



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

February 3, 2023



The old Public Works office building was demolished this week.

Administration

I spoke at the Little Miami River's State of the Region event on February 2 along with Miami Township Administrator Jeff Wright, and Symmes Township Administrator Kim Lapensee. Vice Mayor Ted Phelps, Councilman Kip Ping, Assistant City Manager Cory Wright, Assistant to the City Manager/Clerk of Council Misty Clark, and Marketing & Communications Coordinator Krista Rose were in attendance.

Recent city news releases include [Mural by Loveland HS Senior](#) and [LPD's Lexipol Award](#). The mural story was well-received by media and was covered on WLWT 5, WCPO 9, and WKRC 12.

Hearts Afire Weekend [brochures](#) were distributed to businesses this week. Media interviews were scheduled with WLWT 5 and WCPO Cincy Lifestyle. Krista Rose did an interview with WXIX 19 about the Hearts Afire event, which aired January 31. Additionally, the event has been included in regional Valentine's Day stories and blogs, including [altafiber's "Guide to Valentine's Day."](#) Enthusiastic volunteers Nancy Duff and Sherri Fening filmed a promo video for Hearts Afire on Tuesday. Krista is editing and it will be shared within the week.

On Tuesday, Loveland 360, the city's wellness committee, hosted Office Olympics during lunch. Olympians from all departments joined in fun office related games including rubber band archery, pencil toss javelin, a coffee mug relay, office chair curling and some Olympic trivia. Loveland 360 is committed to meeting the overall wellness of all employees and this event brought employees from all departments together for some fun while encouraging healthy mental, social and physical wellness.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the City received permit applications for the fourth building at the Blossom Hill development identified as 125-133 Blossom View, and the plans are now under review by the City. This permit application is notable as the project nears build-out in record time and the development continues to progress with multiple buildings now under construction at the site. Certificates of Occupancy were issued to the first building permitted, containing 110, 112, 114 and 116 Blossom View. In addition, the department issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for 118 Blossom View, which is presently being used as the model unit. The building containing 100-108 Blossom View is in the final stages of inspection now, and once the decking is completed, Certificates of Occupancy will be granted for these units. The building under construction and identified as 115-123 Blossom View is now in the framing stages of inspections, with work steadily continuing on this structure. With the receipt of the application for 125-133 Blossom View, only one building remains to be permitted, and it is anticipated that this permit application will be submitted soon.

Here are some additional highlights from the Building and Zoning Department for the past week:

- Permits continue to be pulled at 330 Loveland Madeira for the alterations to Goodwill. This week, the City also received an application for the Fire Suppression permit, with plans currently under review. Inspections continue at the site for the framing of a demising wall. These alterations are in preparation for a new Auto Zone that will be moving into the same complex adjacent to Goodwill. Auto Zone plans to convert 3 of the tenant spaces on site into one store.
- The hydrostatic inspection was conducted by the Chief Building Official (CBO) and Fire Department at the project located at 1301 Mattec. The CBO also met with contractors and utility companies at 1301 Mattec to discuss the meter pit and fire line going into the building.
- The final inspection took place for the small alteration (relocating a bathroom and interior wall) at NorthStar Church.

- Inspections continue at the new homes under construction in the ChimneyRidge Subdivision.
- This week, the footer and foundation work continued at the Nisbet Park Gazebo Project. Footer inspections took place on Monday, and the footers were then poured and blanketed by the concrete contractor due to the colder weather conditions. The slab and foundation final inspections are anticipated to be scheduled soon.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold the public hearing to consider the Mobile Food Vendor draft zoning text regulations at the February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting. The meeting will be held at City Hall in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM. In addition, the City received the application for Zoning Map Amendment for the Oak Street Special Planning District (SPD) this week. This is the second step in the process to finalize the Oak Street SPD. Once the application filing is reviewed for completeness, the matter will be forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the March 7, 2023 Meeting. The March 7, 2023 Meeting is expected to be very busy, as the Commission will be conducting a Site Plan Review for the new DVD Brew facility located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road, and will also be reviewing a Conditional Use application for a project located at 199 Sentry Hill.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for a new commercial building at 115 Railroad Avenue. Following some design modifications by the applicant, the HPPC approved the COA. Construction on the new restaurant will begin this spring.



Finance

A kick-off call on the new budgeting software was conducted this week with Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, Assistant Finance Director, Chuck Bastin and myself. We are excited about how the new software will streamline the budgeting process, and the ability for our residents to easily follow the progress of capital projects and other financial data in the future.

Public Safety

The Loveland Sustainability Council dropped off new recycling containers for LPD and the Loveland Mayor's Court this week. We are proud to assist them in their mission- "Together we encourage recycling, reduce waste, and promote sustainability for the future of Loveland, Ohio." <https://www.lovelandsustainabilitycouncil.org/>



Continuing our initiatives for a green workplace, USA Insulation injected insulation into LPD walls to improve energy efficiency and help reduce noise pollution.

Public Works

The 2023 road paving program was advertised this week. The bid opening is scheduled for February 16. Also this week, a request for approximately \$20,000 of County Vehicle Tax (CVT) funds was submitted to Warren County to put towards the city's road repaving within the Warren County portion of the city.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

The Law and Ordinance Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Hearts Afire Weekend runs from Friday, February 10, through Sunday, February 12. [Click here](#) for more information about the event.

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