



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

November 17, 2023



The 2023 Citizens Police Academy Graduation Ceremony was held on Thursday

Administration

Mayor Kathy Bailey addressed the Saint Columban students and our Veterans at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony last Friday. The event was held in the gymnasium at Saint Columban School and included music and tributes to each of the country's armed forces.



Final post-remediation activities at the Chestnut Street property continue to advance, with a reactive barrier agent installed to increase the efficacy of the previous groundwater injections that were completed under the ODOD Brownfield Remediation Grant. These actions are included as part of the Voluntary Action Plan closure process. Groundwater monitoring and post-remediation closure reporting and documentation activities will also continue for several additional months as the City works through the remaining environmental closure activities on the site.

Also this week, the new clocktower plaza expansion was opened to the public along Railroad Avenue. The concrete plaza and seating area was enlarged to nearly double the existing size and will be a great spot for patrons of downtown to relax in the shade of a majestic elm tree that already graces the plaza. Special thanks to Finer Lawn and Landscaping for an outstanding job to excavate, form, pour, and expertly finish the patio expansion in a rather confined space along Railroad Avenue in less than three days. This project was included as a strategy in the city's Downtown Streetscape Master Plan.



Speaking of new concrete work, a portion of the City Hall main sidewalk was also completed with the new streetscape design, extending from the street to the outdoor seating area installed last year. The City continues to invest in City Hall, to both beautify and activate the space in front of the building. As mentioned previously, the old pavers were preserved and reset on a concrete base around the flagpole to preserve and recognize the city's previous streetscape design as a nod to the history and evolution of Historic Downtown. Future phases will be advanced as funding and scheduling allows.

Building and Zoning

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

- The revised drawings for the site work for the new fire station came in and are under review with the city engineer. All other approvals are in.
- Plans came in for the alterations and upgrades of all five buildings at MacArthur Park Apartments on Park Ave. Some revisions to the plans are needed.
- We received the application and plans for the wall sign for Playa Bowls, 124 W. Loveland. They had already received their HPPC approval, so now with the zoning and plans examiner approval, the permit is ready to issue.
- Caliber Collision, 1505 Loveland Madeira Rd has submitted plans for a retaining wall. The plans have been reviewed and revisions are needed for both the City Engineer and Plans Examiner.
- The final inspection was done for 18 Paxton Ct in ChimneyRidge and the Certificate of Occupancy was issued. Additionally, in ChimneyRidge, slab inspections were done at 17 Paxton.
- Rough framing inspections were completed at 132 Blossom View.

Next week, the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM to hold a scheduled public hearing to consider establishment of Short-Term Rental regulations throughout various zoning districts in the City.

Finance

Finishing touches were made to the digital budget book and it was posted on the city's website. To view the digital budget book [Click Here](#)

Public Works

Assistant Public Works Director, Shawn Hartness, accepts the Chamber's Choice Award on behalf of the Public Works Department at Thursdays Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Annual Award Dinner. The Public Works Department was recognized by the Chamber for their hard work and responsiveness during chamber events. The department continues to represent the City of Loveland in a very positive, customer service manner. Congratulations!!



The new agility course at the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park is getting close to completion. This week, our Public Works crews received some much needed help from Aiden, a member of the Loveland Work Crew.



The Harrison Avenue Road Widening project is in its final stages. The sidewalks are nearing completion, which will then be followed by the surface pavement course. The road will be opened to traffic today.



Also, Erin Godsey has accepted the part-time position of Police Property Room Manager. Erin brings an excellent background to this important role with LPD. We are excited to have Erin join the LPD team, and she will be in attendance at the November 28, 2023 City Council meeting to be sworn into office.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Planning and Zoning Commission is meeting on Tuesday January 21 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

City Hall will be closed on Thursday November 23 and Friday the 24 for Thanksgiving.
