



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

December 8, 2023



Newly elected and re-elected City Council Members took their oath of office on December 4.

#### Administration

At Monday's City Council Meeting, Kathy Bailey, Andy Bateman and Brian Goodyear were sworn into office, by Ohio Supreme Court Justice, Joseph T. Deters. Following a vote of council, Kathy Bailey was selected as Mayor and Ted Phelps was selected as Vice-Mayor. Mayor Bailey was sworn into office by Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney, Melissa Powers and Vice-Mayor, Ted Phelps received the oath office from former Loveland Mayor and Hamilton County Municipal Judge, Brad Greenberg. The newly elected council will hold a council retreat this spring to create its two-year goals as they continue to look at ways to advance the city forward. Congratulations to all!

This year's Christmas Tree Lighting Festival included food trucks, craft vendors, live entertainment, characters, and a visit from Santa himself. Mayor Bailey and Julie O'Neill flipped the switch to light the city's Christmas tree that stands more than 60 ft. tall. A special thank you to the Loveland Symmes Firefighter's Association and Chief Huber who worked with Rozzi to have a holiday themed drone show. I'd also like to thank Assistant to the City Manager Misty Clark, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Krista Rose, Permit Specialist Becky Noel and their team of volunteers that have been putting this event together for several months.

This week, the city received a \$17,500 Technical Assistance Grant through the Appalachian Community Grant Program. This project will help advance the city's goal of extending sidewalks along State Route 48 (Oakland Road) from Saint Columban School to the future Clermont County Park to be constructed on a portion of the former Grail property. The grant funds will be used for needed survey work to determine right-of-way boundaries along the project limits.



#### Building and Zoning

Here is a summary of Building and Zoning Department activities throughout the past week:

- St. Columban is completing framing work and began hanging drywall this week at the new Parish Community Center building.
- Plans are in review for another new home in Chimney Ridge. The newest residential unit under construction is located at 18 Heath.
- Interior alteration plans were submitted for Playa Bowl, 124 W. Loveland. The plans are now in review.
- Plans are also in review for alterations to the fire alarm at 1007 Cottonwood Dr. The contractor had already applied with the fire department and received plan approvals from them. Plans are also under concurrent review with the Plans Examiner.
- Cappy's has submitted alteration plans to replace the plate glass windows overlooking their patio area. They will be installing hinged windows with a countertop/bar. The plans are in review.
- Progress at Blossom Hill continues, as several inspections were scheduled this week.
- The footer inspection was completed for the new 3 season room addition for Children's Academy, located at 10695 Loveland Madeira Road.
- Interior inspections continue on the taproom portion of the new DVD Brew project, located at 1555 Loveland Madeira Road.

The city is participating in Loveland High School's Tiger Pathways Experiential Learning Program this year. Our first semester intern, Will Kimnach, completed his internship this week. Will worked in the Building and Zoning Department learning everything from permit processing to digitizing records. He also helped with the city's parking lot naming contest and event promotion. Will plans to study Political Science at Xavier University.

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## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

City Council will meet on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m.

For information about other community events. Visit [www.LovinLifeLoveland.com](http://www.LovinLifeLoveland.com).

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