



City of Loveland

## City Manager's Weekly Report

April 26, 2024



This week, Loveland said goodbye to a legend, Pat Furterer.

### Administration

It's hard to put into words how much Pat Furterer meant to Loveland. Those who knew her will agree that her unselfish dedication to the community was admirable and unmatched. On a personal note, getting to drive Pat and the other Valentines Ladies in the annual 4th of July parade was a special honor. Seeing her excitement, and the love that she received from the community is something I will always remember.

The city welcomed two new staff members this month. Mayor Bailey administered the oath of office to Kelsey Richards, City Engineer, and Trevor Sora, Groundskeeper, at this week's city council meeting.



City Council presented the 2024 Business Enhancement Award to The 1859, located on 111 S. Third Street. Kate and Shane Harden acquired the historic chapel in 2013 and turned it into an elegant event space for weddings, corporate events, and parties. Owner and Operator Kate Harden and her staff have earned the "Best Wedding Venue" award and the coveted "Couple Choice" award by The Knot. Council selected Gary Giver as this year's Louis G. Rockwood Community Service Volunteer Award. Gary serves as the house manager and on the Board of Directors at the Stage Company. Gary founded and spearheaded the Loveland Stage Company's Music Services and is organizing a film festival that will be held in August. Gary and his wife, Becky, are part of the city's adopt-a-block program and in their spare time, they take care of the bird feeders at the E. Loveland Nature Preserve.



Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz, Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Clark and I had the opportunity to meet with students from Tigers Inc. to discuss their plan for a "Cincinnati Reds Watch Party at Nisbet Park in August. As always, I come away from these meetings thoroughly impressed with how prepared, organized and respectful the students are and excited about their projects. The city continues to benefit from the energy of the Tigers Inc students.

Special thanks to Loveland Tree and Environment member Gary Benesh and his team as they completed another litter cleanup. Gary reports the following:

- There were 26 volunteers, including the team members from Gina Dubell-Smith's
- Designed2Sell and young men from Bloomerang Team that cleanup several
- Completed very difficult strips along Riverside Road.
- In all, 33, 30+gallon bags were collected along with a giant slide, 4 huge pallets, a folding chair, wire and a sign.



## Building and Zoning

Permitting updates from the Building and Zoning Department:

- The LMRCRA submitted for their tent and stage permits for their Food Truck Rally at Shoppers Haven, 597 Loveland Madeira Rd. Plans are in review.
- St. Columban passed their inspections and received their Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for their new community center.
- Miscellaneous residential permits were inspected and closed out.
- The sun shades for the front dining area of Paxton's Grill were approved by both HPPC and by the plans examiner and the building permit is ready to issue.
- HPPC also approved the signs for Simply for Good at 207 W. Loveland.
- Framing and mechanical inspections passed on the new home at 17 Paxton.
- The footer inspection for the deck going in at 912 Loveland Madeira took place this week.
- The inspector and fire inspector met with Bond Furniture to go over plans to separate spaces to make room for another business to work out of the same building. They are working on plans to submit to get their permits.

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## Public Works

Monday, staff joined the Army Corp of Engineer's project review team, as the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) for the stabilization of Riverside Drive was presented. The meeting allowed city staff to see how projects report up the Army Corp of Engineers' chain of command, and listen as the various divisions commented on the stabilization. Although a cumbersome process, given the scope of the project, and its location along a national scenic river, the city is fortunate to be working with the Louisville District of the Corp of Engineers and especially the project lead, Lacey Gabbard. We will continue to update council and the public as this very important project continues to progress.



On Friday, April 19th, Tree and Environment Committee member Lara Ferrer, alongside Public Works Maintenance Crew Leader Jason Brock, had the honor of representing our community at the Tree City USA awards ceremony hosted by Tipp City, Ohio. We are delighted to announce that the City of Loveland was recognized with Tree City USA status for the sixth consecutive year during this esteemed event.



On Thursday, Public Works employees Roy Cole and Thomas Doughman participated in the first-ever Community Helper Day at the Loveland Early Childhood Center. This program was designed to help students build their understanding and knowledge of the people in Loveland who support us daily. Public Works took a dump truck and a mini excavator for the students to explore, while Roy and Thomas talked about the many different jobs they perform in the city. This made for a fascinating day for the students that they will surely remember!



The O'Bannon Creek Bridge Replacement Project along the bike trail is near completion with only landscaping left. ODNR has moved the ribbon cutting up to May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Public Works crews straw and seeded the former Mobil Station site this week. This will allow the property to be easily maintained as we work towards securing funding to turn it into a future pocket park.



Progress on the downtown parking lot continues at a good pace. The contractor has installed the stormwater facilities, completed the detention pond along with setting forms for the dumpster pad. Next will be installation of the conduit for the parking lot lighting.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

On Tuesday, April 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the city will host a public open house at New Hope Baptist Church to review data from the W. Loveland Avenue traffic study.

For information on other community events visit [www.lovinlifeloveland.com](http://www.lovinlifeloveland.com).

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