



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

December 8, 2022



This city mourns the loss of retired K9 Mack.

Thank you Mack for your years of tireless service to the City of Loveland.

#### Administration

At the former Mobil Station located at 106 West Loveland Avenue, the City received notice from the City's consultant that the remediation project and Ohio Abandoned Gas Station Program grant has been recommended for approval by the Ohio Department of Development and will be forwarded to the Controlling Board for final approval. Many months of work have been involved in positioning the site for remediation, and once the funding is secured, it is anticipated that work will commence soon to demolish the structure, remove the tanks, and remediate existing and potentially unknown releases in an approved manner. Special acknowledgment Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright for all of his efforts and persistence with this project. Thanks to Cory's efforts, ultimately the city will have a site, with all underground tanks properly removed, that will improve traffic and allow for a gateway site into the downtown district.

News was released about [Duke Energy's Gas Inspections this month](#). These are routine compliance inspections that will take place in the community through Dec. 31.

The city's monthly e-newsletter was sent this week. Read it [here](#). Subscribe [here](#).

The Christmas Tree Lighting Festival took place last Saturday. There was a very strong turnout for the event. Thank you to the Loveland-Symmes Firefighters Association and the Shops of Brown's Crossing. And a special thank you to the Loveland U graduates who volunteered their time to set up decorations for the event, as well as our Public Works crew that acted as Santa's helpers readying the decorations. This [video is a short event recap](#) in under 30 seconds – see the countdown and the moment when the tree was lit!



Planning continues for the [2023 Hearts Afire Weekend](#). Dec. 1 was the deadline for local businesses to inform the city about their event plans. If you would like to participate but missed the deadline, please contact [krose@lovelandoh.gov](mailto:krose@lovelandoh.gov). Hard to believe its possible, but Misty and her planning crew say this years event will be even bigger than last year!

Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, and I had the opportunity to meet with two city residents to discuss a wide variety of topics including the 2023 budget, concerns regarding traffic and the cost of parking facility, along with the need to make water system improvements in a timely manner. City staff appreciated the opportunity to meet with the residents and to discuss their concerns.

Throughout the week we fielded calls from residents regarding the recently executed Water Main Replacement (WMR) fee. These calls were a result of the city's efforts to utilize multiple sources of communications to notify our water customers of the impending fee. While it is quite clear that no one likes additional fees, I feel that some of the residents I spoke to understand the need to improve our water system and maintain its operation locally. I greatly appreciate all the residents that have called and those that we have met with individually, and will continue to be available to field questions. Also related to the WMR fee, letters were mailed to the owners of all multiple family buildings to make sure that they are aware of the fee, and the fact that it a per unit charge. Information inserts will be added to the next utility bill explaining the new fee along with a fact sheet prepared by Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose

## Building and Zoning

Inspection and construction activities continue as the buildout of Blossom Hill continue. In addition, the department has been busy this week conducting several plan reviews for projects that are in the pre-development stages. Specifically, plan reviews were completed, and a meeting was held with representatives advancing the planned microbrewery at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road, which will involve repurposing the existing car wash facility into the brewery and tap room use. Elsewhere, the City completed reviews for the planned parking lot expansion at Oasis Turf and Tree along Loveland Madeira Road and provided review comments responsive to the proposal.

Here is a summary of other activities of the Building and Zoning Department during the past week:

- Hydrostatic inspections were completed for the sprinkler system at the new public works building.
- Revised site plans were submitted for the site work to be completed in conjunction with the new St. Columban Community Center with plan reviews anticipated to be completed responsive to the submittal.
- Also at St. Columban, the department awaits revised building plans for review by the building plan examiner.
- An application was received from Kroger for the replacement of refrigeration equipment. Plans have been approved and are ready for a permit to be issued.
- Northstar Church submitted plans for a minor interior renovation, which were reviewed by the plans examiner. Minor revisions are required before the permit can be issued.
- ISO will be conducting a review of the department in the coming weeks, which will be coordinated by and between the ISO, Permit Specialist Noel, and Chief Building Officer Paul Myers.
- The department completed inspections at Shopper's Haven for the Premier Dance expansion. Once corrections are made, a certificate of occupancy can be issued.

Property maintenance and enforcement efforts continued, with several existing violations corrected, and additional violation letters distributed to offending properties. Complaints continue to be investigated as they are received. On Tuesday of this week, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a work session to review draft Mobile Food Vendor regulations. In general, the draft regulations and text amendments were well-received, with minor corrections and changes made to the document during the work session. The text amendments will be finalized and will then be brought to the Commission for initiation of the text amendment process, pursuant to the Planning and Zoning Code for the City of Loveland.

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## Finance

The finance staff also received many calls this week from residents with questions regarding the new Water Main Replacement (WMR) fee. Finance Department staff have answered many of these calls, all while keeping up with their normal workload.

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## Public Works

The new public works building is in its final stages of completion. Painting, flooring, fixtures are all complete, all that remains is IT and cabling and other punch list items. All required permitting for the solar panels have been issued, and they are being scheduled for installation on the roof of the building.



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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.; and the Veterans Memorial Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Many holiday events are approaching. For an event listing, please visit [Lovin Life Loveland](#).

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