

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: January 29, 2021

Administration

Wednesday, City Hall staff joined a large amount of community members lined up along West Loveland Avenue to show their support to the family, and friends of Grant Wolf who passed away this week at the age of seven.

The train trestle warning system, which had been previously installed, was finally activated this week. The flashing light system is triggered when vehicles with a height of eight feet or more break a beam which are positioned in advance of each approach.

Monday, the city executed a lease with the Farmers Market for the use of the Linda Cox Trailside Parking Area for the upcoming market season. This year's market will begin May 4 and continue each Tuesday until October 26.

Tuesday, I met with Boy Scout, John Eha, and his father to review John's Eagle Scout project. The project which is scheduled to begin in March will involve a cleaning of the Hill Wagner Cemetery located off of State Route 48 near the Sentry Hill subdivision. From John's Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, *"My project is to clean up and restore the Hill Wagner Cemetery, which is in a state of disrepair. The cemetery is within the city limits of the City of Loveland in Hamilton and Warren Counties behind the neighborhood of Sentry Hill. The cemetery was in use from 1800 through 1874. It is estimated that there are 28-35 people buried in this location. The project will involve removing trees, underbrush and clearing English Ivy from around the grave sites and cleaning/repairing the headstones. Fencing will also be used to mark corner boundaries of the cemetery. There is also a receiving vault on the property that will be cleared and cleaned up in preparation for a future restoration effort that is not part of my project."*

Wednesday, Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose, and I attended a meeting at the Landing Event Center coordinated by CeeCee Collins, President of the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance. The purpose of the meeting was to allow Cee Cee the opportunity for feedback from downtown business owners on Christmas in Loveland and also to discuss upcoming downtown events for 2021.

Wednesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission met to put the finishing touches on the *Historic Preservation & Planning District Design Review Guidelines*. During the meeting, the commission also reviewed a letter which will be mailed to all property owners within the proposed historic district boundaries in preparation of an upcoming public hearing scheduled for February 17. The purpose of the public hearing is to garner input from the property owners on

both the proposed guidelines and boundaries before they are forwarded to City Council for consideration. The completion of the guidelines and the creation of the district boundaries has been a significant task which has taken considerable work by the commission. They are to be commended for their efforts on creating a program which will have a long-lasting positive impact on the city's historic character. The guidelines and boundaries have been posted on the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission webpage which can be viewed by [Clicking Here](#). To view the letter of public notice being mailed to all property owners within the proposed district boundaries, [Click Here](#)

Thursday, I joined Symmes Township Administrator, Kim Lapensee and Miami Township Administrator, Jeff Wright in presentations on behalf of the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's State of the Region.

Finance

This week the Finance Department completed several federal reporting requirements ahead of the January 31 deadline including W-2s and 1099s.

Building and Zoning

Rodi Italian Restaurant, next to the Landing Event Center, has been issued their temporary certificate of occupancy. The Landing Event Center received their certificate of occupancy. This is exciting news for the city as growth in the Downtown District continues. Tahona Restaurant has been issued their permit for interior alterations. They recently began demolition and framing of the interior. Tahona Restaurant is located on Karl Brown Way in front of The Landing Event Center and Rodi Italian.

The last two lots of the townhomes on south Second Street have applied for building permits. These lots are two of four townhouse units. The city is pleased to see this project continue with progress with each step emerging closer to completion.

Public Works

Commencement of the removal of the tennis courts at Boike Park commenced this week.



The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) District 2 Integrating Committee met via Zoom today to approve prioritization of funding allocations. The city's \$1,132,900.00 Main and Chestnut Street project ranked 14th out of 70 project applications submitted for SCIP funding and will be

funded 50% by grant & 50% by an interest-free 20-year loan from OPWC. The project includes water main replacements, storm sewer system upgrades, and repaving on South Wall Street, Main Street, Chestnut Street, and Hill Street. The project also includes a complete replacement of the traffic signal components at the intersection of Wall Street and West Loveland Avenue, which includes decorative poles and mast arms, larger LED signal heads, and pedestrian signals. Radar vehicular detection and GPS pre-emption for emergency vehicles will also be added to both the intersection of Wall Street and West Loveland as well as Main Street and Loveland-Madeira.

The Paxton Bridge on West Loveland Avenue over the Little Miami River will also be receiving a \$277,598 grant (50% of total project cost) through the LTIP funding program. The joint project will include sidewalk replacements, abutment repairs, and wall/rail replacement by Hamilton County, with a \$69,400 local match from the city to upgrade to a decorative railing and to replace the streetlights on the bridge. The city's application for improvements on East Loveland Ave. was unsuccessful.

The 2021 road paving contract advertised this week. The bid opening is scheduled for February 11, the same date ODOT is letting the Urban Paving Program for State Route 48.

Statements of Qualification were received on Wednesday from 16 design-build teams for the Public Works Office and Garage Building project. Staff anticipates having a short-list of applicants to request proposals from in mid-February.

Five bids were received for the Broadway Stabilization Project on Thursday. The low bidder, JTM Smith Construction, has completed several retaining wall projects for Hamilton, Clermont, and Brown Counties in Ohio, as well as the Village of Indian Hill. Their bid of \$383,921.70 was under the \$413,900 in grant and loan funding being provided by OPWC. The contract award recommendation will be on the Council agenda for February 9.

Police

LPD received the 2020 Partners in Crime Prevention award from the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. Chief Rahe instructed at the Hamilton Township First Line Supervision class. LPD and LSFd met with Choice One Engineering to begin design plans for the parking expansion at the Loveland Safety Center. Chief Rahe is also assisting Cindy Klopfenstein with the design reviews of the public works office/garage building replacement.

LPD responded to a three-car accident on Union Cemetery Road. Although the vehicles sustained significant damage, the injuries were minor. LPD participated in the procession for Grant Wolf.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Recreation Board, February 3, 2021, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers