

Bridge Projects Coming in 2023

In 2023, several bridge improvement projects will take place in or near the city. Three vehicular bridges in a row on one thoroughfare street will be improved, as well as a pedestrian bridge.

1 West Loveland Avenue Bridge

In 2021, the city and county submitted a joint grant application to replace the north sidewalk, as well as the railings, walls, and bridge abutments. However, private utility relocation delayed the project. During repairs, the bridge will remain open to traffic with a reduced number of lanes.

2 O'Bannonville Bridge

The Clermont County Engineer's Office will replace the bridge on O'Bannonville Road near Hutchinson Road, which is located east of the city limits in Goshen Township. The county expects to begin construction in July 2023 with completion by fall. This project will require a roadway closure and detour route.

3 East Loveland Avenue Bridge

Immediately following the re-opening of the O'Bannonville Bridge, Clermont County will then replace the bridge on East Loveland Avenue over Bares Run. This is within city limits at approximately 250 E. Loveland Ave. The city has applied for grant funding to install sidewalks on both sides of the road, relocate water main, make storm sewer system improvements, and repave the roadway during the bridge replacement. This project will require a roadway closure and detour route.



NISBET PARK BRIDGE

4 Little Miami Scenic Trail

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will replace the pedestrian bridge on the Little Miami Scenic Trail over O'Bannon Creek. This is the bridge just northeast of the restroom building in Nisbet Park.

The project will take place during Winter 2023. ODNR chose this timeframe to replace the bridge because trail use is at its lowest during winter.

Learn more at LovelandOH.gov

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MEETINGS

The public is invited to attend City Council meetings.

Meeting Details

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 120 W. Loveland Ave.

Agendas & Minutes

City Council Meeting Packets are available online prior to each meeting.

Online Streaming Available

Stream meetings via the city's website, Facebook page, or YouTube Channel.

From the Mayor: Looking Ahead

We hope you had a wonderful and safe summer! It was a busy few months for the City of Loveland. Our Independence Day Celebration was a huge success, and it was great seeing so many of you enjoying the parade and fireworks. The kids enjoyed our Movie in the Park Series, and many of you attended our Sunday evening Concert in the Park Series. The city was proud to host HOMEARAMA® at ChimneyRidge. We hope to see you at the Community Tree Lighting in December and Hearts Afire Weekend in February.

I am sure you noticed some of our **infrastructure projects** over the summer — many of which are detailed in this newsletter. The most money in city history was allocated to the Annual Road Program! We purchased the Mobil Station at West Loveland Avenue/State Route 48 for the purpose of adding a right turn lane. We purchased and razed the Masonic Lodge, which will be the site of a new downtown fire station. The Main & Chestnut Street Project was completed with updated water main, traffic lights, and pavement. The Safety Center's parking lot was expanded and a new entrance added.

In what we hope will be a huge boost to the **Loveland-Madeira Corridor**, the city was awarded a \$3.3M grant from the Ohio Department of Development to remediate the eight acres owned on Chestnut Street. We purchased property on Loveland-Madeira Road — nearly entirely with a grant from Hamilton County — that will provide access to the site. Speaking of **grants**, the city has been wildly successful in obtaining grants for all kinds of projects. An article in this newsletter details the grants received over the last two years, and the number is astounding.

This summer, we continued to **upgrade our parks**. We were awarded grants to replace playground equipment in the Heights' Tot-Lots, for a gazebo at Nisbet Park, and for a Pocket Park/dining area at City Hall. The playset at Phillips Park is being replaced this fall, and we opened the Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park at Kiwanis Park. If you have not yet seen it, go take a look — you will be impressed and your pups will be happy!

These are only some of the highlights; in the following pages, please check out all the great things your city staff have accomplished and find out what we can look forward to next as residents. Also, you can always find fun activities to do at LovinLifeLoveland.com! Until next time, take care.

— Mayor Kathy Bailey

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

DVDBrew

1555 Loveland-Madeira Road

Anticipated Opening: 2023

Dana Depenbrock's dream is becoming a reality in Loveland. He's turning his beer-making "hobby" into a full-time business by renovating a carwash into a microbrewery.

In March, Dana — an avid homebrewer and national brewing competition winner — purchased the site of the former Johnny's Carwash. Construction is underway with plans to open in 2023.

"This site's location and existing buildings make it an ideal setup for repurposing into a brewery and taproom," he explained.

The site has two existing structures: a building that housed an automatic carwash and a former self-service facility with five wash bays.

First, Dana and his team tackled the building that housed the automatic carwash. He had the system removed, totaling 30,000 pounds of equipment and structural steel! This building will become the brewhouse, which will feature a five-barrel system to brew up to 150 gallons of beer per day.

Once the beer is in kegs, it will be transferred to the former carwash's self-service facility that will become the public space: an approximate 2,500 sq. ft. taproom. On tap, Dana plans to feature 12-18 standard brews and 6-12 rotating seasonal brews.

Picture an industrial look to the taproom — exposed trusses, concrete walls. The middle garage door bays will be converted to full-glass garage doors, which



Microbrewery Rendering
Source: Conger Construction

can be opened during nice weather. The taproom will transition out to a 2,000-sq. ft. outdoor patio.

The site will not open with a kitchen, but Dana hopes to add food one day. Potentially, food trucks will be invited to DVDBREW, where they can park under one of the former garage bays.

Plans also include enhancing pedestrian connectivity along the stretch of road where DVDBREW is located. The city's Planning & Zoning Commission would like the city and Dana to work together to improve sidewalk access or to install a crosswalk.

Dana says it's time to share his "hobby" with Loveland: "I love people — any walk of life. I love beer. I want people to come in, have a brew, hang out. I'm excited to be repurposing the carwash and joining the Loveland community."



SUMMER - FALL 2022

Newly Opened Businesses

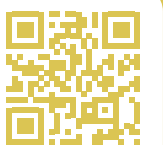
Gray Nutrition

433 W. Loveland Ave., Ste. 200

LoveBird Southern Fried Cafe

110 S. Second St., Ste. 1

Read the full story to learn how Dana's hobby became a business.
LovelandOH.gov/445/community-spotlight



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PLANNING FOR THE LOVELAND-MADEIRA CORRIDOR (AND BEYOND)



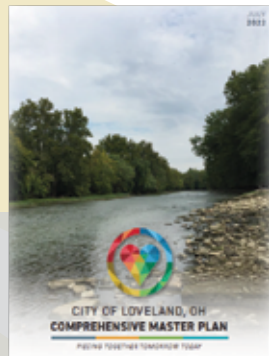
The Loveland-Madeira Road Corridor is a large focus of the city's new Comprehensive Master Plan. The plan details recommendations for improving this vital commercial corridor. Inset: Proposed redesign of the corridor.



City Council adopted the city's 2022 Comprehensive Master Plan in late July. This is a document for how to improve the city's physical and social aspects over the next 10 years. A key part of the plan addresses how to refresh the Loveland-Madeira Road Corridor.

In the plan, the Loveland-Madeira Road Corridor recommendations include renovating the streetscape, providing adequate pedestrian connections, and beautifying the area through landscaping.

In August, the city hired a firm to survey the corridor's current condition and to develop a preliminary layout for the recommended pedestrian and roadway corridor improvements. This study will provide documentation as the city procures state and federal funds through the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, Ohio Department of Transportation, and other sources to implement the improvements.



2022 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN Guiding Themes

1. Assets (Community Character)

There was a consensus that residents and visitors enjoy Loveland's charm. The plan helped identify areas that contribute to Loveland's special appeal (i.e. Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail) and presents guidelines for enhancing these assets, such as enhancing pedestrian connectivity.

2. Prosperity (Natural Resource Preservation)

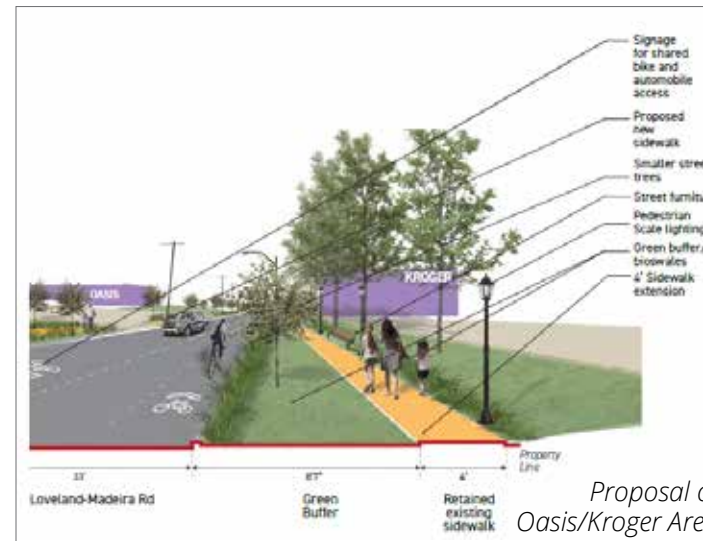
The city has built an economic generator around the Little Miami River and other natural spaces. The plan addresses how environmental integrity can be preserved.

3. Development

Many residents and business owners want to draw the commercial success of Historic Downtown into other parts of the city by reinvesting into existing business areas. One area is the Loveland-Madeira Road Corridor, which the city is already taking action.

4. Neighborhoods

Community input suggests a desire to preserve the existing architectural style of residential neighborhoods, while enhancing general quality of life and infrastructure.



Read the city's new
Comprehensive Master Plan.
[LovelandOH.gov/393/
comprehensive-master-plan](http://LovelandOH.gov/393/comprehensive-master-plan)



Chestnut Property Remediation

Another key point of the plan is suggested development concepts for the 8.33-acre Chestnut Property, a vacant parcel between Loveland-Madeira Road and South Riverside Avenue, which the city currently is cleaning up from years of uncontrolled dumping and contamination.

Once remediated, the site could be sold to potential buyers for industrial, office, commercial or retail use — or a combination.

To date, the city has completed the Wetlands Delineation report on the Chestnut Street property, with only 0.11 acres of wetlands identified on the site. The next step is to obtain the required Nationwide 404 Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers to further the property's clearing, grading, and remediation work.

In late summer, the city advertised the site clean-up, lead soil remediation, and groundwater remediation work for bid. Anticipated work completion is early 2023.



IN OUR PARKS



In 2021, the city's Recreation Board began drafting the Nisbet Park Master Plan. View design concepts & renderings. LovelandOH.gov/478/planning-our-future

City Hall Pocket Park

Clermont County Park District

O'Bannonville Road/State Route 48

In July, City Council annexed approximately 100 acres owned by the Clermont County Park District into the city's corporation limits. The annexed property is bounded to the north by O'Bannonville Road and to the south by State Route 48. The park district purchased the property utilizing Clean Ohio Funds, which require the land to forever be park space.

Matt Haverkamp Foundation Dog Park

Kiwanis Park - 236 Wall St.

The city's first dog park opened in May. The city applied for grant funding through Purina to install a water source for dogs. Construction on the waterline will begin in Spring 2023. Additionally, the city will install fencing within a portion of the park to create a dedicated space for small dogs.

Nisbet Park

126 Karl Brown Way

Cue the first phase of the Nisbet Park Master Plan to revitalize the park! Construction of a 24-ft. diameter gazebo is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

Phillips Park

11667 Rich Road

A new ADA-compliant playset is expected to be installed this fall. It will feature four slides, climbing structures, and a tic-tac-toe board.

Pocket Park

City Hall - 120 W. Loveland Ave.

Visitors to the city's new "pocket park" (outdoor dining area) will notice a unique photo opportunity. A supersized Adirondack chair, painted with Loveland scenes and the HOMEARAMA® 2022 theme #BuildLove, was gifted to the city by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati.

Tot Lots

The Heights - Approx. 310 Cherokee Dr. & 300 Navaho Dr.

The Heights offers two community playgrounds, commonly referred to as "Tot Lots." As part of an ongoing neighborhood revitalization effort, the city secured a \$75,000 grant to upgrade the playgrounds, which were installed in 2007. Not only will the playgrounds be replaced, but free public Wi-Fi will be added to the parks.



Current Cherokee Tot Lot Playground

LPD NEWS



From the Chief of Police: Hello Loveland



I hope everyone enjoyed the many activities around our great community this summer and will continue to support the upcoming events this winter in Loveland.

I am **Michael Gabrielson**, and I was appointed as the **10th Chief of Police** for the Loveland Police Department (LPD) on Aug. 1, 2022.

I am originally from Michigan, but please do not hold that against me!

After completing my undergraduate degree at Eastern Michigan University, I moved to Ohio and spent 29 years with the Kettering Police Department, retiring on July 29, 2022, as the Assistant Chief. After a whirlwind 48 hours of retirement, I joined the outstanding men and women of LPD, where I am humbled and proud to now serve you.

While working, I continued my education, earning a Master's Degree from Tiffin University and completing the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command. I am married to my wonderful wife Heather and have three adult children. We enjoy our amazing granddaughters (7 and 2 ½) and new grandson.

After nearly three decades in law enforcement, I have been renewed by this opportunity to lead your police department and to continue to build on the professional reputation LPD has earned. I know how blessed I am to join this community and want to express how excited I am for the opportunity.

I make this pledge to the Loveland community: this agency will strive to keep your support and trust by continuing to enforce laws impartially and by respecting community principles. We will use every opportunity to build the already strong relationship we share with Loveland.

As a reminder, you can reach us for non-emergencies by calling **(513) 583-3000** or visiting <https://lovelandoh.gov/189/Police>. LPD is on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor; follow us to receive the most current information about the department.

— Chief Michael Gabrielson



"Loveland Day" at HOMEARAMA®

A Well-Attended HOMEARAMA®

The 59th annual HOMEARAMA®, presented by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati, took place Sept. 3-18 at the city's newest subdivision, ChimneyRidge.

The show outpaced attendance expectations, topping 24,000 visitors. This was the first time since 1989 that the show had been held in the City of Loveland.

The 16-day event featured six fully decorated and landscaped homes to tour, plus a tiny home.

The city hosted "Loveland Day" on Sept. 9 with HOMEARAMA® offering discounted admission to residents. More than 140 residents took advantage of the offer. Throughout the day, the Loveland Police Department, Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, Loveland Sustainability Council, and city administration staffed booths. LPD and LSFJ brought vehicles for touch-a-truck activities.

Located off Butterworth Road, ChimneyRidge sits on 26 acres. When fully built out, the community will feature 30 homesites.

Bridge Congestion Mitigation Study

To solve the city's traffic issues and find potential solutions, the first step is to conduct a formal traffic study...

The City of Loveland is exploring a regional traffic study to relieve congestion at the West Loveland Avenue Bridge and through its Historic Downtown.

Based on data received in June 2022 from the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) StreetLight Insight® program, approximately 10,000 vehicles travel West Loveland Avenue daily through the center of downtown.

Currently, there is only one access point in the city allowing motorists to pass over the Little Miami River from Clermont County into Hamilton County: the West Loveland Avenue Bridge. The nearest bridge crossings from Loveland are approximately three miles south at Miamiville or four miles north at Foster.

"We can all agree there is a traffic problem, and the city wants to lead a regional study to find a solution that benefits residents and our neighbors. We are taking the first steps to explore the possibilities," explained Cory Wright, Assistant City Manager.

To start this endeavor, city staff and Mayor Kathy Bailey met with ODOT District 8 staff, as well as representatives

from Congressman Steve Chabot's and Congressman Brad Wenstrup's offices in April 2022. Discussion topics included addressing the need for additional cross-river connectivity and potential regional network improvements to reduce downtown congestion attributed to commuters. ODOT staff provided information about the planning and engineering studies that would be required to determine what solutions are feasible.

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Wright emphasizes this will not be an overnight solution: "The goal at this time is to have a planning study done to understand the true traffic patterns of our region. The study will help determine where people are coming from and where they are traveling. When the potential study is completed, ODOT would determine what is feasible based on data and public input."

For instance, is a bridge feasible to offer another cross-river access point near to the city, and where would it be located? Or would it be feasible to pursue other network enhancements, such as upgrading surrounding county roads to improve travel time to the interstate?

Wright stresses there are many unknowns at this very early stage of the exploratory process and likened Loveland's potential corridor project to ODOT's Eastern Corridor Program or the Brent Spence Bridge — infrastructure years in the making.



Per ODOT, approximately 10,000 vehicles travel West Loveland Avenue daily through Historic Downtown.

Furthermore, the city occupies three counties and neighbors multiple townships.

"For a traffic study of this magnitude, we will need cooperation from our neighboring communities. We want to find a regional solution that benefits everyone," Wright stated.

The groundwork of the traffic study process — such as engineering research, traffic data collection, the identification and vetting of a purpose and need statement, or campaigns for public involvement — is key to ensuring that the city preserves access to federal, state, and local funding.

Is a bridge or network enhancements, like upgrading county roads to improve travel time to interstates, feasible?

"The process for advancing critical infrastructure, including the construction of a new river crossing, is complex and for good reason. A traffic study is a crucial element of any well-executed transportation planning initiative because communities compete for limited infrastructure dollars. A study will provide a sound foundation for the city to advance meaningful and justified infrastructure improvements," said Wright.

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

To form partnerships that may help advance a regional infrastructure project, city staff has completed the following since April 2022:

- Held a meeting with ODOT's Office of Jobs and Commerce, which is focused on providing transportation infrastructure investments that support economic development.
- Met with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District to discuss strategies for relieving congestion.
- Held a meeting with the Hamilton County Engineer.
- Presented to Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (TID).
- Reached out to the Warren & Clermont County TIDs.
- Met with Hamilton Township & Miami Township to discuss the potential study.
- Engaged with remaining neighboring townships (Deerfield, Goshen, Symmes) to discuss the potential study.
- Invited Robert Koehler of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) to present at the 9-13-22 City Council Meeting to explain potential funding. OKI is a metropolitan planning organization, responsible for distributing federal money for regional projects. Historically, OKI has supported major construction improvements along I-275, the I-71 interchange, etc.
- Continued discussions with engineering firms & ODOT about preparing a scope for the required "Existing Conditions and Suitability of Alternatives" of the potential study.



Currently, the West Loveland Avenue Bridge is the only river crossing in the City of Loveland.



LSFD Awarded Grants for Equipment & Training

This fall, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department was awarded two FEMA Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants for equipment and training. This brings LSFD's grant total to seven received in the past two years!

Grants will fund heart monitors for ladder trucks, thermal imaging cameras, a mobile breathing air trailer, paramedic training, and specialized leadership training like the Ohio Fire Executive Program.

"We have been very blessed in our grants over the past several years. This allows us to keep the local mileage low and stretch out our public safety levies, all while keeping service level high," said Fire Chief Otto Huber.



Funding City Projects: 2021-2022 Grants

City staff secures grant funding to complete capital projects, purchase equipment, and enhance economic development. For projects that were completed or funded since 2021, city staff has secured **more than \$6.7 million!** Of this grant funding, more than \$1 million was for infrastructure-related projects, \$835,000 for public safety, and \$4.8 million for economic development. City staff, supported by elected officials, feel that it is important to bring residents' state and federal tax dollars back home to work for them in the city. **The following are grants received to help fund projects:**

\$584k
Replacement of **water main & road repairs** on Main, Chestnut & Wall Streets



\$14.9k
Electric vehicle charging stations at Linda J. Cox Trailside Parking Lot

\$3.3m
One of the largest grants ever received by the city
Environmental clean-up of the Chestnut Property

\$85k
New gazebo in Nisbet Park

\$87k
Body cameras for Loveland Police Dept.

\$75k
Replacement of Heights' Tot Lot playgrounds (2023 Project)

\$16.7k
AED for McCoy Park

AROUND TOWN

Visit a Little Library

As the weather cools down, cozy up with a book from one of Loveland's little libraries!

The newest lending library is located just off the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail by Broadway Street (near the Linda J. Cox Trailside Parking Lot and Mile 42 Coffee). It is operated by Love Our Land, a citizen-driven organization that calls Loveland home. The nonprofit hosts educational events and activities for all ages, such as trail walks and plant identification lessons.

Its library is fully stocked with nature/environment-themed reading material for all ages. Borrow (or keep...or add) a book!



Love Our Land Little Library near Cox Parking Lot
L to R: Love Our Land co-founder Doug Gilbert, library builder Neal Oury, Love Our Land co-founder Mike Meldon

"We want to promote environmental education. Our goal is to get you information any way we can," explained Mike Meldon, Love Our Land co-founder. "Read it and learn! Enjoy!"

The second lending center that calls Downtown Loveland home is also located along the trail. The Little Free Library is situated across from The Wicked Pickle restaurant near Nisbet Park. This library offers materials across genres and is operated by Adopt a Book Ohio, which helps distributes books to Little Libraries across the state.

Find more at LittleFreeLibrary.org/map



Little Free Library near Nisbet Park

UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Tree Lighting
Dec. 3 - 4-8 p.m.
Jackson Street Market

Don't miss this new tradition in the center of downtown (just off the the Little Miami Scenic Trail near the Brown's Crossing building). There will be a tree lighting, live entertainment, food trucks, and festive fun to welcome the season.



Christmas in Loveland
Dec. 17 - 4-8 p.m.

Hosted by the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance, this annual outdoor event offers carriage rides, a train ride, crafts, holiday treats from local businesses, visits with Santa, live entertainment, and more.



Hearts Afire Weekend
Feb. 10-12, 2023

Save the date! The city will host its 2nd annual Hearts Afire Weekend in honor of Valentine's Day. Afterall, Loveland's nickname is the "Sweetheart of Ohio." There will be ice sculptures, ice carving, fire events, live entertainment, and love-inspired activities for all ages.

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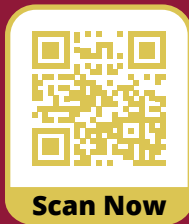
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Ice Sculptures, Family Fun & More!

February 10, 11 & 12, 2023
Second Annual Valentine's Day Celebration



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COMMUNITY REMINDERS

"I want additional recycling/trash bins. Who do I contact?"

For additional canisters to add to your curbside service, please contact Rumpke at (513) 242-4600.

Have a question about city services? Email AskLoveland@lovelandoh.gov.

Online Permit Applications Available

If you are applying for a property, construction or building permit, now you can begin the process online. You may still apply for a permit in person at City Hall. Questions? Call (513) 707-1447 or visit

<https://lovelandoh.gov/148/Building-Zoning>.

Upcoming City Services

- Nov. 7 - 18: Fall Brush Collection (Curbside)
- Dec. 1 - Jan. 20, 2023: Holiday Light Recycling (City Hall)
- Jan. 3 - 16, 2023: Christmas Tree Collection (Curbside)

City Hall Holiday Closures

- Nov. 24 - 25: Thanksgiving
- Dec. 26: Christmas
- Jan. 2, 2023: New Year's Day
- Jan. 16, 2023: Martin Luther King Jr. Day