

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: October 8, 2021

Administration

This week, Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith attended the International City Managers Association Conference. The conference consisted of a variety of workshops and seminars including combating disinformation on social media, new approaches to leveraging the value of land against a redevelopment project, pros, and cons of working remotely, strategic plan implementation, and strategies for using American Relief Plan Act funds.

Loveland U participants got a chance to “Feel the Heat” with the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department this week. Chief Otto Huber shared the history of the department and explained how the department operates to protect the community. Participants practiced CPR and Stop the Bleed protocols. They were also able to try on turnout gear and search for a firefighter in the smoke-filled training tower using thermal imaging cameras, followed by a jaws of life demonstration.



Building and Zoning

On Tuesday, the Board of Zoning Appeals reviewed an application for a variance to the front yard setback for Mike’s Car Wash located in the Commerce Park. In a vote of 3-0, the Board approved

the request for variance. The granting of the variance will allow applicant to construct a two-story, 7,577 square foot addition to existing building. The addition will provide Mike Car Wash with the ability to accommodate for their growth preserving their association with the city in the years to come. More information can be found at:

<https://lovelandoh.ig2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1andID=1488andInline=True>.

Also on Tuesday, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed an application for a site plan review of the final plat for the ChimneyRidge Subdivision. In a vote of 5-0, the Commission approved the final plat. The commission also reviewed the development agreement and bond amounts for the subdivision. In a vote of 5-0, the commission forwarded their recommendation for approval onto City Council. Additional information can be found at:

<https://lovelandoh.ig2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1andID=1489andInline=True>

Finance

On Wednesday the Finance Commission met to have its initial discussion regarding the 2022 Budget. Topics included revenues, debt service schedules, and personnel related expenses. The Commission will meet again Wednesday October 20 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Public Works

This week, I completed a “re-take” of an interview with WCPO regarding the Main and Chestnut Street project. The interview conducted last week was not ran due to audio issues.

Saw cutting for limited concrete replacements on SR 48 began on Wednesday. Next week, JK Meurer plans to continue with SR 48 concrete work as well as mill and pave Founder’s Drive.

This week, Duke Energy worked to relocate a section of gas main to facilitate the culvert replacement at Miamiview Drive. An inoperable valve on the existing water main near Loveland-Madeira will be removed next in order for the Miamiview water main to be supplied from the Loveland-Madeira water main while the Miamiview water main crossing at the culvert is removed and replaced.

Construction began on the Main and Chestnut Street project this week, with excavations made at the proposed water main tie-in points to existing mains. One of the excavations revealed an existing leak in the old 4” water main that never surfaced through the pavement. Public Works repaired the water main leak. The connection to the water main on Riverside Drive is scheduled for Monday which will result in a closing of the roadway for the week. City staff has taken all necessary steps to notify the public of this upcoming road closure.

On Tuesday, Mark Medlar and Cindy Klopfenstein attended a Zoom meeting hosted by MSD and their consultant Black and Veatch, as well as attendees from Hamilton County Planning and Development, City of Cincinnati, Forest Park, and Springdale. MSD is in the process of having a feasibility study performed for the creation of a new utility fee called a Wet Weather Impervious Surface Charge Fee (WWISC) for the MSD service area to collect approximately an additional \$130 M annually for projects and operations associated with Combined Sewer Overflow and Sanitary Sewer Overflow expenses. They are planning for WWISC billing units to be based on the amount of impervious area on each parcel, similar to how communities such as Loveland bill for storm water utility fees. MSD collected information from the jurisdictions present in the meeting about existing storm water utility policies for comparison to their proposed WWISC. For example, Loveland’s

storm water utility billing unit is based on 1.0 for single family residential properties and equivalent residential units of 2,500 SF of impervious area for commercial sites, whereas MSD is proposing to base their billing unit on 500 SF impervious area for all land uses. Also, MSD plans to have an effective impervious area billing rate for undeveloped, vacant land whereas Loveland and other local jurisdictions don't charge a storm water utility fee for similar sites. MSD anticipates the WWISC fee will be a new line item added to property owner's utility bills along with their sanitary sewer, water, storm water, and sanitation fees. MSD plans to hold 1 more stakeholders' meeting in October (date TBD), present the Hamilton County Commissioners with a report of the feasibility study results in early Nov., and to have a final recommendation to the commissioners by the end of December for vote on whether to pursue creation of the wet weather utility. MSD anticipates that if the County Commissioners vote to establish the new utility as expected, it will take approximately 18 months to work out the details, collect and analyze surface area data in GIS to establish billing rates for each parcel.

Police

This week Loveland Citizen's Police Academy attendees learned about narcotics investigations and attended a K9 demo by Officer Bibelhausen and K9 Mack.

Officer Angela Smallwood is attending bicycle mechanic training.

Chief Rahe wrote and submitted a body-worn camera grant through Ohio Criminal Justice Services.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Fall leaf pick-up begins on Monday. [Click here](#) to see when Public Works will be in your neighborhood.

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Arts Commission will also meet on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall

City Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The City along with BRS Insurance will host a Movie in the Park on Friday, October 15, at the E. Loveland Nature Preserve. Pre-show activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at sundown. [Click here](#) for more details.