



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

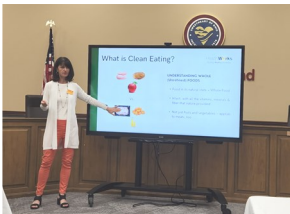
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Assistant Public Works Director, Shawn Hartness was administered the oath of office at Tuesdays City Council Meeting

Administration

Mayor, Kathy Bailey spoke at Sunday's ribbon cutting for the new Angels By The Trail mural near the Linda Cox Trailside Parking Area. The mural celebrates the lives of local Loveland children who have passed away. Special thanks goes out to Stacey Lund that worked with the city's Historic Preservation and Planning Commission for design approval. Stacey's energy and passion towards this project was extraordinary, resulting in a gift to our city residents and visitors.



This week, the city's Wellness Committee organized a Lunch and Learn event, with a focus on Healthy Eating. The committee continues to organize events and activities for our employees that focus on their overall wellness. Special thanks to Becky Noel and Mandy Lucas.



Staff members across all city departments met on Thursday to go over the logistics for this year's Independence Day Celebration. A group of dedicated volunteers and staff members including, Misty Brents, Krista Rose and Becky Noel work on this event for many months and their efforts always result in a fun day for the entire family.



Building and Zoning

The following is a summary of activities for the building and zoning department this week:

- A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for 119 Blossom View Drive, a new residence in the Blossom Hill Development
- A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for 22 ChimneyRidge Drive, a new residence in the ChimneyRidge Subdivision
- Plans are under review for the interior build out for Better Blend a new business operation opening at 201 West Loveland.
- Demolition of 501 Loveland Madeira Road is complete. Sitework remains
- Inspections for the fire suppression and HVAC for the new AutoZone opening on Loveland Madeira Road were completed this week.
- Roof work at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road (DVD Brew) began this week.
- Framing work and rough mechanicals continued this week on the 4th building in the Blossom Hill Development. Meanwhile, review is underway for the 5th building.

Finance

Director of Finance, Mark Medlar attended the Regional Income Tax Agency's (RITA) Regional Council of Governments Annual Meeting on Wednesday in Worthington, Ohio. RITA representatives provided an update on the agency as well as currently pending state legislation. RITA representatives also discussed the FastPay and Quick Tax Calc tools that are now available on their website (ritaohio.com). These tools are designed to help tax payers calculate and make payments more easily.

Public Works

The West Loveland Avenue road closure adjacent to city hall, which began Sunday, went as scheduled. Passing over the railroad tracks is now a much smoother experience, and the city has received numerous compliments from residents. Special thanks to everyone that helped coordinate the road closure, especially Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright that has been working with the railroad for months to complete this much needed project and also making sure that the impact of the road closure was kept to a minimum.

Mayor, Kathy Bailey and Councilmembers; Ted Phelps, Kip Ping and Andy Bateman, joined the Valentines Ladies for the Nisbet Park Gazebo Ribbon Cutting ceremony.



Speaking of Nisbet Park; Public Works re-installed the park sign that was removed to allow for the installation of the gazebo.

We continue working with McGill Smith Punshon (MSP) engineers on the design of the new downtown parking lot, which included meeting with Duke Energy this week on relocating a utility pole near the Works. Although still preliminary, the parking lot is estimated to have over 150 new spaces and will include full vehicular ingress and egress from State Route 48. The preliminary design will also include a pedestrian access point from State Route 48 into the downtown district. This pedestrian access coincides with City Council's goal of connecting our neighborhoods including our Warren County residents to our downtown district. Once the parking lot design is farther along, staff will present the preliminary plan at a council meeting to garner public input.

Public Safety

Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein and myself met with Police Chief, Michael Gabrielson and Captain, Dan Gangwer to review options to address traffic safety concerns at the Riverside Drive/West Loveland Avenue intersections.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Chris Lee Acoustics will perform in the Gazebo at Nisbet Park from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17.

City offices will be closed on Monday, June 19.

The Arts Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m.

For information about other community events visit www.LovinLifeLoveland.com.
