



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

May 26, 2023



EMS members of the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department and Medical Director Dr. Kenneth Patton are joined by Gregory Wells in Columbus in receipt of the EMS Star of Life Award for their response to a severe laceration to Mr. Wells' arm in 2022

#### Administration

The city joined the Valentines Ladies in participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of Goodwill on Loveland Madeira Road. The building received significant interior renovations. The event included former Cincinnati Bengal, Joe Walter and many Goodwill staff and board members.



The West Loveland Avenue Bridge Congestion Mitigation Project team met this week to discuss progress on the bridge corridor study. Traffic counts have been completed and are now undergoing analysis to determine problem areas, potential corridor areas for environmental review and analysis, and to assist in guiding the Public Involvement process. In addition, the project team is working on a preliminary public involvement survey and questionnaire that will help guide the formation of alternatives and the purpose and need statement. The survey should be finalized in the first weeks of June and will be rolled out for the required comment period. Potential stakeholder groups have now been identified, and contact will be made in the coming weeks to assist in the planning process required to complete the study.

New flooring was completed this week in City Council Chambers, and the results look fantastic. Shoe molding will be applied once staining and polyurethane are completed.

The pad for the existing generator was poured on Thursday of this week, which will allow the city to utilize the current generator while the new generator is ordered and in production. The pad was poured to accommodate both the existing generator, and the proposed generator.

At Chestnut Street, Buckeye Elm is wrapping up the remediation portion of the waste and hazardous soil removal project. Staff is working with Patriot Engineering to identify any final scope that will be required to finish site clean up work, and to allow continuing maintenance during the monitoring period.

The Law and Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday of this week to review modifications to Chapter 732 of the City's Code of Ordinances to address transient vendors and mobile food vendors not regulated by the Planning and Zoning Code updates that were adopted at the beginning of this year. The revisions will be finalized and brought forward to City Council based on the recommendations of the Committee.

The Veterans Memorial Committee received a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to assist in procuring the Hometown Hero Banners along Paxton and Broadway. The City will announce this exciting funding opportunity soon, with updates to the City's webpage and the Banner program now underway. Special thanks is owed to Chad Shaffer of Duke Energy and the Duke Energy Foundation for their gracious funding award and for their support of our veterans in our Community!

#### Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the Building Inspector has been very busy completing numerous residential inspections. Deck projects are very popular this time of year, and that has comprised the bulk of the inspection activity for the past week. A final Certificate of Occupancy was issued for a new home along Timber Trail this week, and the HVAC permit is now ready for issue for the new AutoZone along Loveland Madeira Road. Property maintenance inspections continue at a rapid pace, with high grass and noxious weeds being the most common issue noted. The inspector is working hard and is proactive on tackling these issues to protect property values and promote quality of life in our community.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on June 6, 2023, to review updates to the City's Thoroughfare Plan completed in conjunction with the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan for the City. Once the Commission reviews the plan, the final document will be forwarded to City Council for review and adoption. The plan is part of the "local planning factors" scoring criteria used by OKI to administer the highly competitive transportation funding process. In addition, the

City is working on a Title VI Plan now to increase the City's competitiveness in the transportation funding process administered by OKI and will bring this document forward once the draft document is complete.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review two Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications and one request for demolition. The HPPC approved the demolition of the vacant structure at 102 Oak Street and approved the design of six (6) new single family units, which will be installed on the property. The commission also partially approved signage for a new business in the downtown district, Better Blend smoothies at 201 West Loveland Avenue.



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## Finance

Finance Department staff attended the second round of training for the new utility billing software.

The 2022 Basic Financial Statements were completed this week and submitted to the State of Ohio in advance of the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

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## Public Works

Staff participated in a pre-construction meeting for the Loveland Miamiville Sidewalks Phase I project. This is the first of a three phase project that will connect 3 city subdivisions to two schools and the downtown district. The project is scheduled to begin in late June.

The annual road program continues with paving finishing up on Kerr Cemetery Road and Adams Road.

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## Public Safety

The Loveland Symmes Fire Department (LSFD) was honored in Columbus this week with the EMS Star of Life award. The award was a result of the EMS Department's response to a laceration victim at a job site in September of 2022. The department was joined by the patient, Gregory Wells, who spoke during the awards ceremony. He thanked LSFD for saving his life. I had the honor to be on hand to witness the award and it was a great moment for LSFD and our community.

The police department participated in the Quick Click Challenge this week. It's an awareness campaign to promote Click It or Ticket, a national effort to enforce seatbelt laws. Watch the video on [Facebook](#).

During National Police Week, LPD invited all retired officers and former employees home for an open house. During the week of remembrance and paying tribute, LPD didn't forget the men and women who made the department what it is today.



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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. The city will host a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, beginning at 9 a.m. followed by a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial.

The city's annual Household Hazardous Waste disposal day will be held Saturday, June 3, at the Home of the Brave Park on Lebanon Road from 8 am. to 10 a.m. More information was available on the city's website, [www.lovelandoh.gov](http://www.lovelandoh.gov).

For information about upcoming community events go to [www.LovinLifeLoveland.com](http://www.LovinLifeLoveland.com).

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