



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

January 20, 2023



LSFD hosted a table disaster training for Loveland and Symmes Township Emergency Personnel

Administration

This week, City Manager Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Wright, and City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein met with Patriot Engineering, Buckeye Elm Contracting, and Innovative Environmental Technologies to hold a pre-construction meeting in advance of commencing work to remediate long-standing environmental contamination at the Chestnut Street Property. Wetlands have been marked and preserved in advance of the remediation activities, and a boundary survey will also be completed to stake the property limits in advance of the work proceeding. Additionally, the City continues to work with Meristem and Patriot Engineering to secure the wetland mitigation bank credits through the Nature Conservancy Ohio – In Lieu Fee Program – Jacoby Branch Mitigation Project as required by the Nationwide 404 Permit.



On Friday of this week, City Staff held a virtual meeting with Ohio Department of Transportation Staff to begin the review of the various letters of interest received in response to the West Loveland Avenue Congestion Mitigation Study. Once feedback is received from ODOT District 8, the City will review and rank the proposals. Once a consultant is identified, the city will begin negotiating the scope of work, with the project to start thereafter.

On Wednesday of this week, Chief Huber, City Manager Kennedy, and Assistant City Manager Wright held a design team meeting with MSA to discuss the Fire Station 63 Design Review Process. The design team continues to work through process and programming issues related to the site, in furtherance of the task at hand. The design process and programming will continue refinement throughout the next several months.

Recent city news releases include [City Named Tree City USA](#), [LSFD CPR Training/AEDs in City](#), and [Officer Michael Wright Awarded](#).

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose met with students from Tiger Inc. this week. The students are working on a directory sign for city parks.

Also in park news, special thanks to the city's Engineering/GIS intern Sean Deryck. Sean completed a master map of the city parks and field maps for Boike, Bodley/Betty Ray, and Phillips. Maps may be downloaded from <https://lovelandoh.gov/174/Parks-Trails>.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, a demolition permit was issued for the decommissioned public works building located at 10980 Loveland Madeira Road, which was authorized by Council at the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting. In addition, Building and Zoning Staff met with the developer of the DVD Brewing Microbrewery Facility at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road, to review site plans and to refine the development and landscaping plans prior to the applicant finalizing the Site Plan Review application for Planning and Zoning Commission consideration. Once the plans are finalized, reviews will be completed and the matter will be scheduled for review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, which will then allow the applicant to proceed to permitting. Elsewhere in the City, work continues to progress at Blossom Hill, with work continuing on all of the units presently under construction there. Hydrostatic testing was also completed at the new Premier Pain facility in the Loveland Commerce Park, and progress continued at Quilter's Studio, with the remaining windows installed at this newly renovated facility.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM to consider the draft zoning text amendments intended to modify the existing Mobile Food Vendor (food truck) regulations.

Finance

On Tuesday the Finance Commission held their first meeting of 2023. The main item of discussion was the 2022 fourth quarter financial report which was accepted and will be presented to City Council at the January 24, 2023 meeting.

Public Works

Rob Hayden, with our Public Works Department, received his State of Ohio, Ohio EPA, Class II Water Treatment Plant Operators License this week. Thanks to Rob's efforts, the city now has two Class II or higher operators. Good job Rob!

The city's new Cat Mini Excavator was delivered this week. This piece of equipment will be an important tool for maintaining important city services. The accompanying picture shows the excavator inside the new Public Works Building.



After much delay, installation of the new playset at Phillips Park began this week. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Board for the selected color scheme. The playset equipment really stands out and will be enjoyed by our youth for many years to come.

Public Safety

This week, LPD rolled out use of the Axon Body 3, body cameras. Now all officers are equipped with this portable body camera while responding to calls. Cameras have proven to provide transparency for the public but have also shown a reduction in allegations and complaints against officers. Although a great piece of technology, it is important to understand these cameras are just another tool since they can never capture everything an officer may see, hear or experience.



AXON BODY 3

Yesterday LPD was honored by Mission BBQ Mason, Ohio, with lunch for our officers and staff on day and night shift. Manager, Cheryl presented the meal and shared the mission of Mission BBQ with us, "Proudly Serving Those Who Serve, we honor and give back to our Uniformed American Heroes—Police, Fire, First Responders and our Military."



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City Council will meet on Tuesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

City Manager, Dave Kennedy, will be out of the office next week beginning Wednesday. In his absence, Cory Wright will serve as acting City Manager.
