



City of Loveland

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** David Kennedy, City Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**DATE:** February 11, 2022

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### **Administration**

City Hall staff members received CPR/Stop the Bleed training from LSFDF Captain, Brian Hall over a two-day period. The detailed training was a benefit to our staff members and yet another example of the many contributions that LSFDF personnel give to this community.

Monday, I participated in the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance sponsored State of the Region. I was joined by Jeff Wright, Miami Township Administrator and Kim Lapensee, Symmes Township Administrator.

Monday, I reached out to a representative with the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to inquire on the progress of our grant application for the parking facility. I was notified that the application is still under review.

Thursday evening the Parks and Recreation Board held their first of what will now be regularly scheduled monthly meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month). During the meeting the board discussed various measures to combat vandalism at Simpson Farm with Police Chief, Sean Rahe. The discussion was very beneficial and stressed the importance of protecting the property and the benefit it provides to the community. The board also reviewed various projects for potential submission for grant funding through the Clermont County Community Parks Program. Ultimately, the board supported applying for the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at both McCoy and Nisbet Park (Clermont County Parks). The board concluded that other projects would not meet the grant program's funding parameters or would otherwise involve projects not in keeping with the Nisbet Park Master Plan. Mike Books, with LSFDF is securing AED quotes for the application which is due March 31.

### **Building and Zoning**

On Tuesday February 1, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed two applications, each of which was for the initiation of a Special Planning District (SPD). The first application was for a proposed six lot single-family detached development located at 102 Oak Street. The second application was for a 209-lot single-family detached development located on parcels 172522B012 and 200607.002P (Grail Property) between O'Bannonville Road and State Route 48/Oakland Road. In that meeting, as the first step in a multi-step process, the Planning and Zoning Commission determined that both projects fell within the purpose and scope of an SPD. The commission also set a date for March 1, 2022, to schedule public

hearings for both applications to garner feedback and input from the community before moving forward in the process.

Plans were submitted on Thursday for the construction of an additional 4,000 square foot building located at 282 East Kemper Road. The new building will be used as office/maintenance facility space for Rumpke Demolition's vehicle fleet. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the site plan on March 2, 2021.

Chief Building Official, Jim McFarland is retiring. His last day with the city was on February 11. Jim was instrumental in improving the Building and Zoning Division processes and procedures. He is well known in the industry for his expertise and his tremendous attention to detail. Among the many talents and skills Jim possessed was his ability to communicate effectively with developers and contractors. Jim was always responsive and understanding with an ability to deescalate confrontational situations with amicable solutions. Jim will be replaced by another very qualified individual, Chief Building Official, Paul Myers.

### **Public Relations**

Several stories were shared this week: [Hearts Afire Weekend: Ice Events](#), [Recognizing Eric Partee Day](#), [Recycling Update: Cups Now Accepted](#), and [Community Spotlight: Cappy's Charity Date Auction](#). Interviews were held with media including 700 WLW, WLWT Channel 5, and WCPO Channel 9 to promote the Hearts Afire Weekend. There has been a lot of buzz on social media regarding the ice sculptures that will be part of Hearts Afire. There will be multiple ice sculptures on display in honor of the Cincinnati Bengals. The complete weekend schedule can be viewed [here](#). We are looking forward to a fun, festive event!

### **Public Works**

A severe roof leak occurred in the Public Works Director's and City Engineer's offices on Sunday and Monday when outdoor temperatures were warm enough to melt some of the snow and ice accumulated on the roof from last week's storm. This is the building that will be demolished near the end of 2022, after the new Public Works building construction is complete. Thanks to the Public Works employees who responded to rearrange furniture, collect buckets of water, haul out bins full of ruined ceiling tile, and work to remove the remaining snow and ice off the roof before it had a chance to infiltrate the building as well.

In addition to the positive comments at Tuesday's council meeting regarding the high-quality work of our crews with the recent snow and ice storm, the city received additional positive feedback this week. I know that I speak for Public Works Director, Scott Wisby in saying that the crew takes great pride in doing a quality job during any snow event and assuring safe travel for our residents.

In response to numerous emails from pickleball players regarding their concern with the cracks showing within the courts at McCoy Park, the city executed an agreement this week to make necessary repairs. The work will begin as soon as the weather warms to an adequate temperature to allow the material being used in the repairs to properly cure.

### **Finance**

Wednesday was Assistant Finance Director Barbara Turcotte's last day with the city. Staff gathered that afternoon to show appreciation for her service to the city and wish her well in her future endeavors. On behalf of the entire city, City Council, and our Finance Commission members, we thank Barbara for all she did during her tenure with the city.

### **Police**

This week Loveland officers responded to five auto accidents. Officer Dakota Parks instructed each officer in baton use. Officer Jacob Steinkoenig and Chief Rahe attended a Saint Columban school safety meeting.

LPD received reimbursement for the State of Ohio required training courses for 2022. LPD officers are supplementing their uniforms with orange, stripes, and other Bengal attire until next week.

### **Upcoming Events and Meetings**

- Hearts Afire Weekend, February 11, 2022 - February 13, 2022
- Downtown Streetscape Planning Committee, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:00 PM, City Hall
- Arts Commission, Wednesday, February 16, 2022, Council Chambers, 6:30 PM, City Hall
- Civil Service Commission, Thursday, February 17, 2022, Council Chambers, 5:00 PM, City Hall
- Veterans Committee, Thursday, February 17, 2022, Council Chambers, 6:30 PM, City Hall