



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

September 1, 2023



Students from the Children's Meeting House joined City Staff and Councilmember, Andy Bateman at City Hall

Administration

The final layout for the new downtown parking lot is complete and being reviewed by city staff. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in three weeks. Information about the parking lot including the final layout has been added to our [Construction Projects](#) page on the city's website.

Students from the Children's Meeting House came to City Hall on Friday to learn about city operations. The students also took a tour of Nisbet Park, where Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright talked about implementing the Nisbet Park Master Plan.

The Law and Ordinance Committee met on Wednesday to begin a preliminary review of a new Tree Ordinance.

Also on Wednesday, the Beautification Committee met to review future planting locations, discuss next year's budget needs and also constructing a greenhouse near the East Loveland Nature Preserve.

City staff members including Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby and myself, joined the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance at a meeting of downtown business owners this week. The meeting afforded staff the opportunity to update the business owners on the parking lot project and the upcoming closing of the bike trail bridge on October 2.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, insulation inspections took place at 133 Blossom View, as progress continues on wrapping up this project. Framing work continues on the final building under construction at Blossom View as well. Also this week, the Chief Building Official has been working with Better Blend to finalize electrical inspections and issues noted by IBI. Nearby, framing work is now underway on a new residence located at 199 Sentry Hill as well.

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

- The final inspection was completed for the ramp improvements being installed at 715 East Kemper.
- The slab inspection was completed for a new residential unit now underway at 15 ChimneyRidge.
- Also, at the Chimneyridge development, the home located at 18 Paxton Court is in the finishing stages of construction, and will be ready for final inspection soon.
- Underground work is taking place at 1555 Loveland Madeira, the site for the new DVD Brew.
- HVAC permits came in and were reviewed for Better Blend. The permit is ready for pickup.
- Loveland High School applied for a tent permit for this year's Homecoming Dance.
- The department received several small miscellaneous, residential projects occurring throughout the city.

Property maintenance inspections efforts continue at an accelerated pace to address seasonal complaint volumes. The department is working proactively to address a significant nuisance property along Mellow Wood Drive, and took actions at several other properties in the Heights neighborhood this week. Inspections are conducted on both a complaint-driven and proactive basis. Work continues on the Planning and Zoning Code updates, with both Urban Canopy Works and McBride Dale Clarion collaborating on landscaping, buffering, and tree planting elements for inclusion into the new code.

Finance

Finance Department staff attended training for the new version of the city's utility billing software. The current version is reaching the end of its service life and it is important that we be able to hit the ground running when the new version goes live. Staff will receive additional training before the software goes live later this year.

Public Works

Pre-construction meetings were held on Tuesday for both the Harrison Ave. project and the E. Loveland Ave. project. Ford Development, the contractor for Harrison Ave. tentatively plans to begin the storm sewer portion of work on Sept. 25. ODNR's pedestrian bridge contractor, Prus Construction, was present as their nearby project will be beginning the first week of October and work zone coordination will be necessary. JTM Smith, the contractor for E. Loveland Ave. plans to start work just shortly before Clermont County reopens O'Bannonville Rd. MSD and Clermont County were both present at the E. Loveland Ave. meeting and the County confirmed the O'Bannonville Rd. bridge project is still on target to reopen early December. Duke Energy also had a representative present to both meetings as both projects involve utility relocation.

Duke Energy relocated overhead utilities and removed the pole in conflict on SR 48 with the turn lane project on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Construction of the road improvements should start shortly.

Public Works repaired 3 water line leaks this week, two of which were on major thoroughfares (Loveland-Madeira Rd. and Lebanon Rd.).



Public Safety

Sixth grade student from the Childrens Meeting House visited the Police Department this week to learn more about city government, public safety, and businesses.

Chief Gabrielson, Lieutenant Kevin Corbett, and School Resource Officer Larry Mehn met with the new Loveland High School Principal, David Spencer, for introductions and to discuss the school resource officer program.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Vudu Childe will be performing blues, soul, rock, and country western music in the Nisbet Park gazebo this Saturday, September 2, from 1 to 3 p.m.

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

The Civil Service Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Parks and Recreation meeting at 6:00 p.m. and Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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