



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

April 28, 2023



Additional sidewalks are installed along the Nisbet Park Walking Trail

Administration

This week, City staff met with Patriot Engineering at 501 Loveland Madeira Road to begin the pre-demolition phase for the property and to review the project with prospective contractors. The City has received two proposals for the demolition. The lowest proposal will be advanced to City Council at the next meeting for approval. Staff also commissioned a site boundary survey to demarcate the property lines in advance of the demolition activities.

Buckeye Elm is mobilizing again to complete additional work at the Chestnut Street property, now that groundwater injections have been completed. Patriot Engineering will be installing some additional groundwater monitoring wells as part of the grant program to ascertain the efficacy of the treatments. Work continues per the anticipated project schedule thus far, with now major issues encountered to date.

On Tuesday, Choice One Engineering provided City Council with an update regarding the Loveland Madeira Road Corridor revitalization project. Staff and Choice One also discussed the project funding model, which will entail an application for federal transportation funding made through the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments for the first phase of the project, extending from Valley View Lane to West Loveland Avenue. In addition, the City is waiting to hear back from the Ohio Department of Transportation on the systemic safety grant application for sidewalks and traffic calming measures along Loveland Madeira Road in the vicinity of the Public Works Campus, Highridge Drive, and Oasis Turf and Tree.

Consultants working as part of the West Loveland Avenue Bridge Congestion Mitigation Study will commence traffic counts at many key intersections as contemplated in the work program as to provide data intended to populate the Planning Study for this regional project. Once counts are completed, the project team will begin working on the additional steps required to prepare the Planning Study and Purpose and Need Statement.

A new driveway was installed at a residence on Sunrise Drive as part of the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant program.

The Veterans Memorial Committee met this week to finalize the city's plans for Memorial Day. The event will be held on Monday, May 29, beginning with a parade 9:00 a.m. followed by a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial. This year's guest speaker is Sergeant Dave Corlett an Ohio native and 31-year veteran of the Cincinnati Police Department. Sergeant Corlett is the founder of the Military Liaison Group within the department and an instructor with the Hamilton County Mental Health Crisis Teams. Sergeant Corlett has worked with the Veterans administration and local court system to improve the relations between our nation's military veterans and law enforcement. Sergeant Corlett's program was recognized by the DOJ and was the winner of the 2021 L. Anthony Sutin award for innovative law enforcement and community partnerships.

Prior to joining the Cincinnati Police Department in 1992, Sergeant Corlett was a member of the United States Army. Sergeant Corlett was assigned to Alpha Company 1st Battalion 24th Aviation Regiment where he served in Iraq during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Sergeant Corlett has instructed at the National Association of Attorneys General, The Ohio Attorney Generals Conference, The Ohio Crime Prevention Association Conference, Hamilton County Crisis Intervention Teams, The Cincinnati Police Academy, the Hamilton County Sheriffs Department and several national conferences.

Building and Zoning

This week in the Building and Zoning Department, the department issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to the Rumpke Fleet Maintenance project located at 282 East Kemper Road. Once the remaining exterior work is completed, the city will issue the Final Certificate of Occupancy for this project. At ChimneyRidge, the department issued a Certificate of Occupancy to the home located 11 Chimney Ridge Drive. Inspections continued at Blossom Hill, with insulation inspections completed at 119 Blossom View Drive. In addition, the Department completed framing inspections at 121 Blossom View Drive.

Here is a summary of some additional department activities during the past week:

- At BentOn located on Loveland Madeira Road, hood and suppression work continues. The department received an engineering change for this work and the review process continues.
- At the Goodwill property located along Loveland Madeira Road, the department continues to work to achieve compliance with code requirements. To date, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued, pending completion of some remaining electrical work and plumbing.
- The Department completed a new business walkthrough at PetNation as the business is now under new ownership.
- Quilter's Studio applied for awning permits on the new structural addition, which are now under review with the plan examiner.

On Wednesday of this week, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission met to review two applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for new signage located at 106 Railroad Avenue. The Barbershop will be installing new signage that evokes a streetscape aesthetic at this location. In addition, the Commission reviewed an application to install a covered patio addition at Rodi, located along South Karl Brown Way. Both applications were well-received and were approved by the Commission. Permit applications are expected soon for both of these projects.

Public Works

On Thursday of this week, Finer Lawn and Landscaping completed the sidewalk pour for the Nisbet Park walkway extension from the gazebo to Karl Brown Way.

Bid openings were held this week for the State Route 48/West Loveland Avenue turn lane project. The city received one bid, which was consistent with the Engineer's estimate. The City will advance the proposal to Council for bid award at the May 9, 2023 City Council Meeting. In addition, a bid opening was held for the first phase of the Loveland Miamiville Road sidewalk project, extending from Oakland Road to Saddleback Drive. Several bids were received and the lowest responsive and responsible bid will be advanced to City Council at the May 9, 2023 Meeting.

A "small dog" section was added to the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park this week. The dog park remains very popular among our residents, and now smaller dogs will have their own section which includes access to the new water fountain. Thanks again to Loveland High Students from Tigers Inc. that help design the new section.



The city completed the second phase of its goal to create overflow parking near the East Loveland Nature Preserve. This cost effective process involves repurposing blacktop millings from the annual road program to create a base for a paved parking lot.

The city took delivery this week of one of its dump trucks after it was outfitted with a new stainless-steel bed. Replacing the existing bed, which had deteriorated to a point where the truck was taken out of service, with a new bed represents a savings to the city of nearly \$175,000.



City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, Assistant City Manager, Cory Wright and I, met with Jason Brownknight with the Little Miami River Conservancy. The purpose of the meeting was to review the results of the preliminary engineering study conducted by the United States Army Corp of Engineers on the condition of the river bank along the Little Miami River adjacent to Riverside Drive. Completing permanent repairs of Riverside Drive will require first stabilizing the riverbank. To complete this, the city will need to work cooperatively with various agencies including the conservancy. As the city annually expends funds to make repairs of the roadway simply to keep it drivable, this remains a high priority project.

Renovation work continues at the McCoy Park Restroom site. This week, siding and deteriorated flashing were repaired on the exterior of the structure, and new doors were installed into the restrooms. The City will be working in the coming weeks to make heating and ventilation improvements, lighting improvements, paint, and other enhancements aimed at making this a year-round accessible facility.

Public Safety

Officer Jacob Steinkoenig, was recognized by City Council for five years of service to the city



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The city's Tree and Environment Committee will be hosting an Arbor Day Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. followed by a party in Kiwanis Park.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 2. City Hall and the Safety Center are polling locations.

Tuesday is also opening day for the Farmers Market.

For more information on upcoming events visit, www.LovinLifeLoveland.com.
