



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

November 3, 2023



Striping was added at the new SR 48 Turn Lane completing the project

Administration

Jason Brownknight, Executive Director for the Little Miami Conservancy, hosted Loveland U this week. Jason explained the role that the conservancy plays in protecting the city's most important natural feature.

On Wednesday of this week, City Staff met with the Public Entities Risk Management Pool (PEP) to discuss the City's upcoming property, casualty, and liability insurance renewal for the 2024 Calendar Year. Generally, exposures remain flat, with slight increases projected in liability, excess liability, and automobile coverages, while inflationary trends impacting valuations on physical properties (assets) contributed to the bulk of the projected increase. Staff will continue to communicate with PEP to refine these costs and coverages prior to bringing the renewal to City Council.



This week we met with a representative from Sugar Tree Subdivision HOA to discuss the establishment of a lighting district.

Building and Zoning

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

- This week, the City issued permits to reconstruct a deteriorated retaining wall at 912 Loveland Madeira Road. This repair was a result of an inspection of the wall by the Building Official, and the department working with the property owner to develop a plan to complete a permanent repair. Contractors are now finishing a couple of other jobs in the area, and hope to commence work in a few weeks now that the permit has been issued.
- Work at the St. Columban's Community Parish Center continues to progress with framing and slab inspections taking place this week.
- Building D at 8Ninety Apartments, located at 890 West Loveland Avenue, received their Certificate of Occupancy, completing the renovations of that building. Work is continuing on other buildings within the complex.
- Habitat for Humanity Re-Store has applied for their permanent signs, for their new location at the former Receptions building located along Loveland Madeira Road. Building review has been approved and the zoning review is currently pending at this time. Signage has been reviewed and approved for lighting compliance as well.
- Several residential permits and inspections were held this week.
- Work continues at the DVD Brew facility, with renovation work well underway at this facility located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road.

A pending property maintenance enforcement proceeding was continued this week for a property located along Mellow Wood Drive, due to illness. The inspector remains ready to attest to the numbered conditions leading to the enforcement action, once the case is rescheduled.

Finance

The budget team is working on finalizing the 2024 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Public Works

Work finished this week on the State Route 48 / West Loveland Right turn Lane Project, with revised intersection and crosswalk striping completed, and pedestrian buttons adjusted to work with the revised crosswalk locations. The lane is now open to traffic, and initial anecdotal observations appear to yield that the improvement has already had a positive impact on delays. Special thanks to Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright for overseeing this important project. In addition, Public Works installed a new bench within the project area.

Work continues to finalize the work to complete the Interim Remedial action plan for the remainder parcel at the former Mobil Station site. Patriot Engineering has been in contact with the Ohio Department of Development to refine scope and work plan amounts in conjunction with the remaining funding available through the Abandoned Gas Station Grant program. More work will follow prior to remediation commencing.

City Staff met with TEC Engineering and the Ohio Rail Development Commission to review potential upgrades to the City's downtown traffic signals in coordination with the railroad preemption and timing modifications.

Work started this this week on replacement of a segment of deteriorating paver sidewalk leading to the main entrance of City Hall. The new section of sidewalk will replicate the paver and concrete design of the outdoor patio installed last year and will closely replicate the streetscaping design installed at the new turn lane along Second Street (State Route 48) and West Loveland Avenue. A portion of the old pavers will be preserved and reset around the flagpole to delineate this area and to pay homage to an element of the City's prior streetscape/City Hall aesthetic.

Public Works completed the first pass of leaf collection this week on schedule.

Building and Zoning Permit Specialist, Becky Noel and Customer Services Specialist, Mandy Lucas met with Assistant Public Works Director, Shawn Hartness to design the layout for the new agility course being added to the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park. Installation of the agility course begins next week.

Public Safety

Officer Jacob Steinkoenig returned to LPD this week after leaving to pursue another career option. Jacob is a first rate officer and having him back with the department is a benefit to the entire community. Welcome Back Jake!!!

Officers from Loveland, Hamilton Township, and Deputies from Warren County visited children and adults in our communities who can't get out to enjoy Trick or Treat events. The "Candy Police" take special treats to them and enjoy making new friends throughout the community.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall and the Safety Center will be polling locations on Tuesday, November 7.

The Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. The Tree and Environment Committee will also meet on Thursday at 7:30 pm.

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

For information about other city events, visit www.LovinLifeLoveland.com.
