



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

April 14, 2023



The city received notification from ODNR that their bike trail bridge replacement project is on hold until October

Administration

Painting of the Council Chambers at City Hall was completed this week. The chambers will also be carpeted soon, along with addressing roof leaking along the back wall. Special appreciation to Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright for his continued efforts towards coordinating these much needed City Hall improvements

Work Continues at City Hall to advance the waterproofing project. This week, the contractor completed trench restoration, and began installing miscellaneous accessories to conclude the project. In addition, remaining excavation areas were compacted and filled, downspout connections were finalized, and excess soil was removed from the site. Once activities are concluded, the City will begin securing quotes for final restoration, to include landscaping and other enhancements to the grounds.

At Chestnut Street, remediation work continues. Drilling and Injection work was completed. The next step will involve monitoring wells to observe the efficacy of the treatments as part of the voluntary action plan program. In addition, Buckeye Elm will resume activities next week, completing over-excavation of contaminated soils to achieve Voluntary Action Plan standards. In addition, loading and transport of the debris piles will also commence.

In addition, the City is now securing proposals to demolish the structure located at 501 Loveland Madeira Road, clearing the way to achieve full access onto Loveland Madeira Road to accommodate the eventual redevelopment of the Chestnut Street property. Once quotes have been secured, the City will move to secure the contract and commence with demolition activities.

City staff held another meeting with downtown business owners to discuss the implementation of a valet parking service. Thanks to the efforts of Gina Williams, from Tano Bistro, many of the details have been ironed out. Valet service will begin the weekend of May 5th and continue on Fridays and Saturday throughout the summer. The service will park at two city lots on East Loveland, and should be helpful in addressing parking issues as we enter warmer months.

Building and Zoning

This week, the Building and Zoning Department continued inspections at Blossom Hill. Framing inspections were completed on 115 and 117 Blossom View. In addition, footer inspections took place at 125-131 Blossom View. The City and Loveland Station welcomed Pet Wants this week, adding another specialty retailer to the City's downtown district. As part of this process, the City completed a new business walkthrough inspection. At Quilter's Studio, landscaping improvements were installed as the project nears finalization. Once the property owner is ready, the City will conduct final inspection activities.

Here is a summary of additional activities completed by the Department in the past week:

- Renovations continue at the Carrington Condominium complex, with repairs made to 8 chimneys on one of the buildings located there.
- Goodwill continues to make progress on interior renovations, and a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) Inspection occurred this week. Some additional items will need to be addressed prior to the issuance of the TCO.
- An alteration and general repair permit was issued to the new owners of Chapelwood Apartments. The new ownership group plans to make exterior and interior improvements to the complex.
- The department received plans for two additional tenant improvement projects at Shopper's Haven. The ownership there is now embarking on additional phases of tenant space relocation and improvement.

This week, the department held a meeting with the development team for the project at 115 Railroad Avenue, detailing the requirements for successful Planning Commission Site Plan Review. Once the items are provided, the applicant will proceed with the next steps in the development approval process, and the matter will be scheduled before the Commission for final review. City Council completed its first reading of the Ordinance amending the zoning map for the Oak Street Special Planning District, after holding a required public hearing on Tuesday.

Finance

The deadline to file 2022 tax returns is Tuesday April 18th. To avoid long lines, tax payers are encouraged to utilize the Regional Income Tax Agency's free eFile feature at ritaohio.com. Tax payers needing assistance can come to City Hall by 4:00 PM. The entire finance staff has worked exceptionally hard to help residents with their tax returns.

Public Works

Public Works started their week with a water leak caused by an underground valve along East Loveland Avenue. The project was extensive, but they were able to quickly isolate the problem reducing the number of residents that were originally out of service. Due to a drop in pressure in the water mains, a significant portion of the city was placed on a boil advisory. The boil advisory was formally lifted on Wednesday evening. Water leaks and boil advisories are difficult for both our residents and our crew. We do appreciate the patience and understanding from many of our residents, and thanks goes out to the department that worked well into the night to complete the repairs as quickly as possible.



An ADA portable restroom was added to the Linda Cox Trailside Parking Area. The city has long considered a permanent restroom in the parking lot, but the shallow depth of the Broadway Street sewer main, impact of the flood regulations and the over all cost of the project have been deterrents. Meanwhile the need for restrooms in the Linda Cox Lot, especially from the biking community, have been well expressed. We are hopeful that it will be well utilized this summer, and may add more incentive to the city for a permanent solution.

Two important infrastructure projects went out to bid this week. The first project was the State Route 48 at West Loveland Avenue Right Turn Lane Project. The long awaited project will improve southbound traffic flow from State Route 48 turning right onto West Loveland. The project was made possible by the city's acquisition of the Mobil Station, demolition of the structure and removal of the underground storage tanks. This is one of the many projects that Cory Wright has advanced since arriving with the city. The second project was phase 1 of the installation of sidewalks along Loveland Miami Road towards three city subdivisions. Once fully complete, the sidewalks will provide pedestrian access to two schools and the city's downtown district. Future plans include adding pedestrian access to the new 100 acre Clermont County Park on Oakland Road which is being designed.

Chris Rose from Public Works and I met with two Loveland High School students this week at Phillips Park to discuss a project they submitted on behalf of the school's Environment Club. Their project is to create boxes on posts (essentially the size of a large mailbox) in high traffic areas, and fill the boxes with coffee bags that have been donated by a coffee shop rather than throwing them away. The boxes will have a sign that directs willing participants to grab a bag, fill it with trash on their walk, and then dispose of it in a nearby trash can. They are doing two park locations, one at Phillips and the other at Kiwanis.

The Parks and Recreation Board met this week. Their agenda included a presentation from Loveland High School's Tiger Inc. students on a project which will add QR code maps to allow visitors to easily see various park amenities from their phones. The students are proposing the first QR code identification map to be added to Nisbet Park. The city continues to benefit from the talents of the students of Loveland High School and Tigers Inc.

The city continues its on going partnership with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) towards stabilizing the roadway on Riverside Drive along the Little Miami River. USACE has submitted a report of their findings from the Riverside Drive/East Kemper Road feasibility study, but is still under-going an internal review and approval process. They also notified us that Section 14 funds have been allocated to the project and they have had an internal kick-off meeting for the planning phase. Section 14's planning phase will not require any City funds and may be a shorter than the typical one-year time period since the feasibility study has addressed part of that process. After planning is complete, the design and construction phases will require a 35% City match. No cost estimate is able to be provided until the completion of the planning phase. USACE would obtain the permits and oversee the project construction as well. Once constructed, operation and maintenance would be the City's responsibility.

The city received notification of two grant awards which will fund additional projects included in the Nisbet Park Master Plan. The Clermont County Park District awarded the city \$9,775 towards a future expansion of the Nisbet Park Walking Trail from the gazebo towards a future entry way at North Karl Brown Way. Also, the Hamilton County Board of Health awarded the city \$15,000 for the installation of the surface area for the first of three outdoor dining areas within Nisbet. Both projects will include local matches on behalf of the city, and both will begin this spring.

Signage was installed for the West Loveland Nature Preserve (formally Hidden Creek Park), at its vehicular entrance on West Loveland Avenue and the pedestrian entrance on Glen Lake Road.



Public Safety

This week was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Since 1999, Northeast Communications (NECC), has provided 911 services to the residents of the City of Loveland. NECC is staffed by 15 certified telecommunicators, who provide round-the-clock service to our residents. On behalf of the entire city, thank you for your service to this community!



Marketing and Communications Coordinator Krista Rose partnered with the Police Department to design and publish the [2022 LPD Annual Report](#).

Work continues on the Station 63 Fire Station Design contract. The design is progressing significantly, and an update will be provided to City Council in the coming weeks to demonstrate the proposed station design and floorplan. The project team held its bi-weekly meeting on Thursday of this week to review the station design. The City will be completing a third-party peer review as part of the design process, and will also begin securing proposals for completion of soil borings as part of the design process.

LPD received their first E Bikes. Recon Law Enforcement electric bikes are trusted by the FBI, Military, Federal Agencies and Police Departments Nationwide. These bikes can be used in pedal, assist, or fully electric mode and can travel up to 40MPH. These bikes will enhance LPDs Bike Patrol, allowing officers to travel farther, faster, and still have the energy to respond when they arrive on scene.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Finance Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m.

The Arts Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m.

The deadline to file local income taxes is also, Tuesday, April 18.

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) for information about upcoming events.
