



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

March 24, 2023



Improvements at City Hall continue as foundation drains are installed

#### Administration

Waterproofing activities continued at City Hall this week, with portions of the main outlet drain and backwater check valve installed. Waterproofing membranes are now being installed as well. Downspout and other connection work also continued to progress. Work will continue to complete this important project in the coming weeks.

The city closed on its purchase of 501 Loveland Madeira Road this week. The purchase of the property and the upcoming razing of the structure, will enhance the economic viability of the city owned Chestnut Street property and will provide for future traffic improvements. Special thanks to Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright who began working on this project immediately upon his arrival with the city.



Police Chief, Mike Gabrielson, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein and I participated in a web meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to look at options for creating a bike trail detour during the bridge replacement project.

Work continues at the Chestnut Street property. As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, IET's crews had completed 66 of the 171 proposed injection points. They resumed work this past Monday (March 20<sup>th</sup>) and are continuing to complete 6 to 8 injection points per day. They plan to work through the weekend and complete the second round of injections on Wednesday (March 29<sup>th</sup>). Predicted heavy rain in the next two days may affect the planned injection activities schedule. Patriot Engineering has received results from the debris pile and lead-impacted soil confirmation samples. No exceedances of any action levels were observed in the debris pile samples; however, two exceedances of the lead action level were seen in samples from one of the lead-impacted soil areas. The area will be over-excavated to address this condition in accordance with the remediation plans for the site.

At 106 West Loveland Avenue, the contractor has now removed the bulk of the debris from the site. Work will continue to address rough grading, seeding, and straw on the parcel to provide cover and erosion control during the post-closure monitoring period.

The Veterans Memorial Committee launched the Hometown Hero Banner Program this week. The program is a tribute created for the community to recognize and honor local residents who are serving or who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This was a lengthy process as the committee had to work with Duke Energy to get approval to use utility poles along State Route 48 from the Five Points intersection to Oak Street.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review a proposal for six new single family homes at 102 Oak Street and demolition of the existing structure. The request was tabled. HPPC also reviewed a request for a mural to be painted on the side of an Eads Fence storage building along the bike trail adjacent to the Linda Cox Parking Area. The mural will be based on the Angels Alley mural in the City of Mason, which is dedicated to local children who have passed away. The mural was approved by the HPPC.

The Law and Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 7:00 PM to complete its review of the draft Outdoor Lighting Ordinance applicable to commercial properties throughout the City. The Committee ultimately recommended approval of the draft ordinance and requested that the Ordinance, as amended, be forwarded to City Council at a future date for further consideration and adoption. Special thanks to the Committee members for working through a rather complex set of code requirements, and for gaining the technical acumen during the process, as required to understand the various elements of regulating commercial lighting installations.

Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I met with Gina Williams from Tano Bistro and Zachary Evans, President of Sharp's Valet regarding a valet service this summer for our downtown businesses. As always the hope is to look for ways to help mitigate traffic and parking issues as the warmer weather begins. We are tentatively looking at utilizing the parking spaces on West Loveland across from Paxton's Grill as the valet location with vehicles being parked at the future site of the Fire Station 63 on East Loveland.

This week, I had the opportunity to be a presenter in an Ohio to Erie Trail webinar discussing the positive impacts the bike trail has on our city.

The city has executed its 2023 Lease Agreement with the Loveland Farmers' Market, to be held in the Linda Cox Trailside Parking Area. The Farmers' Market will begin on Tuesday, May 2 and continue each Tuesday through October 24. The Market will not operate on July 4 this year.



This week, news was released about [Northeast Communication's Recognition](#), [Hometown Hero Military Banner Program](#), [LPD's Flock Safety Technology](#), and [Free Tree Giveaway Registration](#).

## Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the permit was issued for the demolition of the dilapidated structure located at 115 Railroad Avenue, clearing the way for future development there. In addition, the Department completed the fire alarm inspections for the new Public Works Building. The new gazebo at Nisbet park received a final inspection, and the Certificate of Occupancy was issued for this structure.

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

- Additional plans were filed relative to the parking lot expansion for Oasis Turf and Tree. The City Engineer can now continue her review of the project with the receipt of this additional information.
- Sign permits were submitted for the City's second LED Message Center Sign, located at Commerce Drive, at the intersection of Commerce Drive and Union Cemetery Road.
- Remodeling work continues at the new AutoZone, located in the Goodwill Plaza along Loveland Madeira Road.
- Framing and inspections continue at Blossom Hill for the third building permitted there.
- Dunkin Donuts is now open again for business after a brief remodeling-related closure.
- Three new single-family homes are making progress within the ChimneyRidge Subdivision.

In the property maintenance division, the Property Maintenance Inspector coordinated additional enforcement correspondence with the owner of the property located along Paxton Avenue (SR48), which has been sold to a builder. The builder plans to remove the dilapidated structure, with a new home planned for this prominent lot. Work continues to secure the removal of junk vehicles and other debris located on a property situated along Lebanon Road. The City continues to monitor compliance regarding a fire-damaged structure ordered to be demolished along West Loveland Avenue, as the compliance deadline approaches. Enforcement efforts also continue in other areas of the City.

## Public Works

Installation of the first phase of the Nisbet Park walking trail has been completed. The walking trail outlines the future seatings areas as proposed within the Nisbet Park Master Plan. The city has submitted for funding for a second phase of the walking trail, and if funded, it will be completed this spring.

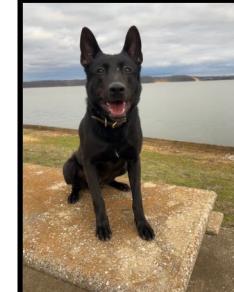


Landscaping work commenced at the gazebo in Nisbet Park, with just a few finishing touches required to complete this project. If you haven't seen all the improvements going on in Nisbet Park, take a visit.

Crews repaired two watermain breaks this week, one on Pheasant Hills Drive and the other on Cottonwood Drive.

## Public Safety

Congratulations to K9 Cruz and Officer Kyle Bibelhausen who certified with the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDAA) in Paris, Tennessee where the team was tested in temperament, obedience, suspect apprehension, tracking and narcotics detection. In addition to the NNDAA, the team also performed the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) requirements, continuing the high level of standards our LPD K9 program is known for.





LPD uses the latest technology to detect and deter criminal activity...Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) have been placed throughout the city to capture the "fingerprint" of vehicles entering our community. A vehicle fingerprint includes the license plate, make, model, color, and number of times the vehicle has been seen. Alerts are sent to officers for cars wanted in connection with crimes, stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and Amber/Silver Alerts for missing persons. 70% of all crimes involve a vehicle and Investigators can use the data, stored for 30 days, to identify cars used in crimes. View our Transparency Portal to learn how LPD uses this technology. <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/loveland-oh-pd>

Various city staff members joined LSFD in attending the funeral of Donald Books this week. Don, the father of Deputy Chief Mike Books, served two terms on City Council and was a former Vice Mayor. Don was the first recipient of the Louis G. Rockwood Outstanding Community Service Award in 1987. As Mike said, his father lived a long happy life and loved the community of Loveland.

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### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

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

Visit [Lovin Life Loveland](#) for information about upcoming community events.

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