



City of Loveland

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager

RE: Weekly Update

DATE: June 3, 2022

Administration

Monday, Mayor Bailey, and City Council members joined the Loveland community at the annual Memorial Day remembrance event. The morning event, which started with a parade, included an excellent speech from State Senator, Terry Johnson, and a flyover by the United States Airforce. Special thanks to all who played a part in organizing the event, including Clerk of Council, Misty Brents and Veterans Memorial Committee members, Terry Stouder and David Scott.



During the Memorial Day event, Veterans Memorial Committee member Terry Stouder took time to recognize the efforts of Jack Gerber who led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Jack is a Loveland High School student, and Boy Scout, who took on renovations of Veterans Memorial Park for his eagle scout project. Jack, power washed the concrete walk area, sanded, and stained all of the seating throughout the park, and planted new trees behind the stage. The city took this opportunity to repair the park's drinking fountain and add new garbage/recycling bins.



Work continues on the Chestnut Street Property. Meristem has completed a preliminary analysis of the site under the direction of Patriot Engineering, the city's environmental consultant for the Brownfield Remediation Program. As a result of this investigatory work, the consultant has developed a map of wetlands on the site. Once the consultant team finishes their analysis of the data, the final report will be issued to the city. The Wetland areas identified in the field at least preliminarily reveal a smaller area of impact than originally anticipated; however, this will be subject to confirmation in the final report, which will be issued at a later date once the report is finalized.

Building and Zoning

At the South Second Street Townhome Project, construction work continues on building #3 and #4. Additionally, building #1 has applied for a covered porch addition. At Blossom Hill, construction work continues, with the partial slab completed for the first building. Below-slab utility work continues at this site, in anticipation of the final slab pour being completed soon. Additionally, plans have been submitted for Building #2. At Hops and Berry, the liquor license is pending and there are just a few finishing elements that require completion for the Certificate of Occupancy to be issued. Property Maintenance complaints continue to increase in volume with several new properties investigated for various issues, such as high grass, garbage accumulation, or other violations. Inspections will continue with aggressive efforts taken to address violations in a timely manner.

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. A permit is anticipated to be issued upon receipt of final correspondence from the project engineer.
- Progress continues at the Chimney Ridge development.
- Framing work has resumed at the Quilter's Studio addition. Mechanical work is now also underway again at this prominent location.
- A plan revision was received for the foundation work at the new Rumpke Fleet Maintenance Building. Reviews are underway currently.
- At the new public works building, half of the slab has been poured.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will 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

This week, the city was notified that it has been awarded \$75,000 in grant funding from the Ohio State Capital Budget, for a replacement of the playsets at the Cherokee and Navaho tot-lots in the Loveland Heights. The grant continues the city's on-going investment in the Heights and its park system. The project will be completed in early 2023. Once completed, all city playsets, excepting for Lever Park, will have been replaced in past seven years.

Interior framing began this week on the new Public Works Office/Garage Building.



Later this year, Duke Energy plans to replace the gas main on a section of East Loveland Avenue to facilitate the future replacement of the bridge over Bares Run. On Thursday, the City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein, Fire Chief, Otto Huber and Deputy Fire Chief, Jon Frye, met with 2 representatives from Duke Energy to discuss the project. The proposed alignment will require a temporary easement at 227 East Loveland Avenue from the Community Fire Fighter's Association, permanent easements from the City of Loveland, and a Right-of-Way permit. Sections will need to be open cut, such as at the tie-in locations to the gas main located in the southern lane of pavement and at the edge of the driveway into the public parking lot, but the majority will be installed by trenchless directional drilling. When Duke Energy finalizes their plans, easement documents will be brought for City Council approval.

Police

On behalf of Safety Director, Sue Madsen and the entire Loveland Police Department, special thanks go out to members of the Loveland Citizens Police Academy for their traffic control efforts during the Memorial Day parade. This is an invaluable service to the police department, and the safety of our residents and visitors.



Public Relations

Two news releases were issued this week: [Homerama Dates Changed](#) and [City to Upgrade Tot-Lot Parks](#). A radio interview was held on Monday with 700 WLW about the Memorial Day program.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The city, in conjunction with Symmes Township and the Loveland Sustainability Council, will host a Hazardous Household Waste Collection on Saturday, June 4th at Loveland High School, 1 Tiger Trail, from 8:00 to 10:00am

Planning and Zoning Commission, Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting, Thursday, June 9, 2022, 6:00 PM, City Hall

Tree & Environment Committee Meeting, Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:30 PM City Hall