



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

September 13, 2024



Construction is underway on the City Hall Parking Realignment and Sidewalk Installation Project

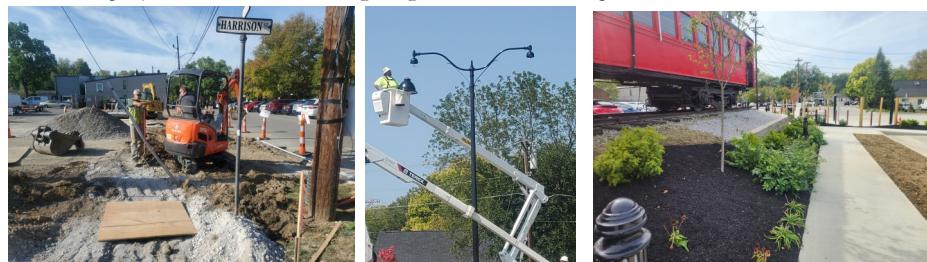
Administration

The city is pleased to announce that the Grunder Landscaping Company will be expanding into the Loveland Commerce Park at 137 Commerce Drive (Former Flex-Pack site). Based out of Miamisburg, Ohio the Cincinnati Business Courier reports that “Grunder Landscaping has roughly 15 staffers working in the northern Cincinnati market, but hopes to grow the employee tally to 80 within the next five years” and that “Last year, Grunder ranked as the eighth-fastest-growing firm in the Dayton region with \$9.5 million in 2022 revenue.” Great job by the city’s economic development team, led by Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby to work with the ownership group on landing this new business. Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose and Eva worked together to have the Grunder Logo displayed on the Commerce Park Message Sign which resonated with the company’s president, “Thank you for welcoming us to your community; I know we’ll be a great addition.”



We are excited to announce that former HR Manager, Julie Robinson, has accepted the newly created position of Director of Human Resources. It is great to have Julie back with the city, first day is Monday, September 23.

This week was a hub of construction activity downtown as the landscaping and lighting were completed at the new parking lot, while the parking realignment and sidewalk installation project adjacent to City Hall commenced. The City Hall parking project is one that we are excited to see underway. We feel that the addition of sidewalks along Railroad Avenue and the centralized vehicular access to over 225 parking spaces will add safety to pedestrian traffic and better traffic flow. The project also includes new lighting and stormwater improvements.



Loveland U kicked off on Wednesday at the Loveland Museum Center. Loveland U Coordinator, Rob Weisgerber was joined by representatives from each city department to discuss all of the upcoming programs. The class has 20 participants, all eager to learn about how the city functions and how we work with partners such as the Loveland City Schools and the Little Miami Conservancy, to make this truly a special community.



Building and Zoning

- Inspections continue on several homes under construction at Chimney Ridge.
- Spenga, 10649 Loveland Madeira, had their framing inspection.
- The tents are up, inspected, and ready to go for both the St. George Festival at 118 N. Lebanon and Oktoberfest downtown.
- Plans came in and are under review for a new single family home at 341 Ruth. This will replace the home that was demolished earlier this year. Some additional information is needed for the plans examiner and city engineer.
- Kroger, 800 Loveland Madeira, has submitted plans to replace all of their signs on the building, gas pumps and the ground sign at the street.
- Shoppers Haven received their permit to tap into the city water for one of their relocated tenants, 677 Loveland Madeira.

- The new tenants of 807 Loveland Madeira, formerly USA Insulation, have applied for a repair permit to fix the front part of their building where a car drove through.
- Progress continues on the homes at 617, 619, 621 and 623 W. Loveland.
- MacArthur Park Apartments continue with their renovations and inspections.
- Children's Hospital, going in at 10554 Loveland Madeira within Symmes Township, has applied for their water tap and meter permit.

Public Works

This week, our Public Works Department tackled several important tasks to keep our city in top shape. One team repaired a water service line on Lindenhall Drive, while another crew focused on mowing and trimming along roadsides. A third group cleared overgrown vegetation around stop signs throughout the city, and a separate team worked on updating signage, ensuring everything was well-maintained for the community.



Project Updates

Progress continues at both bridge projects. The decorative rails were installed on the south side of West Loveland Avenue, and the parapet wall was sealed and painted. At the East Loveland Avenue Bridge, contractors are pouring curbs and sidewalks along the north side. Meanwhile, the parking lot downtown is taking shape with the new landscaping installed.

The City's Annual Paving Project was completed this week. A total of twelve streets were paved this year in the Heights neighborhood and Stonybrook subdivision. This project included full-depth asphalt base repairs and curb repairs on each road. Meanwhile, Phase II of the Loveland-Miamiville Sidewalk Project was also completed. This project included the installation of more than 600 feet of new water main, upgrading the existing storm sewer, and the installation of sidewalks from Sugar Tree Lane to Saddleback Drive. This project is one more important step toward improving connectivity to the downtown area for residents.



Public Safety

At the City Council meeting Tuesday, Fire Chief, Otto Huber reported to council that LSFD has been selected as a beta site for the new National Emergency Response Information System. One of only fifty departments in the country chosen, LSFD will play an important role in testing the new, data driven, cutting edge system before it is rolled out nationally. Being a beta site, LSFD staff will begin training on the new system, provide feedback on the system all of which will enhance their emergency response efforts to the community.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Oktoberfest September - 13 & 14

Homecoming Parade - September 19

