



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

March 3, 2023



Mayor and Council welcomes newly appointed Police Captain, Daniel Gangwer.

Administration

The city continues to receive questions about the [Bike Trail Closure](#). Most recently, WCPO published a story to help state the facts. This is an ODNR-managed project. The trail will be closed just north of Nisbet Park starting March 6 for approximately 10 days. Then, it will reopen through May. ODNR will close the trail May-October to replace the pedestrian bridge over O'Bannon Creek.

At the Chestnut Street Property, Buckeye Elm continued initial clearing and site preparation activities in furtherance of the remediation project. Initial sorting and processing of materials will commence after this work has been completed. Work continues at 106 West Loveland Avenue to demolish the fuel center and remove the decommissioned tanks there. The contractor now has the entire building removed and is working to remove pavement and other improvements to access the underground storage tanks on the property.

Work on the Nisbet Park Gazebo continued this week, with the entirety of the Gazebo framework completed, as well as the decorative interior roofing materials installed. Remaining work includes completion of the roof and cupola, final installation of electrical connections, lighting, and related improvements, and completion final inspections. Once the contractor has completed the construction, the City will reengage with Finer Lawn and Landscaping to complete the Nisbet Gazebo Connectivity walkways and landscaping project that was recently authorized by City Council, further enhancing the relationship between the gazebo to the Nisbet Park restroom.

On Wednesday of this week, the Law and Ordinance Committee held a work session to begin review of the proposed Outdoor Lighting Ordinance for the City. The committee made significant progress during the work session, managing to work through more than half of the proposed ordinance, and will continue its review of the remaining portions of the document at an upcoming work session later this month, scheduled to occur on March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Krista has reactivated the city's Nextdoor page. You can find it [here](#). This is a public agency account that will allow the city to reach citizens in times of emergency. We can utilize Nextdoor to publicize urgent alerts like water service disruptions or road closures.

News was released this week about [Spring Brush Collection](#), [Cappy's 15th Anniversary](#), [Hearts Afire Weekend Raised \\$26k for Local Causes](#), [Assistant Police Chief](#), [Planned Water Outage 3/2/23](#), and [Call for Artists](#).

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the department received an application for the demolition of the obsolete structure located at 115 Railroad Avenue, which represents the first concrete step taken to redevelop the site after the owner received approval from the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission to proceed. The demolition permit was reviewed and is now ready to issue. Final inspections were completed for the Ambulatory Care portion of the Premier Pain Management expansion project, and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued. In addition, the final inspection also took place for the new residential unit located at 219 S. Second Street this week. The Department will also conduct a new business walkthrough on Friday of this week, for the property located 422 West Loveland Avenue. The new business locating at this address is Self Care Counseling, LLC, and we welcome them to the City!

Here is a summary of some additional highlights from the Department's activities throughout the past week:

- The demolition of the old Public Works Building is now fully complete and the project has been closed out. Special thanks to Advanced Community Enhancement for a smooth demolition process on a challenging site.
- Final inspections were scheduled for the new Public Works Building this week, and it is anticipated that the Final Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.
- Progress continues the renovations and expansion of Quilter's Studio, with work progressing on various fronts.

- Remodeling efforts continue at Shopper's Haven.
- Property Maintenance enforcement efforts continue.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet next week 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.

Finance

The municipal tax filing deadline of Tuesday April 18, 2023 is approaching. Tax payers that need assistance with filing are encouraged to visit the Finance Department sooner rather than later to avoid long waits. Fast, free filing is also available online at the Regional Income Tax Agency's website (www.ritaohio.com).

Public Safety

Our new Assistant Police Chief Dan Gangwer was sworn into office at this week's City Council meeting. He comes to LPD from the Kettering Police Department, where he served for the past 27.5 years. At Tuesday's meeting, he was joined by his wife, daughter, and former co-workers. Welcome to the LPD family!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m.

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