



## City of Loveland

# City Manager's Weekly Report

June 9, 2023



Vacant structure at 501 Loveland Madeira Road is razed

### Administration

Demolition of the structure at the city owned 501 Loveland Madeira Road was completed this week. Removal of the vacant structure creates a preferred access point into the city owned Chestnut Street property which is currently in the process of a remediation of environmental contaminants. The new access point will play an important role in the redevelopment of the Chestnut Street property. This project also marks the unofficial start of the city's Loveland Madeira Road Revitalization efforts. Special thanks for the hard work of Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, for his efforts on coordinating the demolition of the structure and his on-going supervision of the Chestnut Street remediation efforts.

Work continued this week on the Karl Brown Way Pedestrian Crossing, with contractors completing initial excavation activities along the western side of Karl Brown Way. In addition, the pedestrian refuge islands received topsoil for eventual landscaping which will be completed after the project concludes. Work continues to advance on track and on schedule.

City Staff continued coordination activities for the State Route 48 Turn Lane project, as utility relocations and soil boring information is still required before the excavation work can commence.

Staff meet this week to begin discussions about the city's 150 Anniversary in 2026.

### Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the department received plans for the final building in the Blossom Hill Development. The plans are being processed now and will be sent to the Plans Examiner for review. The department also issued the demolition permit for 1701 West Loveland Avenue, allowing the structure that was damaged by fire to be razed. The Department received plans for the addition of a clubhouse at 890 W. Loveland Avenue. The plans are still in review with the plans examiner and the City Engineer has required some additional plan information and details before approvals can be issued. Also, this week, the demolition of the dilapidated structure located at 115 Railroad Avenue was finalized. Certificates of occupancy were issued to 282 E. Kemper Rd, 535 West Loveland Avenue, 115 Blossom View Drive, and 117 Blossom View Drive.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday to review the contents of the proposed Thoroughfare Plan update. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Commission recommended adoption of the plan to City Council, as presented.

### Public Works

The city's new Assistant Public Works Director, Shawn Hartness began his employment with the city this week. Shawn joins the city by way of Union Township, and brings with him very valuable experience. Among other duties, Shawn will help create and administer the city's Tree Program. Shawn will be sworn in at the June 13 City Council meeting.

City Staff members participated in a online meeting with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and TEC Engineering to discuss the scope for the West Loveland Bike Trail Signalization project set to begin in 2024. This project, which will signalize the crossing for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, has been in the discussion and planning stage for a long time. The project is one of the most called for improvements among our residents and business owners.

City Staff members also participated in a meeting with Choice One Engineering to review the final plans for the Harrison Avenue Widening Project. The project, which will begin this summer, is an important part of the city's revitalization efforts. In addition to widening the roadway and adding sidewalks, the project will also extend Harrison Avenue to First Street, providing access to the new city downtown parking lot. Lastly, the project will improve the turning radius from North Karl Brown Way onto Harrison Avenue and will replace faulty storm piping through Nisbet Park. This is a very important Downtown Project, which will be largely funded through a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). Special thanks again to City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, for her persistence in pursuing this grant funding.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

A ribbon cutting for the new gazebo is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. Live music will be played in the gazebo from 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

The city will host a Movie in the Park on Saturday night featuring The Goonies. Pre-move activities begin at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 9:00 p.m.

The city's first Concert in the Park is this Sunday, June 11, featuring Linus Tate. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m.

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