



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

September 15, 2023



Mayor and Council recognize the 2023 Loveland Allstars 13U Baseball Team

Administration

Work continues on the West Loveland Avenue Congestion Mitigation Study. City Staff attended a virtual meeting with the consultant team this week to discuss progress and next steps on the purpose and need and feasibility study elements. The team is awaiting transportation modeling information from OKI, and hope to have that information back in the next month. Stakeholder comments have been documented, and there will be additional opportunities for engagement now and in the future as various project alternatives are identified and brought forward.

On Wednesday, Loveland U class members attended the Planning and Zoning Class Session at City Hall, where they learned about the past and current planning initiatives in the City. In addition, participants were provided information about the various roles of staff, and the role that zoning, planning, code enforcement, and inspections play in the day-to-day operations of the City. The class also formed project groups and engaged in a spirited and collaborative planning exercise to develop and present concepts for redevelopment of the Chestnut Street Property.



Building and Zoning

This week, progress continues at Blossom Hill as framing work continues to advance on the final building under construction at this site. Nearby, framing work also continued at 15 Chimneyridge, and another unit under construction at 18 Paxton is now nearing completion. Framing of the secondary dwelling unit at 199 Sentry Hill is also well underway at this time. Work continues at the new DVD Brew and Taproom, located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road.

Here are some additional Department activities and highlights for this week:

- Better Blend continues to make progress on their interior build out. The department anticipates that a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) will be granted this week, provided that the electrical inspection is passed by IBI. Better Blend plans to have a “soft” opening once the TCO is issued.
- Multiple HVAC permits have been issued throughout the city, and inspections are being scheduled.
- Playa Bowls is working to finalize their signage submittal for review and consideration by the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission.
- HVAC Plans were submitted for the Community Center under construction at St. Columban Catholic Church and School.
- Plan reviews continue for the Fire Station 63 relocation project.
- Property Maintenance inspection activities continue to occur on a complaint-driven basis. The department is coordinating a joint inspection in the coming weeks to address a complaint regarding a problem property located at Albright Drive.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Work Session next Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM to discuss the Short-Term Rental regulations.

Public Works

This week, work continued on the State Route 48 turn lane project. Crews continued excavation activities, and poured concrete curb to delineate the new curb lane along the Second Street (State Route 48) portion of the project.



Progress continues on the Cherokee Tot Lot playground replacement. Crews have made substantial progress on the installation through Thursday of this week. Demolition has also taken place on the Navaho Tot Lot as well, and installation will commence following the completion of the work at the Cherokee Tot Lot.



Public Works Director Scott Wisby and Assistant Public Works Director Shawn Hartness attended the Tree Commission Academy's Freshman classes on September 12 and 13. These classes are provided and supported by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry's Regional Urban Foresters. The focus of the class is on urban forestry and arboriculture.

Public Safety |

Mayor, Kathy Bailey administers the Oath of Office, the Loveland Police Department's newest Chaplain, Phillip Spence at Tuesdays City Council meeting.

Chief Gabrielson, Captain Gangwer, and Assistant City Manager Wright had the opportunity to attend Catalyst Night at The Care Center, located off Lebanon Road, on Thursday evening. The Care Center doesn't just provide household and personal care items. They also have GED programs, parenting classes, budgeting workshops, job training, computer training, ESOL classes, and so much more.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The City and BRS Insurance will host a Movie in the Park on Saturday night featuring Walt Disney's Encanto. The event will be held in Phillips Park. Pre-show fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at sunset.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

The Loveland Athletic Boosters Homecoming Parade is Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance will host its annual Oktoberfest on September 22 and 23.

Information about other community events can be found at www.lovinlifeloveland.com.