



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

June 30, 2023



Chad Shaffer with the Duke Energy Foundation presents City Council and the Veterans Committee, a check in the amount of \$7500 towards the Hometown Hero Veterans Banner Program

Administration

This week, demolition activities were completed at 501 Loveland Madeira Road. Seed and straw was applied to assist with erosion and the construction fencing was removed. Special thanks to Citywide Demolition for the quick, thorough, and efficient demolition process and to Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright for his work on this important economic development project. The city now has direct access to the Chestnut Street property from Loveland Madeira Road. Remediation work continues at Chestnut Street, and a round of ground water sampling is projected to occur this week on the site as part of the brownfield grant activities.



At 106 West Loveland, underground electrical work was started in anticipation of the turning lane project. In addition, drilling for monitoring wells, related to the continuing abatement and remediation of the prior fuel center use occurred.

The existing generator was set on the fully cured pad at City Hall, located along the eastern side of the building and seed and straw were applied to the excavated area.

Cory Wright and I met with Boy Scout R.J. Clore and his mentor this week to discuss his proposed eagle scout project. We were joined by Tree and Environment Committee member Gary Benesh and Jim Daumeyer. R.J. is taking on the construction of a foot bridge along the walking trail within Phillips Park which has been spearheaded by Jim Daumeyer. Thanks in advance to R.J. and all of the many eagle scout projects which have benefited the city.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the footer inspection took place for the new St. Columban Community Center. In addition, the demolition work was completed and inspections were passed for the property located at 1701 West Loveland Avenue. This demolition of a fire-damaged structure is due in large part to the diligence of property maintenance inspector Ralph Vilardo in following up with owner to secure a plan to abate the nuisance conditions there. A final certificate of occupancy was issued this week for Goodwill, bringing their renovation effort to a close.

Here are some additional highlights from the Building and Zoning Department's activities during the past week:

- Certificates of Occupancy were issued for two additional units in the Blossom Hill Development, specifically 121 and 123 Blossom View.
- Approvals were issued for the final building to be constructed at Blossom Hill, and permits will be issued for the building located at 124-132 Blossom View Drive.
- A framing inspection took place for minor alteration work at the Children's Meeting House, located at 927 O'Bannonville Road.
- The Department received plans for a new three-season room addition at the Children's Academy of Loveland, located at 10695 Loveland Madeira Road. The new area will be utilized for multiple purposes, and as such, the applicant will need to file some additional information to meet the requirements of the Plans Examiner and City Engineer.
- The Department began conducting research to compile a list of lighting designers, electricians, lighting engineers, signage companies, and other potential interested parties to provide a notice that the City's new Outdoor Lighting Ordinance is now in effect. The Ordinance took effect on June 23, 2023.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met on Wednesday June 28, 2023 to review window replacement at 113 Karl Brown Way. Window replacements are proposed as part of renovations to the second floor of the structure, and will replicate the existing steel casement windows, which are determined to be deteriorated beyond repair. In addition, the windows will result in greater energy efficiency for this prominent historic building in the City's downtown. The Certificate of Appropriateness was approved unanimously by the HPPC.



Public Works

The East Loveland Bridge project bid opening which was scheduled for this week was postponed due to addendum.

The Hamilton County Engineers Officer, informed the city that the West Loveland Bridge Sidewalk project bid opening is scheduled for July 13th.

The Harrison Street Widening project plans were completed and the bid notice is ready to go out next week. Both of these are important projects which have been in the planning stage for multiple years.

In an effort to deter damage to Mr. Redlegs, Public Works installed a sign requesting that visitors don't sit on the statue. While Mr. Redlegs was donated to the city, two years ago he had to have pretty significant and costly repairs completed. We are hopeful that the sign will help in assuring that he continues to be one of the favorite photo spots in the downtown district.



Public Safety

Chief Gabrielson and Captain Gangwer joined several Hamilton County law enforcement representatives in a meeting with members of the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio - Center for Social Justice. The Center for Social Justice is the regional catalyst for collaborative police reform efforts between communities and police departments in Southwestern Ohio. This meeting is a first step to building and enhancing the positive relationships between the many communities and police departments throughout Southwestern Ohio.



LPD took delivery on two new Dodge Durango Pursuit Police Cruisers. Outfitting of the new police units is nearly complete and they will soon be placed into service.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The city's annual Independence Day Celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 4.

- Concert & Cornhole at Jackson Street Market - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Kid Zone at Nisbet Park - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Lawn Games at the Fountain Green - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Yankee Doodle Dog Show on the Bike Trail (Clock to Nisbet Park) - 4:00 p.m.
- Water Zone at City Hall Lawn - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Food Trucks throughout Downtown - 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Bingo at City Hall Council Chambers - 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- Kid's Bicycle Decorating Contest at Loveland Elementary School / Parade - 6:15 p.m.
- Independence Day Parade - 7:00 p.m.
- Concert in Nisbet Park - 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Fireworks at 10:00 p.m.
- Shuttle Transportation from Loveland High School and Loveland Early Childhood Center - 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

For specific event details [click here](#). Our 2023 Independence Day Celebration sponsors include BF Realty, Oasis Turf & Tree, Premier Tumbling and Dance, McCluskey Chevrolet, Eads Fence Co., Strauss Troy, Cappy's Tap Room and Bottle Shop, Paxton's Grill, Ramsey's Trailside, Bond Furniture and Design, BRS Insurance, Choice One Engineering, Katie Miracle Agency, Loveland Lifestyle Magazine, McCabe Lumber, Mike's Carwash, Railway Barber Shop, Tano Bistro & Catering, and WSI.

City offices will be closed on July 4. No meetings are scheduled for the week of July 3.

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