

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: October 15, 2021

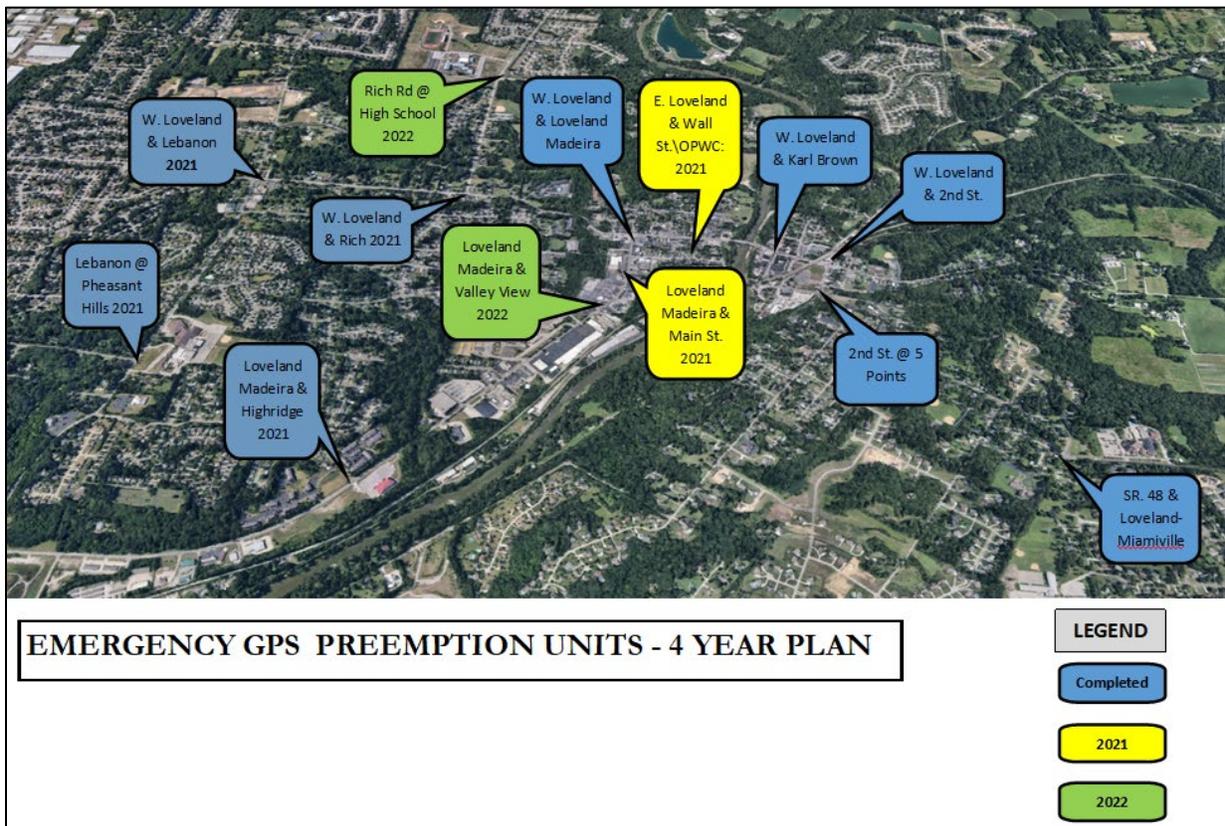
Administration

The city’s 4-year plan to install GPS preemption units within all of its traffic signals, took another step forward with the recent installation of 4 of the 6 units planned for 2021. GPS units were recently installed within the traffic controls at the following intersections:

West Loveland & Lebanon
Loveland Madeira & Highridge

West Loveland & Rich
Lebanon & Pheasant Hills

The GPS units identify oncoming emergency vehicles, interrupting the traffic signals cueing cycle and providing a green signal for faster and safer response times. GPS units at the Loveland Madeira/Main and West Loveland/Wall intersections will be completed as part of the Main and Chestnut Street project. The remaining GPS units will be installed in 2022, completing the 4-year plan.



On Wednesday, the Loveland U class got behind the badge with the Loveland Police Department. Students toured the Northeast Communication Center. SRO Jesse Moore discussed how to respond in an active shooter situation. He shared a video reinforcing the Run, Hide, Fight tactics. The following video link depicted customers at a bar that are caught in an active shooter event. Warning: Some content may be disturbing, and viewer discretion is advised: <https://youtu.be/TeOdxKozra0>. Thanks to Great Oaks, the students were used MILO, a state-of-the-art virtual shooting range, to experience scenario-based judgement training. Students also had the opportunity to meet representatives from the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recover Services Crisis Team who respond to mental health emergencies in the community.



Thursday Customer Service Specialist, Mandy Lucas and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith received training on the city's new Genetec system. The Genetec software is what the city uses to for its access control.

Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith met with resident Ed Diskowski on Monday to review and discuss Mr. Diskowski's energy aggregation bill, aggregation enrollment, and the circumstances surrounding that unfortunately affected those that were not automatically enrolled into the program. Tom, working with Independent Energy Consultant, Andrew Burns was able to answer Mr. Diskowski's questions and certify his enrollment into the Loveland energy aggregation program.

Building and Zoning

Property Maintenance Inspector, Ralph Vilardo reports that the condemned property at 210 Oneida has been cleared out of all personal belongings and turned over to a mortgage company with a lock box on the front door. This is a crucial and important step forward in the process of remediating this property and bringing it back into compliance for habitation. Ralph also reports that the property at 1310 W. Main Street has complied with their corrective orders.

The Children's Academy of Loveland formerly Kinder Care located at 10695 Loveland-Madeira Road has had their plans for interior alteration and a 6,744 square foot addition approved and their permit has been issued.

Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith reports that a proposed final draft of the Comprehensive Master Development Plan is now available to view at:

<https://www.lovelandoh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2060/Loveland-Comprehensive-Plan---101421-For-Online-sm?bidId=>. The Comprehensive Master Development Plan Steering Committee will be meeting on Monday October 25th at 7:00 pm to discuss the plan. In this meeting the committee will also propose a time and location to present the plan to the public.

Finance

Director of Finance, Mark Medlar spent most of the week focusing on the 2022 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The budget continues to proceed on schedule.

Public Relations

Marketing and Communications Coordinator Krista Rose completed the surveys City Council requested to collect feedback from the public about the parking meter program. The survey period is October 12 - November 9; Council will review feedback at the November 23 meeting. The public survey link was distributed via a [press release](#), social media posts, a QR code posted in City Hall, and on the city website. It will also be shared in the city newsletter, which will be sent October 18. Krista emailed a separate survey to downtown business owners as Council wanted to learn if their businesses were impacted by the parking meters.

Light Up Loveland, the city's annual Christmas decoration contest ran by the Beautification Committee, will return for 2021. Krista worked with Assistant to the City Manager Misty Brents and committee members on a flyer to promote the contest. Committee members will start to share the flyer around town this weekend. A social media campaign has also started to generate excitement about the contest. Contest details will go live November 5, and the nomination period will run November 22 - December 12.

Unfortunately, due to a stormy weather forecast, the city's Movie in the Park event scheduled for Friday, October 15 has been cancelled. We had a great online response to this event with a lot of enthusiasm from the community about the movie choice, *Hocus Pocus*. On Thursday, Krista worked on posting cancellation messages online. Misty and Krista also removed signage posted around town. The event sponsor, BRS Insurance, has generously agreed to move their sponsorship to a future movie night. We look forward to planning 2022 movie nights with our partners (and hope for better weather!). We are talking with a local business and may have the opportunity to have the Sanderson Sisters make an appearance at an upcoming event.

Also this week, Krista has been working on LovinLifeLoveland.com. Site visitors may have noticed banner advertising spots on the website. These spots offer potential revenue that could cover the website operation cost, and this is a program the city hopes to have in operation in 2022. Currently, the ad spots are promoting city programs and/or events. Recently, Krista has offered the ad spots to the approximately 10 businesses who allowed Access Points (APs) to be installed on their property as part of the Smart City Wi-Fi installation process. So far, Paxton's Grill and Little Miami Conservancy have taken advantage of this. Both businesses will have banner ads run for 60 days, as the city's way of saying "thank you" for working with Cincinnati Bell during the Smart City installation. This also allows Krista to track performance metrics to "test" how an ad may perform on the LovinLifeLoveland.com site.



Public Works

The Main and Chestnut Street project is proceeding well. Riverside Drive was re-opened a day early due to the need to make an alternative water main connection. Riverside will be reduced to one lane temporarily once all of the needed supplies are received by the contractor. When the roadway was re-opened, the rented flashing message sign was modified, a website alert was broadcasted, and a Facebook message was posted. The city received very few calls while Riverside Drive was closed, indicating that city council's recent action to purchase a flashing message board sign will be beneficial to our residents.

The annual road program continued this week with the completion of all concrete work along State Route 48.

Police

This week all LPD officers attended legal update training instructed by the Clermont County Prosecutor's Office. Officer Jesse Moore and Chief Rahe hosted Loveland U at the Loveland Safety Center. Participants received an overview of the department, training in active aggressor events, learned about the Hamilton County Mobile Crisis Team and participated in a firearms simulator. The Milford Police Department hosted Lieutenants Amy Campbell and Mike Szpak, Officer Michael Wright, and the LPD Citizen's Police Academy where the participants learned about uses of force and the media.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The city's Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, October 19, at The Landing Event Center at 7:00 p.m.

The 12th Annual Seth Mitchell Hero 5K will be held tomorrow morning. The race will begin at 11 a.m. at Nisbet Park.

The Finance Commission will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, at City Hall.

The Veterans Memorial Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Trick or Treat is Sunday, October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.