



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

September 29, 2023



City Council salutes the Loveland Symmes Fire Department and Captain, Aaron Burg

Administration

The Bike Trail Bridge Replacement project, which includes closure of the bridge over O'Bannon Creek, begins on Monday. Once completed, the bridge will be a considerable upgrade, and another amenity to the city's downtown district. City staff will be meeting with the contractor throughout construction, and will keep city council, residents and our businesses updated on the project's progress.



Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I, met with Peggy Goodwin and Donald "Woody" Woodruff to review modified plans for the new recycling center which is being added to the Linda Cox Parking Area. As always, Peggy and Woody were very cooperative, and the meeting was fruitful. The project is ready to move forward.



Last weekend's Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Octoberfest was a big hit. The city has received compliments for the support of city staff during the event.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, work continues at Blossom Hill, with a final inspection completed at 125 Blossom View. Upon completion of the inspection, a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued, bringing that project closer to completion. Also this week, the Department received an application for two new signs; one at 380 Loveland Madeira Road, and another for a ground mounted sign at 300 West Loveland Avenue. The second sign will require Historic Preservation and Planning Commission approval and will be reviewed by the Commission at the October 2023 meeting. The department continues to review signage for compliance with the recently adopted outdoor lighting regulations, in addition to all other existing rules and regulations. Work continues at DVD Brew, as contractors are very busy on the site, completing building retrofits required to house the new brewery and tap room facility.

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

- The Lodge Nursing & Rehab Center at 9370 Union Cemetery submitted for a new fire alarm permit. The plans are under review.
- The Chief Building Official has been working with the contractors at 890 Apartments, located at 890 West Loveland Avenue. Currently, work is being conducted on building D, where an HVAC inspection was completed this week.
- A pressure test took place at Kroger this week. Kroger continues to make improvements inside the store located along Loveland Madeira Road.
- Final approvals came in for the new three-season room at Children's Academy, located at 10695 Loveland Madeira. The permit is ready to issue.

Several residential projects were permitted and inspected this week.

Property Maintenance inspections continue at a rapid pace. This week, the property maintenance inspector dealt with a recurring violation along Sunrise Drive. In addition, the inspector continues with aggressive enforcement efforts throughout the community, as to enhance quality of life and to protect property values.

Next week, Staff will meet with Planning and Zoning Consultant McBride Dale Clarion to discuss progress on the zoning code rewrite process. Currently, the consultant is working on landscaping, buffering, and tree landscaping requirements, as well as other pertinent sections of the code.

Finance

On Wednesday, the Southwest Regional Liaison for Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber visited City Hall and presented Director of Finance, Mark Medlar with an Ohio Auditor of State Award With Distinction. The award is presented for excellence in financial reporting for the city's 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Fewer than five percent of Ohio's governmental organizations receive this distinction. As is the case with the budget, the ACFR is an important communications tool that demonstrates the city's dedication to transparent and accountable government. The 2022 ACFR is available to view on the city's website.

Public Works

The Harrison Avenue Improvement project commenced this week with stormwater upgrades in Nisbet Park.



Public Safety

At Tuesdays City Council meeting, LSFD was recognized for earning Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). By earning reaccreditation status, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department joins just over 300 fire departments throughout the world to achieve Internationally Accredited Agency status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. (CPSE).



Tuesday, City Council also recognized LSFD Captain, Aaron Burg and the Northeast Communications Center for meeting the Essential Training Requirements for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. LSFD is now one of only 8 fire departments in Ohio to meet these training requirements. As Mayor Bailey stated, this city is very lucky to have a fire department that continues to strive for excellence, and never rests on their laurels.

Councilmember, Kip Ping, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I had the opportunity to attend an all staff Police Department meeting at HCC Thursday evening. Under Chief Gabrielson's leadership, LPD continues to grow, not only in terms of personnel, but ingenuity, training and overall operations to better serve this community.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Finance Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 3, at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.

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