



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

October 27, 2023



Superintendent, Mike Broadwater and the Loveland City School District hosted Loveland U this week

Administration

The city was notified that it has been awarded \$35,000 from the Hamilton County Board of Health for the 2nd outdoor seating area in Nisbet Park. This grant award will allow the city to continue its work towards fully completing the Nisbet Park Master Plan. The new seating area will be located just east of the first area which was installed earlier this year. The 2nd seating area will include approximately 8 tables and will be constructed in a manner that protects that park's existing trees.



The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met on Wednesday to review two applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). The first COA application was for new signage and front façade painting at 124 West Loveland, the former home of Loveland Sweets, and now the home of Playa Bowls. Playa Bowls is a franchise, serving fruit bowls and smoothies, which began in New Jersey and now has over 200 locations in 21 states. The HPPC approved their COA request and the owners are hoping to be open in Spring of 2024. For more information on Playa Bowls go to: www.playabowls.com. The commission also approved a new ground sign for the Loveland Regional Animal Hospital at 300 West Loveland Avenue.



This week, the City received approval from BUSTR for the interim remedial action plan for the former Mobil Station located at 106 West Loveland Avenue. Crews will be mobilized to excavate approximately 1,000 cubic yards of contaminated soils from the site and will fill the excavation area with clean backfill to remediate past fuel releases. Once the remedial action is completed, the City will conduct additional sampling and monitoring activities, and will prepare a report and file it with BUSTR as part of the process to close the former fuel center site.

The Parks and Recreation Commission met on Thursday of this week to review updates from the Public Works Department regarding the various park repairs and improvements noted during the 2023 Annual Park Inspection process. The Board was very impressed by the City's efforts to address these varying maintenance concerns. In addition, the Committee heard from the Police Department about the development of the Loveland Parks Ambassador Program and reviewed a new "Park Rules" pamphlet and other program elements as part of the process to develop and implement the City's new Park Ambassador program. Revised park rules will be considered in depth at the next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

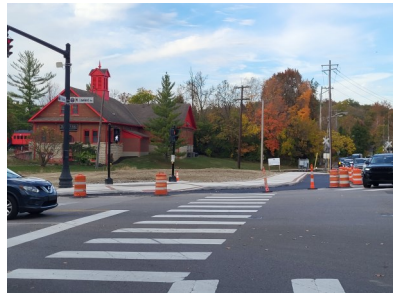
Building and Zoning

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

- The Certificate of Occupancy was issued for 133 Blossom View. There is now only one building, containing five units, left to finalize at the site. Sales activity remains strong as most of the completed units have already sold.
- Foundation work continues at 17 Paxton Court in ChimneyRidge.
- Work at the St. Columban Parish Center addition continues. Underground utilities have been installed and have been inspected by IBI and Hamilton County Plumbing and are now ready to backfill.
- Framing inspections were done on DVD Brew, 1555 Loveland Madeira Road.

Project Update

At the intersection of West Loveland Avenue and State Route 48, Ford Development has completed the majority of the work for the new right turning lane. The new sidewalks are installed, and the site was rough graded to backfill against the new curb and walk section. The surface course of the turn lane was also installed. Remaining work includes minor adjustments to the pedestrian buttons to achieve proper orientation to the new ADA ramp, and striping work for the new crosswalks and turning lane, which will be completed as soon as weather permits. Once the pavement striping work is completed, the lane will be open to traffic.



The Harrison Road Widening project continues at a steady pace. This week, crews laid the base for the expanded portion of Harrison Avenue (east of Railroad Avenue) which will provide direct access to the new parking lot. This portion of the project includes a driveway apron the existing city hall parking area which will be re-configured to add additional spaces and improve access.



Six semi-trucks, each carrying a portion of a large crane, arrived in downtown Friday morning. Once off-loaded and assembled, the crane will be utilized to remove the old bike trail bridge and the abandoned rail line. This process will be repeated in the spring when the new bridge is lowered into place. Special thanks to LPD for helping coordinate the unloading and general maneuvering of the trucks.



Public Works

Congratulations to Tree and Environment committee member, Doug Gilbert, for being recognized by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for discovering the invasive Box Tree Moth in our area. Department of Natural Resources representatives from all over the country and as far away as Guam and Alaska, were in attendance.



City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein reported that the city's funding applications through the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), were ranked by the district subcommittee this week. The Cherokee Drive and West Main Street Water Main Replacement project ranked 2nd among all projects in our district. The East Loveland Avenue Phase 2 project ranked 17th through SCIP and 12th through the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). The State Route 48/Williams Street Stormwater project ranked 34th through SCIP and 7th through LTIP. There is an upcoming rating appeal process which may affect the priority ranking of projects. The result for SCIP and LTIP funding awards should be determined by the end of this year.

Public Works staff planted a total of 43 trees this week throughout the city with a concentrated effort in Phillips Park. These trees were 5 to 7 feet tall and 1 inch in diameter. Some of the trees planted included River Birches, Tulip Poplars, American Plums, American Basswoods, and several types of Oak trees.

Public Safety

LPD partnered with the Hamilton Township Police Department and were recently awarded a grant from the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services. The \$15,000 grant will provide services to improve the mental health and wellness of 46 sworn Police Officers. The grant also covers services for the officer's primary support partner at home and the department's support staff. Services are scheduled to begin in 2024.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Veterans Memorial Committee meeting, Monday October 30, 6:00 PM at City Hall

Trick-or-Treat is Tuesday October 31, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM