



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

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The 2024 Homecoming Parade Worked Its Way Through Downtown on Thursday

Administration

The 2024 Homecoming Parade was a big success as it rolled through downtown Thursday. City staff wants to send out a big thanks to parade coordinators, Tori Morrison, Lauren Nunn, and the Loveland Athletic Boosters for all they do to make this event go off without a hitch.



Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Clark and I met with Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose this week, to review a preliminary layout for the re-design of the city's website. The new design will be much more user friendly and will allow visitors to the site much easier access to the most popular links.

The city received a preliminary landscape plan for the new downtown parking lot. The landscape design will create attractive entryways into the parking lot from both First Street and State Route 48. The plan also includes four landscape islands, and buffers along The Works Restaurant and the rear yard yards of residents along Railroad Avenue. Following input from the Tree and Environment Committee, the plan should be completed. The city is still on schedule to put the parking lot out for bid in October.



Now is a good time to check out the front lawn at city hall. A new irrigation system was installed along with landscaping following repairs to the building's foundation. In the evening, city hall is lit up with new lighting and the building has become a centerpiece of our downtown district. Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright, did an excellent job overseeing all of these projects.

On Wednesday evening, Loveland U participants stepped into City Council and staff's shoes for a mock city council meeting and voted down a fictional mixed use development on Loveland Madeira Road. Special thanks to Mayor Kathy Bailey and Councilman John Hart who threw the group a few curve balls during open forum. The other half of the session was dedicated to city finances. Director of Finance Mark Medlar hosted Finance Family Feud and covered topics ranging from where the city receives its money from, what functions it spends it on, and how it ensures money is spent in a responsible manner.

Building and Zoning

This week, the Department received an engineering change for the HVAC work at the new DVD Brew facility, located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road. Plans were reviewed, approved, and are now ready for pick-up. Also at DVD Brew, footer inspections took place this week. At St. Columban, work on the new Parish Community Center continues. Steel work is now visible at the site as the structure is coming out of the ground. HVAC plans were received, and are now under review by the Fire Department, with the Plans Examiner already signing off on this important construction component. In addition, the Fire Suppression permit for the new Parish Community Center was issued, and a framing inspection occurred this week, marking progress on this much-anticipated Parish Community Center improvement project. At Blossom Hill, the Department completed final inspections on the unit located at 127 Blossom View. Finally, the tent for this weekend's Oktoberfest celebration is now up and a final inspection occurred on Thursday of this week.

On Tuesday, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a work session meeting to discuss and consider Short-Term Rental regulations. At the conclusion of the work session, the Commission felt that the regulations, as modified, were appropriate to advance through the formal text amendment process. Staff will bring the formal text amendment to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the October 3, 2023, regular meeting.

Public Works

The Harrison Avenue Widening Project will begin next week as the contractor commences on storm drainage improvements in Nisbet Park.

This week, work continued on the Second Street turn lane project. Crews continued pouring curb and began to pour the northern section of the sidewalks as of Thursday. Work will continue to advance the project.



Public Works had quite a busy week, repairing six water main breaks.

Work is wrapping up on the new playsets at the Cherokee and Navaho Tot-Lots, as this city continues its investment in the Loveland Heights.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Oktoberfest kicked off today and will continue through Saturday evening.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m.

The Veterans Memorial Committee will meet on Thursday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m.

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