



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

May 31, 2024



Mayor Kathy Bailey, Vice Mayor, Ted Phelps, and Councilmembers Kip Ping, John Hart and Brian Goodyear walk in the 2024 Memorial Day Parade

Administration

The community gathered Monday for the 2024 Memorial Day Program to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our nation's freedom. Special thanks to the Veterans Committee and Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Clark and Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose for their efforts in organizing and promoting this important community event.



This week's progress on the Downtown Parking Lot was primarily on preparing the base for the upcoming paving. With all of the electrical conduit in place, and the modified entry from State Route 48 approved by City Council, the balance of the project includes paving, installation of the SR 48 to Downtown sidewalk connector, installation of lighting by Duke Energy and landscaping.

Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz relaunched the city's IT Board. Members are represented across all departments within the City, including LSFD, Loveland PD, Public Works, the City Manager's Office, Communications, Finance, and our IT Support consultant, Velecor. This board will allow the City to continue moving forward with advancements in IT and cybersecurity by leveraging joint communication and identifying opportunities for economic savings while improving efficiencies.

Building and Zoning

A weekly update from the Building and Zoning Department:

- As soon as the Fire Department completes their review, the permit is ready to issue for the alterations at Children's Meeting House, 927 O'Bannonville.
- Once zoning approval comes in, the permit will be issued for the signs for Ulmer's Auto Care at 301 Loveland Madeira. All other approvals are in and there will be conditions on the signs: follow the lighting code and keep the sign 20' back from the curb.
- A permit was issued for the re-roofing of 916 Loveland Madeira Rd, Delectable Collectables, Inc.
- Work continues at 1301 Mattec, Premier Pain, with duct seal inspections taking place this week.
- The insulation is in at the Clubhouse for 8Ninety Apartments.
- Residential applications continue to come in and multiple inspections were done on various ongoing residential projects this week.
- Mechanical work progresses on the 2nd floor of Bond Furniture, 113 Karl Brown.

Public Works

Congratulations to Public Works employee Ryan Singleton for securing his Class 1 Ohio EPA Water Certification! With Ryan's certification the city now has the following crew members holding various water EPA licenses:

Ricky Gregory - Class 3 Water Supply & Water Lab
Rob Hayden - Class 2 Water Supply & Water Lab
Bryan Hood - Class 1 Water Supply
Jason Brock - Class 1 Water Supply
James Sowders - Water Lab License
Ryan Singleton - Class 1 Water Supply & Water Lab

These certifications are important to the operations of the city's water system, result in reduced costs for sampling, and provide needed backups.

Wednesday, the Tree and Environment Committee hosted a 3rd planting opportunity for residents and students this year. The event was held at Phillips Park, along the new Dyson Trail. Hundreds of native plants were installed along Dyson Trail where invasive species were recently removed. These efforts are part of an initiative to improve the health of Loveland's green spaces.

Progress this week on the West Loveland Bridge Project included:

- The parapet wall has on the north side of the bridge has been completed
- Thursday, crews began pouring the new walkway on the north side of the bridge.



The 2024 Capital Budget included funding to replace the traffic signal bases at the West Loveland Avenue/Karl Brown Way intersection. Working with the supplier, it was concluded that by switching to a hard plastic style product, all of the downtown traffic signal bases could be replaced at the same time, for the same cost.



Before



After

Repairs to Water Well #5 at the Betty Ray Water Treatment Plant are complete. The project repaired nearly every component of the well and it is now back in service. Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ricky Gregory pointed out that rehabbed well is now producing an extra 250 gallons per minute more than before the work was performed.



Work on completing the Nisbet Park Master plan continued this week with a new pedestrian walk along the south side of the gazebo near the offices of the Little Miami River Conservancy. This new walk allows for easy access from the bike trail to the gazebo or the park's playset. The walk also defines the boundaries of the third and final seating area. Special thanks to the Clermont County Community Park Grant Program which funded a large portion of this project. The city is now looking to secure funding to install the seating area and tables.

Public Safety

The Loveland Police Department, Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, along with several neighboring public safety agencies participated with Loveland Schools this week testing emergency preparedness plans.



Public Safety

The Hill Wagoner Cemetery Preservation Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:00 p.m.

Information about other community events can be found at www.LovinLifeLoveland.com.