



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

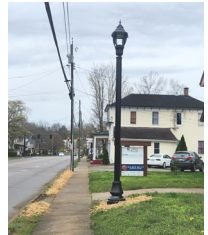
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Friday, the Tri-Health Mobile Mammography Van Visited Downtown Loveland

Administration

The West Loveland Streetlighting Project was completed this week. The new lights are a great addition to the West Loveland Business District. Great job by Chris Wojnicz and Eva Wisby in getting this project completed. Also, special thanks to the property owners that agreed to grant easements to the city to permit the installation of the lights on their property. Safe to say we couldn't have completed the project with their cooperation.



Loveland University visited the Police Department this week and was joined by Councilman Kip Ping. Captain Daniel Gangwer provided an overview of the department and Detective Moore led the class which included a demonstration by Officer Kyle Bibelhausen and K9 Cruz; a crime scene investigation, MILO scenarios, and a tour of the Northeast Communications Center and police department. MILO stands for Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives and refers to a computer-based

simulation training program widely used for law enforcement training that allows for interactive and realist simulation of real-world situations including firearms training, use of force, and judgmental training.

This week, the Loveland Farmers Market executed their annual lease agreement with the city for the operation of the market at the Linda Cox Lot. The Farmers Market will run on Tuesdays, beginning on May 6th and ending on October 28th.



Thursday evening, I had the privilege to address the Loveland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association at the Safety Center.

Building and Zoning

Activity this week in the Building and Zoning Department:

- Framing work began on The Lodge, 12050 Montgomery Rd. They are repairing several units due to water damage.
- The fire station, 220 E. Loveland, continues to make progress. This week part of the underground fire line was inspected as well as some of the columns for the foundation.
- Another home in Chimney Ridge is in the final stages of construction. After they make a few corrections, 24 Chimney Ridge will receive their TCO.
- The building inspector and fire inspector did a safety inspection for the new business going in at 705 Loveland Madeira Rd. Cincinnati Permanent Makeup is hoping to open soon.
- Repair work continues at 807 Loveland Madeira Rd where the car drove into the building. They completed the insulation work this week.
- After receiving HPPC approval and now plans approval, the permit is ready to issue for the addition of a covered patio at The Wicked Pickle, 123 Railroad Ave.

Public Works

With the arrival of spring, our Public Works staff has been hard at work maintaining the city's outdoor spaces. The changing weather, along with occasional storms, has kept crews busy with essential tasks such as mowing grass, preparing chainsaws, and clearing tree debris from city property. Their dedication ensures that our parks, trails, and green spaces remain clean, safe, and enjoyable for all residents. We appreciate their efforts in keeping our community looking its best as we welcome the warmer season.



Public Safety

LSFD, and the new Wellness Center were featured in a national fire magazine Crackyl. The article focuses on the department’s commitment to the wellness of the firefighters and the Health and Wellness Center which opened last July. It

You can read the full article here: https://issuu.com/crackyl/docs/crackyl_issue_no



HEALTH

SIZING UP FIREFIGHTER WELLNESS:

A SUBURBAN APPROACH

By Billy Schiller, Editor, Fire Chief

At a bare minimum, calls on most fire chiefs have their firefighters' wellness – not just physical or mental health – on their minds. It's hard at heart to ignore wellness as a hot topic when you meet about firefighters dealing with stress, chronic, or behavioral health issues.

These issues critically impact the firefighter's personal and family life, and their ability to enjoy and do the job they signed up for. I mention their personal and family life because it's unstable, it has been proven it will impact their ability to do their best on the job.

IN THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE SERVICE, GOING BACK JUST



UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF EACH FIREFIGHTER RESULTS IN MORE THAN JUST SERVICE IMPROVEMENT.

ready to do it again, as long as the public needed help.

On these calls, firefighters sometimes get injured. Naturally, we would take them to a medical facility to fix their arm, leg, cut, or whatever physical injury they received. Then, we would return to work and be ready to go again.

But of course, other times, the impact on our firefighters was far worse.

As time went on, research and observations showed us that firefighters are essentially professional occupational athletes. Our demands, they are "on the bench" and the most minute, right in the middle of the game.

The difference is athletes are on a schedule, and we are not. The coach or ref can stop and take a time-out at a game, but we cannot. Our firefighters must be ready to "go on" within seconds of the reported emergency.

A house fire? Is someone not breathing? A house almost a disaster? An auto crash? Go time is now.

AS TIME WENT ON AND INJURY PREVENTION STARTED GAINING THE SPOTLIGHT, WE STARTED LOOKING AT ISSUES RELATED TO PHYSICAL FITNESS.

If our firefighters had been stronger, would that injury have happened? If that is what we started discussing what and how we set in relation to our professional responsibilities? Would they be better physically prepared for the demands of this job?

The Loveland-Symmes Fire Department in Ohio has

addressed that issue for many years by providing its members with guidance and equipment for their physical fitness. We did see some improvement, but that is what Chief Huber said, "Something seemed to be missing."

Chief Huber is active in several national law service organizations, including currently serving as the vice chair of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. In that group and others, fitness issues, concerns, and discussions (exercise or physical fitness) were always not well. That discussion has been in his career for his members.

Understanding and improving the well-being of each firefighter results in more than just service improvement.

Huber's goal was to develop a wellness fitness system

to maintain a holistic wellness approach that includes the fitness, medical, rehabilitation, and behavioral health of our firefighters, personal and the caregivers of our partnering departments.

Chief Huber's close professional and personal friend is retired Chief Hester Robinson of the Fort Worth Fire Department in Texas.

Fort Worth had a firefighter wellness program that matched the words that Chief Huber had shared as what he wanted for LSFD. This allowed him to envision what our program would look like.

CHIEF HESTER'S VISION TO BRING A FIRST-CLASS WELLNESS CENTER TO LOVELAND-SYMMES IS NOW A REALITY



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City Council will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Commission will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 5:00 p.m.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.