



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

March 28, 2024



Retired Lieutenant Mike Szpak is honored for 28 Years of Service to the City of Loveland

Administration

Special thanks to Councilmember Neal Oury and former Councilmember Kent Blair for their craftsmanship in constructing new Adirondak Chairs to be placed in the area around the Town Clock. Norm Abram would be proud of the quality of Neal and Kent's work. What a wonderful addition to our Downtown District!



I am pleased to report that we have filled two important positions with the city; Assistant City Manager and City Engineer. Chris Wojnicz, will begin serving as Assistant City Manager on April 9, and Kelsey Richards will take over as our City Engineer on April 15. Both are very qualified individuals, bring with them a wealth of experience, and are excited to begin their careers with the city. Chris and Kelsey will both play important roles in meeting Council's 2024-2025 goals adopted at the March 26th meeting.

Building and Zoning

- The clubhouse at The 8Ninety Apartments, 890 W. Loveland, is being framed in.
- St. Columban had their above ceiling inspection this week.
- Several inspections took place on the homes under construction in Chimney Ridge.
- The final inspections were done on the chimney repairs at Carrington Crossing.
- Plans were submitted for interior alterations at 161 Commerce.

Public Works

Spring Brush Pick-Up has been completed. Following this, our annual Spring Street Sweeping program kicked off on Tuesday, ensuring that our streets are clean and well-maintained for the community.



Public Works and LSFD worked jointly to conduct a hydrant flushing in the Brandywine Subdivision. In addition to removing any sediments in the water, the process also ensures that all the fire hydrants are working properly.

In a commendable achievement, Public Works Supervisor Jason Brock and Assistant Public Works Director Shawn Hartness were honored with associate certificates from the Urban Foresters of the Ohio Division of Forestry. This recognition signifies their completion of the Freshman and Sophomore years of the Tree Commission Academy, a program focusing on urban forestry and arboriculture. Our staff's dedication to professional development underscores our commitment to excellence in maintaining and enhancing the green spaces within our community.

Tuesday was the bid opening for the Loveland Miamiville Road Sidewalk Phase 2 of the three phase project, which will create a pedestrian connection to the Steeplechase subdivision. Council authorizing the engineering and design of this project in the fall of 2023 has allowed construction to begin this spring. Next year, the final phase of the project will be completed, connecting the Huntington subdivision.

Following years of coordination, Hamilton County began construction on the West Loveland Avenue Bridge Project this week. Although they will maintain pedestrian traffic on the bridge throughout the project, lane closures designed to protect the crews and assure ample space for equipment, is impacting traffic flow in and out of downtown. With three bridge projects and a new parking lot all underway at the same time, this is one of the most active construction periods in recent memory. There is some comfort in knowing that ODNR reports that the bike trail bridge project is on schedule to open to the public in May, and the contractor for the East Loveland Avenue Bridge project hopes to have at least one lane of traffic open in late April or early May.



Public Safety

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, current and former Loveland Police personnel joined council in saluting Lieutenant Mike Szpak who retired on March 13 following 28 years of service to the city. I had the privilege of working with Mike for the past 10 years and can say that he was always a true professional, and was very proud to represent the city. Mike, we all wish you a very happy retirement! You have earned it.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, in observation of Good Friday.

TriHealth's Mobile Mammography will be coming to Historic Downtown Loveland (120 W Loveland Ave.) on Tuesday, April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are available and can be made on the city's website.



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