



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: April 15, 2022

Administration

Tuesday, City Hall staff enjoyed a baseball themed lunch together in celebration of the Reds Opening Day.



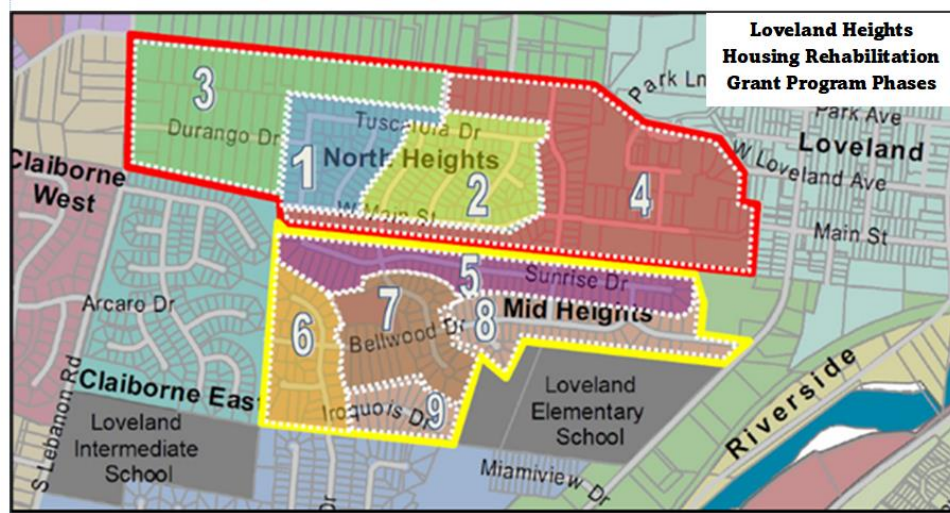
Wednesday morning, I met with Mr. and Mrs. Conklin from the Sugar Tree Estates subdivision to review progress on the design of the Loveland Miami Road Sidewalk project. With survey work completed and preliminary layout underway, the project is on schedule for construction of the first phase to begin in early 2023. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Conklin and all the residents along the project boundaries for their support and patience on this project which will help with the city's goal of connectivity among our neighborhoods.

In an effort to reduce costs for the downtown DORA establishments, the city has been working with local resident Peter Sexton on the creation of a sticker which can be placed directly on a clear cup. The sticker will reduce the expense to the DORA businesses who currently order specialized cups, which are often simply disposed of. Replacing custom made cups with stickers has become standard practice among other communities with DORA Districts. Once finalized, the sticker design will be provided to the DORA designated businesses which they can then print and affix to clear cups. The new design will be provided to the Loveland Police Department and the Ohio Department of Public Safety for enforcement purposes.

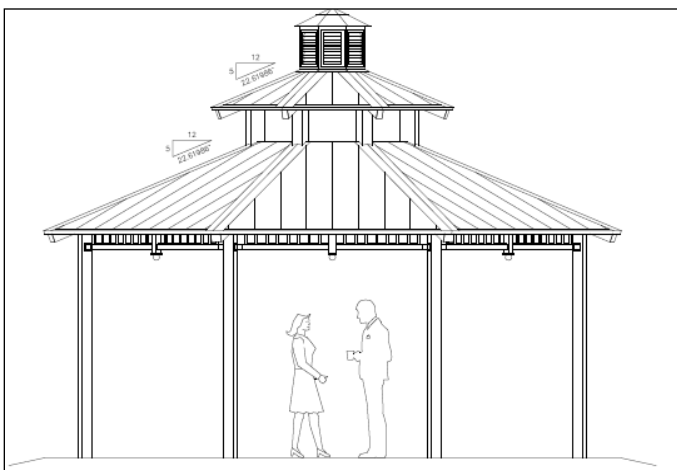


Wednesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review applications for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) at 213 South Second Street and Hops and Berry on Karl Brown Way. The HPPC approved the COA for a rear porch expansion at 213 South Second Street and also approved the outdoor patio design for Hops and Berry soon to open on Karl Brown Way. The signage for Hops and Berry was approved by the HPPC at a previous meeting. During the meeting, the HPPC also set a public hearing to review two applications which were submitted for local historic designation. The request for local historic designations includes the Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery in the White Pillars Subdivision on Ramsey Court and the Hill-Wagoner Cemetery, located adjacent to the Sentry Hill Subdivision near State Route 48

Also on Wednesday evening, the CIC met for the first time in 2022. Along with swearing in its members and the election of officers, the CIC reviewed the progress of the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program. The program has completed 11 projects in the first four phases of the program boundaries. The program was temporarily suspended to assess the project costs and receive input from the CIC as far as moving forward. At the meeting, the CIC voted to continue the program by sending letters to the property owners in phase 5.



Thursday evening, the Parks and Recreation Board held their monthly meeting. During the meeting, the board reviewed preliminary designs for the Nisbet Park Gazebo Project. The 24' diameter gazebo is proposed to be located near the bike trail in the general vicinity of the older gazebo which was removed last summer by Public Works. The gazebo will be elevated, two-tiered style, include interior lighting, will purposely not include railings, will be fully ADA accessible and we hope, a signature feature to Nisbet Park. The color of the gazebo will resemble the Nisbet Park Master Plan recommendation which was based upon input received by the public.



Building and Zoning

At Hops and Berry, drywall work is completed, iPad installation continues, signs have been permitted, and the metal tap room wall has been installed. As referenced above, HPPC issued the COA for the beer garden patio barrier design. Accordingly, that portion of the site renovations can now proceed. A mobile food truck vendor application will be considered at an upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Work is underway at the Blossom Hill Development to prepare the first building pad and a footer inspection is anticipated to be scheduled soon. Additionally, at Chimney Ridge, multiple buildings remain under construction and numerous inspections will be scheduled on the various homes under construction there.



ChimneyRidge Subdivision



Blossom Hill Development

Here are some additional highlights from the Building and Zoning Department activities this past week:

- A permit application was received for 213 Second Street, consisting of a project that will include a covered roof, patio, and retaining wall. With the issuance of the HPPC COA referenced earlier in this report, the project may now proceed through the permitting process.
- The owner of 111 North Third Street met with the Building and Zoning Department to discuss plan revisions. The owner has been working with the Building and Zoning Department and the Fire Department to develop a plan to accommodate temporary operations while the revised drawings are being reviewed and the compliance plan is implemented.
- Revised plans were received for the Rumpke Fleet Maintenance Building. Plan review activities are now underway.
- Work continues regarding the implementation of the Accela Permitting software. Staff will continue to provide feedback to the software developer to fine tune reporting functions and integrate online payables.
- Revised drawings were submitted for plan review for the Mike's Carwash expansion. Plan review activities are currently underway.
- Interior renovation work continues at the Wicked Pickle, along with miscellaneous improvements to the building grounds.

Public Works

With the start of the annual road program coming soon, city staff has reviewed beginning a phasing of new street signs throughout the city as each road is repaired and resurfaced. The proposed street sign design would include the city's logo and be installed by our public works crews.



This week, work commenced on the installation of the steel framing for the city's new Public Works Office and Storage Building project on Loveland Madeira Road.



Also this week, footers were installed on the new traffic signals being installed at the West Loveland Avenue and Wall Street intersection. As mentioned in past weekly updates, the new traffic signals will be "antique style" signals, similar to those installed in the downtown district. Special thanks to Union Savings Bank for allowing the equipment being utilized for the project to be stored on their parking lot.



Police

Tuesday, City Council recognized former Police Chief, Sean Rahe following his recent retirement. Sean's 24 years of service to the city, was saluted by council, his family and those in attendance. A [news flash](#) of the event was prepared by Marketing and Communications Manager, Krista Rose.



Safety Director, Sue Madsen was pleased to announce this week, that LPD is recruiting for full time officers. Following Civil Service Commission approval, the department is in the process of filling an open spot in the department following the resignation of Officer, Sean Parks.

Police Officer
Full Time

WE ARE HIRING

Loveland Police Department

Two Ways To Apply:

- Lateral applicants must be currently employed full time with an Ohio police or state agency and have at least one year of full-time road experience.
- OPOTA certification mandatory by date of hire.

Lateral

Lateral police officers are encouraged to apply at www.lovelandoh.gov. Lateral applicants are exempt from the written exam.

Non-Lateral

Non-lateral applicants must complete the Frontline National Exam and submit their scores to the department. The exam can be found at www.nationaltestingnetwork.com.

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The Body Worn Camera grant for \$87,896, was formally accepted by City Council on Tuesday, and LPD is moving forward with the purchase of 18 Body Worn Cameras. The department has chosen the “Axon Body 3” brand cameras. Former Police Chief, Sean Rahe secured the grant funding for the cameras which will cover 100% of the cost of the new equipment.



Finance

It was another busy week for the Finance Department as “Tax Day” approaches. A steady stream of customers came to city hall this week ahead of the April 18th deadline. We are very proud of our staff as they have done an excellent job handling the increased workflow.

Upcoming Meetings

- City Hall is closed on Friday April 15, in observance of Good Friday
- Arts Commission Meeting, April 18, 2022, 6:30 PM, City Hall
- Finance Commission Meeting, April 19, 2022, 5:00 PM, City Hall
- Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting, April 21, 2022, 6:30 PM