



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

February 2, 2024



Staff members join City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein for lunch on her final day with the city

Administration

This week, I had the privilege of participating in the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's annual State of the Region program. I was joined by Kim Lapensee with Symmes Township and Steve Kelly from Miami Township.



Building and Zoning

The Board of Zoning Appeals met this week to review two variance requests. The first request was for setbacks variances to permit four new single family residential units on the vacant lot at 621 West Loveland Avenue. This variance was approved. The second request was for variances to construct a new 62 unit multiple family housing development on Highland Avenue in the Loveland Heights. This variance was tabled as the applicant is revising the plans to reduce the number of units and add additional parking spaces.



Other updates from the Building and Zoning Department:

- Final inspections were complete and COs issued to 130 and 132 Blossom View. There are 3 homes left to finalize in the Blossom Hill development before the project will be complete.
- Playa Bowl, 124 W. Loveland, had their framing and ductwork inspection this week. Both inspections passed.
- Inspections continue on several homes in progress in the Chimney Ridge subdivision.
- Additionally, an application and plans came in for another new home in Chimney Ridge. The plans are in review.
- St. Columban's Community Center continues to progress, with stage framing inspections done this week. Some corrections need to be made and a follow up inspection will be done.
- Bond Furniture has begun revising their loading dock and parking spaces behind their building at 113 Karl Brown.
- Children's Academy of Loveland started their floor framing on their latest addition.
- Habitat for Humanity Re-Store is progressing on their interior alterations.

Finance

Once again, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Loveland for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Public Works |

After some unanticipated delays, the new agility course at the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park is finally complete! The course consists of six stations including a dog jump, a crawl tunnel, a hoop jump, stepping paws, a hilltop climbing challenge, and a grooming table with leash holder. Special thanks to the public works crews for their perseverance in completing this project, along with the determination of Customer Service Representative, Mandy Lucas to track down missing parts. This is yet another quality addition to the city's park system. Just a reminder, that this project was fully funded from proceeds of the sale of obsolete equipment at the public works campus.



The East Loveland Avenue bridge replacement project began on Wednesday. This is a collaborative project between the City of Loveland, Clermont County, and the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD). There are several parts to this \$2.1-million project:

- Clermont County is replacing the bridge on East Loveland Avenue over Bares Run, adjacent to 250 E. Loveland Ave.
- MSD will replace and upsize the sanitary sewer from approximately 220 to 362 E. Loveland Ave.
- The city is receiving \$722,400 in state grant funding to install sidewalks on both sides of the road between 227 to 356 East Loveland Avenue, relocating the water main around the future bridge wingwalls, completing storm sewer system improvements, and repaving a portion of the roadway.

The Public Works crew played one last prank on long time City Engineer Cindy Klopfenstein before she heads to the Village of Indian Hill.

Thanks again Cindy, you should be proud of all you have accomplished during your time in Loveland. You will be missed!!



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 5:00 p.m.

City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to award a contract for the new downtown parking lot.

The City's Hearts Afire Weekend kicks off on Friday night and runs through Sunday afternoon. [Click here](#) to see the schedule of activities.

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