



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

August 11, 2023



LSFD and the Goshen Township Fire Department were awarded a Homeland Security grant

Administration

At the Chestnut Street property, work is wrapping up on the remediation phase, with some final “punch list” items being addressed at the end of this week to conclude the project. Monitoring work is now underway and will continue for several more months, as the City pursues a “No Further Action” and Covenant not to Sue designation through the EPA’s voluntary action program.

This week, the City published the results of the preliminary public involvement survey conducted as part of the West Loveland Avenue Congestion Mitigation Study. Now that the survey results are compiled, the project team can begin crafting the Purpose and Need Statement and will continue to engage with the Stakeholder advisory group regarding the process and outcomes as information becomes available. In addition, existing conditions and capacity analysis reports have been submitted to inform the Purpose and Need Statement formation process. The project team is also starting the modeling process to best determine what solutions may prove viable in the context of informing the Feasibility Study component.

Building and Zoning

Teak Sushi & Thai Cuisine has opened in Loveland Station, adding a wonderful new restaurant to our downtown district.



This week in the Building and Zoning Department, a slab renovation project was inspected at the new Better Blend location at 201 West Loveland Avenue. In addition, a ceiling inspection was passed at 537 Loveland Madeira Road, advancing the renovations for Kumon’s new tenant space there. Tenant relocation efforts continue at this prominent shopping destination in the City. Inspections continue at Blossom Hill, as insulation and Framing inspections took place at 127 and 129 Blossom View. Construction continues to advance on the remaining structures located within this development. The department has also been busy this week, processing numerous residential permits for HVAC replacements, fences, and solar panel installations.

Here are some additional highlights from the Building and Zoning Department’s activities during the past two weeks:

- The wall inspection was performed at Marsh, 715 East Kemper Road, as work continues to progress on the new forklift ramp. In addition, footer inspections have also taken place for this modification.
- The final Certificate of Occupancy was issued to Teak in the Loveland Station development. The restaurant is now open for business and the sign permit is ready to issue. We welcome this exciting addition to our City!
- Footer inspections were conducted for a new residential unit located at 15 Chimneyridge, marking continued progress on this prominent development.
- A fence permit was issued to POP Kids at Prince of Peace Church, located at 101 South Lebanon Road, which will enclose a small area for the kids to play.
- Staff continues to work with AutoZone to assist with release of required electrical approvals from IBI.
- Foundation work continues to progress at the St. Columban’s Community Center, now under construction at 894 Oakland Road.

- The permit has been completed at Children's Meeting House, 927 O'Bannonville for their classroom remodeling.

Property maintenance inspections continue throughout the City. Violations and notices have been distributed and the City is working to address issues of blight, noxious grass, vegetation, debris, and other nuisance conditions on a continuing basis. On Thursday of this week, Staff met with Urban Canopy Works and McBride Dale Clarion to discuss development of robust landscaping and tree planting requirements as part of the on-going zoning code rewrite process.

Public Works

Work on Phase 1 of the Loveland Miamiville Sidewalk project is nearing completion. The contractor, Adleta Construction, has done a good job making adjustments and addressing concerns from impacted residents.

At the State Route 48/West Loveland Avenue intersection, the bulk of private underground electric work has been completed. The City is still waiting on Duke Energy to relocate the utility pole, which is required to advance the project further. The utility pole relocation also requires a railroad right of access permit due to the work required to amend the pole location. Duke Energy advises that all required paperwork has been submitted to the railroad, and is waiting to authorization to schedule the pole relocation. Once the pole is relocated, Ford Development can mobilize to complete the turn lane improvements.



Public Safety

LSFD and the Goshen Fire Department have been awarded a regional Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$441,725.88. The funding will be used to support behavior health and physical fitness for their 117 firefighters and EMS personnel. The grant will fund cancer screening, NFPA 1583 physicals, and behavior health assessments.

Chief Huber, Deputy Chief Frye, Executive Officer Hawk, and Assistant City Manager Wright met with MSA Design and other members of the design team on Wednesday of this week to conduct a review of the ninety (90%) percent complete construction drawings for the site. Generally, the plan review meeting went well, and some minor adjustments to the plans will be required prior to finalization of the plans for permitting purposes. Work continues to refine the site design to advance the project to the permitting stage. This work will occur prior to the project being advertised for bid.

LPD worked with the local business community and our schools to help send our students back to school in style. LPD helped distribute gift cards provided by Frizzy Melon Salon and Railway Barber Shop for a free cut/style before heading back into the classroom. Why a haircut? One of the significant benefits of getting a haircut is improved confidence. A good haircut can make us look and feel better and give us an extra boost of self-confidence, something we all need now and again.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saturday August 12, the City will have its second Movie In The Park Night, at Phillips Park, with the showing of Encanto. The film begins at 8:45 with pre-show activities at 7PM

Sunday, August 13, the Summer Concert in the Park Series will host Rooster Ridge at the Nisbet Park Amphitheatre. The concert begins at 6PM and is free to the public

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday August 14, at 6:30PM at City Hall

City Council will meet on Tuesday August 15, at 7PM in City Hall Council Chambers

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Thursday August 17, at 6:30PM at City Hall