as July 1, 2023. Due to Clermont County's road closure for the bridge replacement on O'Bannonville Rd. near Hutchinson Rd. planned to begin July, 2023, the E. Loveland Ave. project will not commence until Fall 2023 (following the re-opening of O'Bannonville Rd.). These are significant grant award for the city, for two very important projects. City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein's efforts to continually secure grant funding to allow the city to make these types of improvements is outstanding. Thanks Cindy!

Public Safety

Investigator Jesse Moore shows off his new Crime Scene protection suit. Detectives are required to don coveralls, masks, gloves, and overshoes before they enter major crime scenes. This is to reduce the risk of cross contamination and to protect them from exposure to biological substances, dirt, and liquids.



After 44 years and never forgetting Cheryl A. Thompson, LPD joined Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deter in announcing a suspect was indicted for her murder. Through advancements in DNA science, bodily fluids left at the scene identified Ralph Howell as the killer to the odds of 1 in a trillion. Howell died in a car crash in 1985 however DNA was collected from his buried remains this summer. This case was worked by dozens of officers, investigators, technicians, and scientists and is a great example of what hard work and dedication can resolve. LPD is honored to provide Cheryl and her family with the justice and closure they deserve.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Board of Tax Appeals will meet on Tuesday, November 22, at 5:30 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, for Thanksgiving.

Visit www.LovinLifeLoveland.com for information about community events.
