



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

January 27, 2023



A ribbon cutting was held at the new Public Works facility on Saturday, January 21. Local 12 WKRC attended the ribbon cutting and the story was featured on the evening news.

Administration

Two new city employees were sworn in at the January 24 City Council meeting. Patricia (Pat) Banks joins the Loveland Police Department as Records Specialist. She brings 25 years of experience to her role. In addition to records duties, she provides customer service at LPD's front desk. Stephanie McGill joins City Hall staff as a Finance Clerk. She has a strong background in accounting. She performs various duties including tax assistance, accounts receivable, and customer service.



This week, City Manager Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Wright, and City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein met with the gazebo structure contractor and gazebo foundation contractor to hold a pre-construction meeting on site at Nisbet Park in order to review the plans and field conditions at the location of the new gazebo project. Shortly after the issuance of final permits, the foundation contractor mobilized to the site and began site preparation work to install the footers for the project, in preparation for the arrival of the gazebo structure.



At the Chestnut Street Property, the City, along with Wetlands Consultant Meristem and lead Environmental Engineering Firm Patriot Engineering, worked with the Nature Conservancy of Ohio to finalize wetland mitigation bank credits within the Jacoby Branch Watershed, which will offset impacts to approximately 0.10 acres of wetlands located on the Chestnut Street Property as required by the Nationwide 404 permit. Once the credit acquisition is finalized and confirmed, the City can then authorize full clearing and grading activities to proceed on the Chestnut Street Property in accordance with the remediation grant. Contractors continue to mobilize in preparation for carrying out site remediation activities.

The City is also awaiting receipt of the executed grant funding agreement from the Ohio Department of Development for the Ohio Abandoned Gas Station (AGS) Remediation Program grant awarded to the City for remediation and demolition of the former Mobile Station located at 106 West Loveland Avenue. The City has been awarded \$250,000 in funding through the AGS funding program for site demolition, UST closure activities, and monitoring and environmental remediation. Once the grant is returned to the City via the Adams County Land Reutilization Corporation, the demolition and tank removal activities will commence.

Planning continues for [Hearts Afire Weekend](#). Many activities are scheduled across the city, including an ice sculpture tour of 35+ sculptures. [Click here](#) to view the event brochure. Printed copies of the brochure will be available in local businesses starting next week.

We are quickly approaching the deadline for the Hearts Afire Valentine Pageant! This is a fundraiser pageant for ages 1-4 to support the Loveland Stage Company. The show is for FUN, will be judged by the Loveland Valentine Ladies, and no “experience” is required. Contestants do not have to live within city limits. Entries will be accepted through Jan. 30 – [click here](#) to learn more and download the entry form.

Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose attended a Google training on January 26, held through the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance.

Recent city news releases include [Public Works Facility Completed](#), [Purina Grant for Dog Park, New Hires](#), and [Hearts Afire Weekend Supports Local Causes](#).

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the department completed framing inspections at the 282 East Kemper Road site where Rumpke continues their expansion project. Work continues to progress on all fronts there. In addition, the department received plans for a temporary tent from the Loveland Music Boosters organization for their annual event at Loveland High School. Plans were approved and permits are now ready for issue for the new sign at 597 Loveland Madeira Road, where Tara’s Pet Boutique is now located. Final permits were also issued for the gazebo project at Nisbet Park, with work now underway on the foundation and footers necessary to support the structure.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider text amendments that would revise mobile food vendor regulations for the City on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Finance

Last Friday Finance Department staff took part in an online Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) training session. The Department is starting to see a higher volume of people coming in to file their 2022 City of Loveland taxes. To avoid long waits, residents and non-residents who are required to file can do so online at www.ritaohio.com by the April 18, 2023 deadline. RITA’s filing assistance phone number is 800-860-7482 and is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Public Works

The Public Works Department responded to two snow events this week, Sunday and Wednesday. Sunday’s snow event saw accumulations between five and six inches.



The demolition of the old public works building is slated to begin on Tuesday of next week, with the Contractor mobilizing equipment to the site.



Work continues at the Phillips Park playset installation site, and the improvements are now nearly complete. The final step will be adding mulch within the newly poured playground perimeter.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 31, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Information about upcoming community events can be found on the city’s [Lovin Life Loveland website](#).
