



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

January 13, 2023



Mayor and Council honored Pat Furterer with the naming of a portion of Second Street as "Pat Furterer Way"

Administration

Last Saturday, Mayor, Kathy Bailey and Councilmember, John Hart, joined the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance in announcing the 2023 Valentines Lady, Donna Barnes. Donna's contribution to the community of Loveland was read by fellow Valentines Lady, Kay Bolin and were quite impressive. Donna will be in attendance at the January 24th council meeting.



City Staff finalized revisions to the proposed outdoor lighting ordinance and will be presenting these soon to Law and Ordinance Committee for action. Also this week, City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein, Assistant City Manager Wright, and I met virtually with representatives from the state, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Program Manager to begin the process of updating the City's Flood Damage Prevention Regulations to maintain compliance with recent mandates issued by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). In the coming weeks, City Staff will be working to incorporate these amendments into the City's current documents, with the intent of bringing the amended regulations forward to Council for review and adoption early in 2023.

At the Chestnut Street Property, the City held discussions with Wetlands Subconsultant Meristem and Patriot Engineering to take steps to advance the remediation after the issuance of the Nationwide 404 Permit on the property. In the coming weeks, City staff will be coordinating the purchase of the wetland mitigation bank credits that were required to advance the project. In addition, the City will be demarcating the wetland areas, and will be issuing notice of commencements to both Buckeye Elm Contracting and Innovative Environmental Technologies to advance the remediation work.

Recent city news releases include [LPD Connects with Care Center](#), [Business Awards](#), [2023 Call for Musicians](#), and [Pat Furterer Way](#).

The city dedicated a portion of State Route 48/Second Street as Pat Furterer Way. Mrs. Furterer is one of the 11 founders of [Loveland Stage Company](#), the city's nonprofit community theater group. Two honorary street signs have been placed along Second Street near LSC's home, Crist Theater. Mrs. Furterer was presented with an honorary sign at this week's City Council meeting. Many of her biggest "fans" were in the audience – family, friends, fellow Valentine Ladies, LSC volunteers. Special thanks to Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose and Public Works Supervisor Rob Hayden for designing the honorary sign template and coordinating the process.

Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend in LOVEland! Promotion to the public of Hearts Afire Weekend began this week. All weekend activities can be found [listed online](#). We have more than 30 ice sculptures planned for the event. If you want to get involved, please contact krrose@lovelandoh.gov.

The city is seeking musicians for its 2023 events, including the Concert in the Park Series and Independence Day Celebration. Interested performers are encouraged to [apply online](#). City staff will review the applications and book acts by early March.

Building and Zoning

This week, the Department completed Certificate of Occupancy inspections for Tender Years Preschool, located at Loveland Presbyterian Church. The Certificate of Occupancy will assist the preschool in preserving their certifications from the State of Ohio. Framing inspections also took place at Northstar Church for a minor interior renovation there. At Blossom Hill, work continues, with the slab inspections scheduled to occur on Thursday at 115-123 Blossom View. Once the inspections are completed, the concrete slab can be poured. At the new public works building, fire

alarm plans were approved. The department also assisted the Public Works Department and City Engineer with meeting reporting requirements to OEPA. Property maintenance inspections continue to occur on an as-needed basis.

Finance

Wednesday a luncheon was held to welcome Stephanie McGill to the Finance Department team. Stephanie started in late December as a part-time Finance Clerk and we are very happy to have her here with us.



This week the Finance Department closed the financial books on 2022. Assistant Finance Director, Charles Bastin, has been busy coordinating new purchase orders for 2023 to ensure the City's vendors continue to be paid in a timely manner. Preparations for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Finance Report are already underway.

Public Works

Public works crews installed the new street signs honoring City Council's naming of Pat Furterer Way along a portion of Second Street.



TREE CITY USA®

John Robinson, Chairman of the Tree and Environment Committee notified staff that the city has once again been designated as a Tree City. Also, the Tree and Environment Committee met to plan their 2023 goals which includes a trail map, doubling the tree give away program and many more items

Public Safety

Officer Michael Wright was recognized last night at the Hamilton County Police Association's Annual Awards & Installation Banquet. Officer Wright was awarded the Clarence "Cid" Caesar (Cincinnati P.D.) Award for Investigation Demonstrating Interagency Cooperation to recognize his work with multiple agencies during a 2022 credit card skimmer investigation.



The Civil Service Commission met to approve the certified eligibility list for the position of Police Officer. From this list, the city will be selecting up to 2 new police officers to join the Loveland Police Department.

It was my privilege to join Mayor Bailey, as Fire Chief, Otto Huber and the Loveland Symmes Fire Department honored Bob Kirby this week. Bob is retiring after 50 years in the fire service including 20 with LSF. Bob's dedication to the communities of Loveland and Symmes Township, and his gratitude to Chief Huber and LSF was very apparent. It is easy to forget the dedication and sacrifices that first responders make for our communities, this event offered up a friendly reminder. Thanks Bob, enjoy your well deserved retirement.



Enrollment for LSF's 2023 Safety Camp is open. Children ages 5-7 from the City of Loveland and Symmes Township are eligible to register. Learn more and register at <https://www.striveacademy.org/lbfd-safety-camp>.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Next weeks committee meetings at City Hall

- Finance Commission, Tuesday the 17th at 5:00 p.m.
- Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), Tuesday the 17th at 6:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board, Wednesday the 18th at 6:00 p.m.
- Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

For other upcoming community events and activities visit www.LovinLifeLoveland.com.
