



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

February 24, 2023



Former Mobil Station in Downtown District is razed making way for future traffic improvements

Administration

Staff continued to field calls this week about discolored water. Safety alerts pertaining to water are always posted on the city's website (www.LovelandOH.gov) and social media accounts ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) for urgent alerts. Residents can sign up for optional email and text message alerts by visiting <https://lovelandoh.gov/list.aspx>, entering their email address to create a login/profile, and then signing up under the "Alert Center." Staff is looking into establishing itself as a public agency on Nextdoor to broadcast messages to the Loveland community.

I was interviewed by WLWT Channel 5 about the upcoming ODNR bike trail closure. ODNR will temporarily close the bridge starting March 6. It will reopen at the end of March and then close from May to October.

At Chestnut Street, Buckeye Elm mobilized and remediation activities are in the beginning stages. The contractor is now clearing and stockpiling materials. Work will continue in this regard. Innovative Environmental Technologies continues efforts to mobilize with a start date to occur some time in March of 2023 for the groundwater remediation portion of the project.

At the former Mobile Station site located at 106 West Loveland, demolition activities commenced, and the main structure and canopies are now removed. Work continues to remove underground tanks and other underground infrastructure located on the property. Once demolition is completed, testing will occur to determine the levels of remediation required. With the demolition of the former fuel center, the prominence of City Hall and The Works, one of the City's most recognizable historic buildings, is now more evident than ever. Special acknowledgement for the persistence of Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright on this project.

Speaking of Historic Structures, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission met on Wednesday evening to hold public hearings relative to Local Historic Structure designations sought for The Works building located adjacent to City Hall, and the Loveland Historical Society and Museum Center, located along North Riverside Drive. The Commission recommended the designation for both structures, and their actions will be forwarded to City Council for final review and disposition.

The Gazebo at Nisbet Park began to take shape this week, with the superstructure installed and leveled upon the newly poured foundation. On Thursday of this week, the interior roof sheathing was started, displaying a beautiful, stained wood color that will be visible from the inside of the gazebo. The contractor will continue his work to complete the installation in the coming weeks. Electrical work will follow to provide the required power as contemplated in the overall design. In addition, the City plans to meet with the contractor installing additional walks near the gazebo once the area is cleared of gazebo construction materials, to commence this additional enhancement to the immediate project area in Nisbet Park.

I had the opportunity to meet with Loveland High School Senior, Dylan Brown regarding a Tigers Inc. project he is proposing. Dylan is proposing to construct and install bird boxes in the newly named East Loveland Nature Preserve. These bird boxes will be a great addition to the very natural habitat within the nature preserve. We will keep you up to day on Dylan's progress.

News was released this week about the [Hearts Afire Valentine Pageant winners](#), [Bike Trail pedestrian bridge closure](#), and [multiple updates about the water discoloration](#) that affected some city water customers. The city's February e-newsletter was sent and can be viewed [here](#).

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, all reviews were completed, and permits are now ready to issue for 125-133 Blossom View (5 units) located in the Blossom Hill Development. In addition, both 102 Blossom View and 104 Blossom View passed final inspections and received certificates of occupancy. Elsewhere in the City, LSFd finished it's review of the plans for the AutoZone located in the Goodwill Center along Loveland Madeira road, and permits are now ready to issue. The residential permitting season is already gaining pace for what looks to be a busy year in the City, with a myriad of homeowner projects, residential

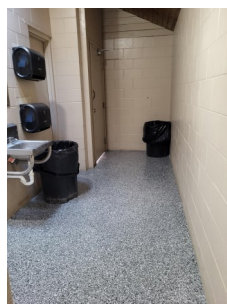
additions, and other improvements being sought in various neighborhoods throughout the City.

Property Maintenance enforcement efforts continue. Along West Loveland Avenue, the City continues to monitor the disposition of a long-vacant property that suffered an extensive loss due to fire. The Property Maintenance Inspector and the Department have been corresponding with the owner, as to the disposition of the property. It is reported that the property may soon be sold, and upon the sale, the property will likely be demolished.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday March 7, 2023 to review site plans for the planned DVD Brew facility at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold public hearings for the Oak Street Development Special Planning District Zoning Amendment, as well as for a Conditional Use located at 199 Sentry Hill Drive. City Council will also hold a public hearing on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM to consider the proposed mobile food vendor text amendment recently forwarded to Council by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and recommended for adoption.

Public Works

Bathroom renovations commenced at McCoy Park, with the installation of a new industrial strength epoxy floor coating installed there. In addition, the bathroom floor at Nisbet Park was also coated with the same high-wear surface, to result in a more aesthetically pleasing, and sanitary experience for patrons at both locations. McCoy Park restroom renovations will continue as time, weather, and contractor availability allows.



Public Safety

This week, Dan Gangwer began his employment with the city as our new Police Captain/Assistant Chief. Dan brings a wealth of experience to the city. The community and the department will benefit from Dan's appointment. Welcome aboard

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The City Records Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m.

The Law and Ordinance Committee will hold a work session on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Back our Businesses Week, sponsored by Tigers Inc., is in full swing. Show your support by visiting downtown retailers and restaurants this week.

To learn more about this and other upcoming community events, visit our [Lovin Life Loveland](#) website.
