



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

April 21, 2023



Nisbet Park Gazebo gets finishing touches

#### Administration

Mayor Bailey and I were on hand to welcome participants of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce's CREW event, "Experience Loveland". The group met at Loveland Station and proceeded to visit numerous businesses in the downtown district.

This week, the City completed the process of awarding the West Loveland Bridge Congestion Mitigation Study to Burgess & Niple, Inc. The consultant team is now fully engaged and will begin the process of completing traffic analysis and compiling other data to prepare the Purpose and Need statement required to advance the study.

At Chestnut Street project, all groundwater injections have now been completed, and the monitoring phase will soon commence to determine the efficacy of the treatments as part of the remediation process. Buckeye Elm is resuming waste removal, over-excavation of contaminated soils, and sorting/shipping and disposal in accordance with all applicable laws. The city has been completing and receiving timely reimbursements for the grant funding from the State in support of the remediation efforts.

At City Hall, the waterproofing activities are now generally complete and the City is coordinating the restoration of the landscaping, additional drainage enhancements, and other improvements to restore the property.

The City was notified by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, that the Loveland South Community Entertainment District (CED) has been approved.

#### Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the department will complete the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the Goodwill renovation project. A final Certificate of Occupancy will be granted once all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work is completed. Revised plans were received for the DVD Brew Facility located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road. Plan reviews are now underway. At Blossom Hill, work continues, with framing inspections occurring at 117 and 119 Blossom View. Foundation work has now started on the fourth building permitted at the project.

Here is a summary of some additional activities completed by the Department this week:

- A sign permit was issued for Ziehler Lawn Care, located at 100 Commerce Park Drive. We welcome this new business to the City!
- BentOn applied for a hood and suppression system at 851 Loveland Madeira Road. The plans have been approved and the permit is now ready for issue.
- The Department completed its review of the Food Truck Rally tent permits submitted by the Little Miami Chamber and a permit is now ready for issue. The rally will occur at Shopper's Haven in May of this year.
- The permit for parapet wall reconstruction is now ready to issue for the Fraternal Order of Eagles building, located along North Karl Brown Way.

Property Maintenance inspections continue with the advance of warmer weather. Progress is being made on both Paxton Avenue and West Loveland Avenue for structures that have been declared unfit for occupancy.

The April e-newsletter was sent to subscribers on Monday.

Residents claimed all 200 trees in the city's [2023 Free Tree Giveaway](#) in less than three hours. All confirmed participants received an email from the city on Tuesday. Trees will be available for pickup in October.

A valet program in Historic Downtown will begin May 5. This week, residents will begin seeing yard signs and signage to advertise the program.

## Finance

Tuesday was the deadline to file local income tax returns for 2022. This is always a busy time for the Finance Department staff in our front office with increased customer traffic. I would like to thank them for their hard work this tax season while providing excellent customer service.

Thursday morning, Finance Department staff attended an online meeting to discuss the upgrade of our utility billing software. The current version of the software will no longer be supported as of July, so we have been busy preparing for the transition.

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## Public Works

John Robinson, Chairman of the Tree and Environment Committee, attended the Tree City USA annual awards banquet. This represents the city's fifth consecutive year as a Tree City USA.



Renovations at the McCoy Park restroom are well underway, with media blasting occurring on the main structure. In addition, metal roofing was applied, along with metal trim on the gable rakes and eaves. Renovations will continue, with some additional minor repairs to exterior materials completed prior to painting. In addition, new doors will be installed soon, along with upgraded heating and ventilation systems to allow operation of the facility year round. Future improvements will include upgraded lighting to the facility, and complete repainting of the interior and exterior.



The 2024 Annual Road Program is underway. To see a listing of all street in this years program [click here](#)

Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I met with David Miller at the Phillips Park entrance to Simpson Farm this week. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss compliance with the property's covenants.



Two pre-bid meetings were held this week; for the Loveland Miamiville Sidewalk, Phase 1 and State Route 48 at West Loveland Avenue Right Turn Lane projects.

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## Public Safety

The DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Loveland Safety Center, 126 S. Lebanon Road. Capsules, tablets, patches, other solid forms of prescription drugs, and liquid products, such as cough syrup, will be accepted. Liquids should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

The DEA will now accept vaping devices and cartridges. It is important to note we cannot accept devices containing lithium-ion batteries. If batteries cannot be removed prior to drop-off, we encourage you to consult with stores that recycle lithium-ion batteries. Sharps (including intravenous solutions), inhalers, and illegal drugs will not be accepted. For additional information, please go to <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>

LPD will host a Stuff-A-Truck for the Loveland Life Food Pantry on Saturday, May 13 from 3-8 p.m. This will take place at Shoppers Haven during the Loveland Food Truck Rally.

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Tree and Environment Committee's Annual Litter Clean Up is this Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers should meet at the gazebo in Nisbet Park.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m.

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m.

For other upcoming events, visit [www.lovinlifeloveland.com](http://www.lovinlifeloveland.com).

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