



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

July 12, 2024



Public Works Crews repaired a water main on Marbea Drive this week

Administration

Completing construction on the new parking lot took a step forward this week with the arrival of the lot's lighting fixtures. The need to have the lighting installed prior to the completion of other improvements has caused a slight delay in construction. The lights, which will be installed by a Duke Energy subcontractor, are both attractive and dark sky complaint. Bollard style lighting will be installed along the sidewalk adjacent to the Work's Railcar, which will allow pedestrian access from State Route 48 into the downtown district, and vice versa. Special thanks to Public Works Director, Scott Wisby and Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz, for their efforts in working with Duke Energy and the electrical contractor to advance this key step in completing the new lot.



This week, the city was notified that it has been approved for \$250,000 in the State Capital Budget for construction of a new amphitheater in Nisbet Park. Although additional funding is still needed, these funds are a first step in constructing the signature feature of the Nisbet Park Master Plan. Special thanks to Mayor Bailey for all of her efforts in assisting with securing these important funds.



Also this week, the city signed a 100% principal forgiveness loan with the Ohio EPA Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) program for \$46,500 which will reimburse the city for its PFAS study completed by our consultant Burgess & Niple. The city will continue to work with the WSRLA program to potentially secure funding for the design phase of PFAS treatment which will begin in the coming months. Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz, with the assistance of Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Ricky Gregory, continues to navigate the city through the PFAS remediation process, by identifying funding sources, working with our consultants to complete required studies, while also maintaining communication with the Ohio EPA and neighboring water systems.

The second round of the Loveland Arts Commission's traffic signal box wrap contest kicked off today with a call for art. Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren County residents, no age limit, may apply. Submissions will be accepted through September 8. The winning designs will be applied to vinyl wraps that will cover traffic control boxes at the intersection of W. Loveland and Wall Street, and at the intersection of Broadway Avenue and State Route 48. The Arts Commission is encouraging submissions of Loveland specific artworks that will make these traffic control boxes "purely Loveland."

Building and Zoning

- Plans were approved and the permits issued for the last two single family homes at 617 and 619 W. Loveland Avenue. They're hoping to start getting footer inspections next week for the development.
- The framing inspection took place at Children's Meeting House, 927 O'Bannonville Road, as they continue work on their addition.
- A framing inspection took place for the new bathroom being added for POP Kids at Prince of Peace Church, 101 S. Lebanon Road.
- An application and plans came in for a temporary banner at Loveland Presbyterian Church, 6796 Loveland Miamiville. Plans are in review. The temporary banner will give them time to work out the delays/issues they've had in getting their permanent sign.
- Inspections continue on several ongoing residential projects around the city.

Finance

Staff worked this week to prepare communications, prepare the legal notice, and review legislation reference the USDA funding for the new downtown fire station, which has finally received the go ahead to move forward. The USDA funding, although a cumbersome process, provides the city a below market interest rate, and other favorable terms which made it the preferred funding source to complete this important project.

Public Works

The city's Annual Paving Program continued to move forward this week. The contractor is working on the final curb repairs in the Stonybrook subdivision in preparation for completing the paving.



A team effort, led by Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby continued this week as they work to secure easements along the West Loveland Avenue Business District for the installation of new antique style street lighting. With the lighting needing to be placed along the back of the sidewalks, easements from each property owners are needed. The owners have been very receptive, recognizing the value the new lighting will bring to the growing business district.

Crews completed roadside mowing along East Loveland Avenue and Riverside Drive this week, utilizing the city's mini-excavator. This piece of equipment, which was purchased in 2023, and is outfitted with a flail mower, is a multi-purpose piece of equipment which can be used for a variety of tasks.



Public Safety

After more than 20 years of public service, Systems Manager, Tina Kerns is retiring from LPD effective July 19, 2024. Tina will be moving out of state to be closer to family this August. She has declined a formal send-off and will visit with staff personally. We all wish Tina the very best on the next adventure in life. We also want to express our gratitude for helping LPD fulfill their mission and the support she gave to every citizen of Loveland.



After more than 6 years of service with LPD, Lt. Scott Humphrey has tendered his letter of resignation effective July 29, 2024. Scott included "With great consideration, I have decided to retire from Law Enforcement." Scott was very active in training, was a SWAT Team member, taser instructor, firearms instructor, and bike officer. Scott made a significant impact to LPD with improvements to the training and FTO programs. We want to thank Scott for his service to our community and wish him all the best in future endeavors.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Trailside Tunes: Anita and the Daves will perform at the Gazebo in Nisbet Park this Saturday, July 13, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Concert in the Park: The Belairs Show Band will perform 1950's and 1960's music on Sunday, July 14, in the amphitheater at Nisbet Park at 6 p.m.

The Finance Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 16, at 5 p.m.

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