



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

July 21, 2023



New Message Center Sign installed at the entrance to the Loveland Commerce Park

Administration

At the Chestnut Street Property, final site clean up activities continued. Crews have now been able to clear a rudimentary access from the recently acquired 501 Loveland Madeira Road property. Some final cleanup of logs and other downed vegetation remains to be completed on the site. Groundwater monitoring efforts continue and will continue to occur on a regularly scheduled basis as part of the Voluntary Action Program to clear the site for future development. Utility investigation has yielded an available outlet for stormwater detention and the City is still investigating remaining utility access, including the most feasible avenue for achieving Sanitary Sewer connections to facilitate future development.

At Commerce Park Boulevard, electrical work was completed to facilitate connection of the new message center sign to the primary power source. Work will continue to bring the sign online, and to enhance the City's communication efforts.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was authorized for issuance to the new AutoZone retail location within the Goodwill Shopping Center. At Blossom Hill, the framing inspection was completed at 125 Blossom View. Work is progressing on the two remaining 5-unit buildings under construction on the site, with foundation work and underground utility installations underway for the last building permitted on the project site. The Department completed closeout inspection activities as well, related to the City's demolition efforts at 501 Loveland Madeira Road, bringing this project to a successful conclusion. Demolition activities were also completed on the dilapidated structure located at 102 Oak Street, clearing the way for the Oak Street Development to proceed. In addition, remodeling work has been completed at 927 O'Bannonville Road.

The department continues to work diligently to address property maintenance issues throughout the City. This week, the Department, operating in conjunction with the Board of Health and Fire Department, took action to conduct additional inspections on two parcels located in the 600 block of Centre Street and West Loveland Avenue. Work continues to ensure that the out-of-state owner takes action to correct all outstanding violations before occupancy is restored to both nuisance properties. Seasonal property maintenance issues continue to be observed throughout the city. This includes exterior property violations, such as tall grass, overgrown shrubs, failure to control weeds and other noxious vegetation. Notifications have been made and properties in violation are placed on mowing list from out contractor, with all applicable fees and fines being assessed to the property owners. In addition, the Department has received an increased number of complaints regarding the parking of recreational vehicles (travel trailers) and boats in violation of the City's code of ordinances. Notifications have been made, and the Department will continue enforcement efforts to resolve these location-specific complaints.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The Commission will be discussing two separate proposed text amendments to the zoning code, in addition to conducting a combined Conditional Use and Site Plan review for the new restaurant facility located at 115 Railroad Avenue.

Finance

The Finance Commission met on Tuesday for their last regular meeting, before they begin working with city staff on the 2024 budget. During the meeting, commission member Michael Colangelo, gave a detailed presentation on the State of Ohio Financial Health Indicators (FHI).

Public Works

Activity on two important infrastructure projects occurred this week. City staff, along with Doug Royer from the Clermont County Engineers Office and Matt Spidare from the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) met to review the East Loveland Avenue Bridge project. This multi-jurisdictional, nearly \$2,000,000 project, will complete numerous infrastructure improvements including a new bridge, stormwater improvements, new sidewalks and replacement of a faulty sanitary sewer line. Special acknowledgment to City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, for her coordination of the various entities involved in the project and securing significant grant funding towards the city's share of the project cost. City Council will be presented with a construction contract for the project at their upcoming meeting.

Meanwhile, bids were opened on the Harrison Street widening project today (Friday). Once bids are tabulated, a contract will be presented to City Council.

Public Safety

The city has begun the application process with the USDA for a low interest loan through their Community Facilities Program to fund construction of the new Fire Station 63. While the application process is significant, the program will offer savings to the city.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

On Sunday, the city's Concert in the Park series continues with an Elvis Tribute Show. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. in Nisbet Park.

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

The Historic Preservation Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m.

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