



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

June 14, 2024



Loveland Miami Road Sidewalks Phase II began this week

Administration

I was taken aback on Tuesday evening when City Council took action to name the new parking after me. I'd like to thank City Council and extend my gratitude to everyone who attended the meeting. This is a wonderful community, and it is an honor to hold this position and work aside a group of dedicated elected officials and city staff.

Saturday, the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day was held at the Loveland High School. The event, which allows Loveland and Symmes Township residents the opportunity to properly dispose of a wide variety of household products such as fuel, oil, fluorescent bulbs, paint and other chemicals, was a big hit. This event would not be possible without the coordination of Amy Van Strien and the volunteers from the Loveland Sustainability Council. Also, a special thanks to Loveland City School District for allowing the event to be held at the high school!



The city's Concert in the Park series at the Nisbet Park amphitheater kicked off on Sunday with country band, Blacktop Rodeo out of Lexington KY. Great band, and a great group of guys. The concert series will continue on June 23 and feature the Lady Joya Band who will deliver rhythm and blues favorites.



Railing installation along the West Loveland Avenue Bridge began on Thursday. The city is working with local designer, Peter Sexton, to add the city's logo to the railing once the project is complete. The contractor expects to switch to the south side of the bridge next week.



In an effort to support the local arts community, the city's Arts Commission turned the City Hall lobby into an art gallery to support local artists. Last night, the Watercolor Guild of Loveland opened their exhibit consisting of 80 watercolor painting by a band of more than 20 artists. The exhibit will be a stop on the Loveland Art Crawl on June 22. The exhibit will run through August 14 and wrap up with a painting class. Thank you to Councilmen Neal Oury and Brian Goodyear for attending the opening.



Building and Zoning

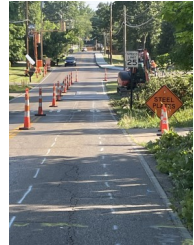
A summary of weekly activities from the Building and Zoning Department:

- St. Columban is ready for their final on the new Community Center. If all passes, they'll receive their certificate of occupancy.
- Inspections continue on multiple ongoing residential projects around the city, including two of the homes under construction at ChimneyRidge.
- A sign permit was issued for the face change to the existing signs at 403 Loveland Madeira, where Nostalgia Ink has moved in.
- A permit was also issued for the signs for Ulmer's Auto Care, 301 Loveland Madeira.
- Due to the popularity of Nisbet Park, shelter rental requests continue to come in at a steady pace.



Public Works

City Council's goal of improving pedestrian connectivity among our neighborhoods took another step forward this week with the commencement of the Loveland Miamiville Road Sidewalk Phase 2 project. Great job by Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz in getting the project to commence earlier than originally planned. Also, thanks to Loveland City Schools for allowing project materials to be stored at LECC.



Public Works, Loveland PD and DJ Drew (contractor), all worked together to remove a non-utilized utility pole at the new parking lot's State Route 48 entranceway, which included a brief road closure. Great teamwork!



The Annual Paving Program is advancing smoothly. The contractor has finished curb repairs, base repairs, and paving in the Heights neighborhood. On Thursday, crews began milling in the Stoneybrook subdivision in preparation for paving.



The Public Works Department remains consistently active, diligently maintaining the city's numerous parks, trails, and infrastructure. This week, the crew spread 56 yards of mulch across city playgrounds, pruned sections of the West Loveland Nature Preserve and repaired a substantial sinkhole on Ridge Circle. (Pictured, Bryan Hood, Roy Cole, and Clayton Johnson spreading playground mulch and Roy and Bryan repairing a large sinkhole).



Public Works Director, Scott Wisby and I met with Jim Daumeyer at Tomahawk Trail in the Loveland Heights to review his plans for creating a new loop trail. Jim was integral in the creation of the Dyson Trail in Phillips Park, and is committed to creating natural walking trails.

The Parks and Recreation Board met on Thursday evening to review progress on their Park Evaluation Repairs. Following their annual park inspections, their findings are cataloged and our Public Works Crews make needed various repairs and update the board.

Public Safety

At Tuesdays meeting, LSFD Executive Officer Bruce Hawk presented the departments' 2023 Annual Report to City Council. Response statistics from the report within the city included 1,238 Fire Incidents, 1,638 EMS Calls, meanwhile NECC 16,112 total calls. In total, LSFD personnel completed 38,322 training hours, installed 131 Residential Smoke Detectors, and completed schools safety programs with 1,918 students attending. These numbers do not include community programs and events which LSFD organizes or participates in. LSFD is so more than just a fire department to the City of Loveland.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

In addition to the city's Concert in the Park series, the city hosts mini concerts in the Nisbet Park gazebo. This Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m., Chris Lee Acoustics will perform at the gazebo.

The Veterans Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.
