

London City Council Update April 7, 2022

Good evening and thanks to everyone for coming out.

We have had two Town Hall meetings about the proposed levy and they both went very well. The first meeting had a total of 27 people in attendance and the second had 44 people. They have been positive meetings where a lot of information is being presented and people are able to get their questions answered and comments expressed. You can watch the meetings on the City's website, londonohio.gov.

We have two more Town Hall meetings coming up on April 12th and April 26th. Both meetings will be held here at City Hall and begin at 6:00pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to have a question or comment read you can email me directly at pclosser@londonohio.gov or call the City Administration office at 740.852.3243.

Last month I was able to teach Junior Achievement in Mrs. Dunmon's 3rd grade class at London Elementary. This was another great class where the kids were able to learn about local government and being an entrepreneur. I will be starting my next Junior Achievement class this coming week in Mr. Stone's 5th grade class at St. Patrick's. Junior Achievement is a great program that gets the kids engaged and teaches them real world skills. If you would like to help out Junior Achievement, please contact Junior Achievement of the Mad River Region. They are always looking for volunteers and other forms of support.

I was also able to go speak with students from Mrs. Landingham's STEM program at London Middle School. They are starting to do projects on infrastructure that apply STEM. This was a very bright group of young adults who had many great questions and their initial brain storming ideas were astute.

And speaking of infrastructure, Choice 1 Engineering is completing their study on the storm sewer in the Southeast quadrant of the city. Once they have completed the study and finish their report, we will continue our conversations on what steps to take next. We also had a community meeting with the residents of the Graceland Marimont area. We are looking at a public private partnership to help with the storm water issues in that area. I would like to thank the Street Department and Madison County Engineers Office for all their hard work in the creeks. They were able to remove a lot of debris from the creek that runs behind Jacqueline Drive all the way to the south end. This should really help with the water flow taking the storm water down stream and out of town faster.

The Merri Mac Miracle group had their indoor cornhole tournament a couple weeks ago and was able to raise some money to continue their efforts to improve Marri Mac Park. The playground equipment for Merri Mac has been delivered and we hope to get it up in early summer. We want to make sure that we get the electric ran to the area and camera system installed before we erect the playground. There is legislation in front of you tonight to get the electric and cameras. I hope we can get this passed because the sooner we can get that done the sooner we can get the playground up.

The City of London is still currently accepting applications for our Park and Recreation Director which are due on April 18th. The Police Department is currently taking applications for dispatcher that are due on May 11th. If you are interested in either of these positions you can get more information on our website, londonohio.gov, under the tab Job Opportunities.

Thank you to the City of Dublin, Ohio for their participation in our annual April Fool's Day prank. We made a social media post saying that we were finalizing a partnership with Dublin to be a "sister city". Many people assumed it was Ireland and it was actually for a \$50 gift card to make their way to Dublin, Ohio. Lisha Marie was the big winner of the gift card and please know that I was the one who purchased the gift card out of my own money.

Just a reminder to everyone that we are flushing the water lines and hydrants. You may see some discoloration of your water from sediment being stirred up but if you do it will clear up pretty fast. We are also continuing to replace the traffic signal lights around town. Please be cautious at there are people working at the intersection and if you come up to an intersection where the lights are off due to changing them over treat the intersection as a four way stop.

Now on to the MOLO fun fact which is the number 46. Two Thursdays ago, Amy Rees won the prestigious bell ringer award from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce becoming the 46th recipient. This was a well deserving award for all her hard work she does in our community. She volunteers a lot of hours and is part of many nonprofits. She is always there to help out and do what she can to make Madison County an even better place. Congrats.

Thank you for your time and have a great evening.