



City of Loveland MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: May 27, 2022

Administration

On Tuesday, Assistant City Manager Cory Wright, and I, met with Eric Beck, Hamilton County Engineer, and Todd Gadbury, Deputy Engineer with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold; to discuss deteriorating conditions on the West Loveland Avenue Bridge Sidewalk and the status of the rehabilitation project, and to also discuss the City's goal of advancing a transportation study for the tri-county area that would identify ways to relieve congestion at the West Loveland Avenue bridge, which would include a new strategically located river crossing. Staff will continue making efforts to build a regional coalition in furtherance of this objective.



This week, consultant work commenced on the Chestnut Street Property to complete the required Wetland Delineation Study, which is part of the work contemplated under the Brownfield Remediation Grant. Technicians were on site, conducting field observations and collecting samples across various parts of the site for purposes of completing the Wetland Delineation Report. Once the required data is collected, the report will be prepared and forwarded to the City. If Wetlands are located, work will be undertaken to identify and execute a mitigation plan as contemplated through the remediation grant program.

On Wednesday, the Downtown Streetscape Committee met to review the draft plan. Generally, all plan elements were well received, staff provided the committee membership with some updates regarding recent improvements to City Hall.

Also Wednesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review the design for a community sign to be installed on West Loveland Avenue promoting Loveland Stage and community theatre. The HPPC approved the signage design

This week, the tables for the new outdoor dining area at city hall were installed by public works crews. The area also includes garbage and recycling bins. Special thanks to Hamilton County for the funding for the project. Also, plans are underway to add landscaping and lighting to the area.



The Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant program remains active with two site visits conducted for projects on Sunrise Drive.

Building and Zoning

Due to supply shortages, Homearama has decided to push the event to September. The new dates will be September 3 through September 18. Official announcements will be forthcoming.

A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was granted to Hops and Berry, and they are finishing up interior work in anticipation of opening in the next two weeks. They are working with the Board of Health and Ohio Division of Liquor to secure the operational permits required to open. At Blossom Hill, foundation work is completed for the first building, and plans have been submitted for the second building. With regard to Building #1, underground utility work continues, and the slab pour is scheduled to occur. Framing work has also resumed at Quilter's Studio, and mechanical work continues.

Here are some additional highlights from the Building and Zoning Department's activities during the past week:

- Staff continues to facilitate progress on the plan revisions required for the approval of the Mike's Express corporate office expansion.
- Progress continues at the Chimney Ridge development.

- A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was granted to 111 N. Third Street, allowing the occupant to operate the facility. A final Certificate of Occupancy will be granted once remaining punch list items are addressed.
- Initial Plan Review Comments were distributed to the developers of the Highland Street Project.



The Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to review the Draft 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Loveland with the intention of making a final recommendation to City Council regarding adoption of the plan. The Commission engaged in robust discussion regarding the plan, and ultimately recommended approval of the plan to Council with one minor change. The recommended change to the draft will be incorporated and subsequently brought before council for final approval and adoption at an upcoming meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will also hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, to review the following cases:

Case # 22-03: Continuation of an existing Public Hearing for a Special Exception Mobile Food Vendor use at 118 Karl Brown Way filed by Hops and Berry.

Case # 22-04: Public Hearing to consider the establishment of a Special Planning District (SPD) for Oak Street, filed by Hunt and Whitaker, LLC.

Public Works

Progress continued on the new Public Works Building project with the concrete floors being poured this week.



Police

This week, work began on the new parking expansion at the Safety Center. When complete, the project will add much needed public and employee parking.



This week we witnessed another school tragedy. This time it was at Robb Elementary in Uvlade, Texas. Our hearts are sad, and we grieve with all those involved. This week marks the end of the 2021-2022 Loveland and St. Columban school year. Loveland PD has increased patrols in support of our School Resource Officers, Loveland School students and staff. Our School Resource Officers are trained to respond, to be alert and involved with the students and staff at all times. We ask if you see or hear something suspicious, please contact Northeast Communications at 513 677-7000.



Preparing Students For Tomorrow, Today



Police Officer candidate interviews were held this week and will continue on into next week as we move forward in the Officer hiring process.

Public Relations

A “save the date” news release was sent this week about the city’s [Independence Day Celebration](#). The city’s Memorial Day program was also promoted.

Staff met this week to plan activities for the Independence Day event. The city would like to thank local businesses who have come forward to sponsor the event thus far. If your organization would like to get involved, it’s not too late. Please reach out to krose@lovelandoh.gov by June 1.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in Observance of Memorial Day.

The City's Veterans Memorial Committee have organized a Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 30. The parade begins at 9 a.m. at the Loveland Elementary School and will travel to the Veterans Memorial. Immediately following the parade, a ceremony will take place at the memorial. This year's guest speaker is Col. Terry Johnson.

Applications for Loveland U are due by June 1.

On June 4, the City of Loveland and Symmes Township will host a Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day at Loveland High School from 8 to 10 a.m.

No board or committee meetings are scheduled for next week.