



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

October 13, 2023



City Council honored Maintenance Crew Leader Rob Hayden's 25 Years of Service to the City.

Administration

This week, the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board of Directors allocated \$4,636,854 to the City for completion of the Loveland Madeira Corridor Phase 1 Improvement Project, included as part of more than \$50 million in transportation funding awards to various projects throughout the region. Phase 1 of the Loveland Madeira Road Corridor improvements will extend generally from the intersection at West Loveland and Elm Street to just past Valley View Drive. The funding includes ROW acquisition and construction funding; the City will be responsible for 100% of the design and engineering work needed to advance the project, which is already being programmed into the capital improvement budget commencing in 2024. Design and engineering work will occur between 2024-2026, with construction anticipated to commence in 2027. As previously noted during a presentation to City Council at the April 25, 2023 City Council Meeting, the Loveland Madeira Road corridor improvements will consist of many components, generally summarized as follows:



- Roundabout at Valley View Drive and Loveland Madeira Road, providing direct access into the City's Chestnut Street Property
- Landscape medians for access control
- A new 12' shared use pathway on the north side of the road
- New traditional sidewalks along the south side of the road
- Street Lighting and other street furnishings
- Stormwater tree wells and other stormwater quality treatment components
- Conduit for utility relocations



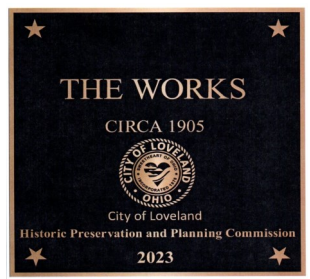
This project will be a catalyst to the corridor renovations and represents a significant advancement of the recommendations of the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. In addition, the project provides direct access into the Chestnut Street property, meeting the access needs for this city-owned property now being positioned for redevelopment. The City is very excited about this funding award from OKI, and we thank them for their partnership and decision to fund this critical project.

This week, the city kicked off a campaign encouraging Loveland residents to help name the new downtown parking lot. Entries are limited to one per person and will be accepted until November 28. [Click here](#) for more information.

City Staff met virtually with representatives from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to discuss progress on the Chestnut Street property, and the status of remediation efforts there. In addition, Staff and ODOD discussed strategies to deploy remaining excess grant funding to address additional site improvements during the post-remediation phase. The City would like to thank ODOD for their continued support and assistance as the City works to reposition the Chestnut Street properties for future redevelopment activities. In addition, Staff met with Patriot Engineering to review the results of the remedial groundwater injections, and the status of the post-injection monitoring activities. Three additional quarters of monitoring, and other work remain to obtain No Further Action status through the Voluntary Action Plan Program.



City Council presented historic designation plaques to The Works and the Bonaventure house at their meeting Tuesday. These are the 4th and 5th historic designations by City Council and the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC). Special thanks to HPPC Chairman, Randy Campion for being on hand for the presentations.



On Thursday of this week, City Staff conducted a meeting with the West Loveland Avenue Congestion Mitigation Study consultant team to review traffic counts, potential alternatives for a suitable river crossing, and the associated network impacts based upon the OKI modeling information. The project study team has received modeling information back for two potential crossings and is awaiting modeling information back from OKI for a third location. The City and study team will be arranging meetings with the various stakeholder steering committee members to discuss the initial findings in the next month or so.

Work commenced this week on the new recycling enclosure pad at the Linda Cox parking lot. To date, the pad area has been excavating and the enclosure concrete slab has been poured. The new enclosure is designed and is projected to arrive in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Mayor Bailey and City Council hosted the City’s biennial Boards and Commission Dinner on Thursday evening to thank and recognize over seventy people who donate their time and talents to serve the community.

Loveland U got to peek behind the curtain this week when they visited the Loveland Stage Company. The group learned the ins and outs of how a community theater runs and the complexities of stage lighting and the sound system. Participants toured the facility, slipped their dancing shoes on to practice some choreography, and finished the evening with charades.



Building and Zoning

Here is a summary of Building and Zoning Department activities throughout the past week:

- The Department continues to coordinate review of proposed zoning code revisions with McBride Dale Clarion. This week, comments were sent back for review with regard to landscaping, signage, and parking standards.
- The Department continues to coordinate with the architect for the new Fire Station and they anticipate having revised plans to us by end of this week or early next week. Plans will be sent to the City Engineer and Plan Examiner upon receipt.
- Revised plans were submitted for the new home being constructed in Chimneyridge at 17 Paxton. Revisions will be needed before the plans can be approved.
- Loveland Presbyterian Church on Loveland Miamiville Road has advised that they will be updating their exterior signage. The Department is now awaiting receipt of the application and plans. A temporary banner will be placed until the new ground mounted sign can be installed.
- The color renderings for the proposed sign and exterior paint color were received for Playa Bowls, located along West Loveland Avenue in Historic Downtown. Once the completed application is received, this renovation will be forwarded to the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission for its regularly scheduled meeting in October.
- The permit is ready to issue for the Clubhouse going in at the 8Ninety Apartments, 890 W. Loveland Avenue.

Property maintenance enforcement efforts continue. With the arrival of rain and cooler weather, we are receiving additional complaints about mowing grass and unkept vegetation. In addition, the Department continues enforcement efforts on Sunrise Drive, and elsewhere to bring long-standing issues into compliance permanently.

Finance

The Finance Department added another award to their trophy case as the department received the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction. This award, which is based on clean and transparent financial, goes out to less than 5% of all Ohio Communities. Great job to Director of Finance, Mark Medlar and his team.



Public Works

This week, I had the opportunity to meet with Bonnie Buthker, District Chief, for the Southwest District Office of the Ohio EPA. Bonnie provided me with funding opportunities for water main replacements and other water system needs. We also discussed funding that will be coming out to support communities in their efforts to meeting the requirements of the State of Ohio’s PFAS Action Plan.

The Public Works department was excited to host the city’s second annual “Free Tree Giveaway” this week. Over two hundred trees were given away to residents as an investment in the city’s tree canopy. The Public Works staff, along with members of the Tree and Environment Committee helped residents load their trees. Some of the trees given away this year included River Birches, Dogwoods, Tulip Poplars, American Plums, American Basswoods, and several types of Oak trees.



The city’s fall brush pickup program began this week and will last for approximately two weeks.

It was another busy week for the Water division. The crew repaired two water main breaks. They also installed three water valves on Thistlehill Drive. These new valves will reduce the number of residents impacted by water main shutoffs during maintenance or emergency repairs.

Public Safety

Last Sunday, LPD joined Prince of Peace Lutheran Church to hold our first Faith & Blue event. LPD officers, Chaplain Eilert, and Chaplain Spence had a great time joining with the members of our community to facilitate safer and stronger communities by engaging law enforcement officers and local residents through the connections of faith-based organizations.

This week Chief Gabrielson unveiled LPD's 75th anniversary badge to the community. Officers will wear these special badges for one year. City Council members were made Honorary Members of the Loveland Police Department in recognition of the department’s 75th anniversary. Interested in LPD’s history? In the mid-1800s, the Loveland Horse Thief Patrol was founded. In 1876, Loveland appointed its first town marshal, which handled all police-related service as a solo position until 1939! LPD was officially founded

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1948 but multiple officers were not hired until 1958. Today LPD employs 23 full-time officers, leadership, and an administrative team — plus volunteers and two chaplains assist the department.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Loveland-Symmes Firefighters will host a Fill The Boot campaign to raise funds for the Karen Wellington Foundation on Saturday, October 14, from 8 a.m. to Noon at the bike trail crossing at West Loveland Avenue and at the Kroger’s at Harper's Point. Later that evening, the Loveland Symmes Firefighters will host a cornhole tournament at Hops and Berry from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to raise additional funds for the Karen Wellington Foundation. The event will include live music and a bourbon raffle.

Leaf collection will begin on October 16. Details are available on the city’s website, www.lovelandoh.gov.

The Arts Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m.

The Finance Commission will meet on Thursday, October 19, at 5:00 p.m.

For information about other community events, go to www.lovinlifeloveland.com.
