



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

May 17, 2024



Beautification Committee does their Magic again with Annual Plantings

Administration

Assistant to the City Manager Misty Clark and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Krista Rose attended the Clermont County Commissioner's Meeting on Monday, May 13, as part of the Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau's (CVB) America 250 Art Mural Trail presentation. The CVB is seeking funding for seven historical public art murals that will capture pivotal moments and figures in the region's history over the past 250 years. The City of Loveland along with the City of Bethel, Miami Township, City of Milford, City of New Richmond, Union Township, and the City of Williamsburg plan to participate in the tour. Should this project move forward, the city has been given permission by John and Monica Adams to place a mural on the east side of the Bank Building. America 250 and Loveland's 150th Anniversary will both take place in 2026.

The city was able to work with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to create a biker oasis area adjacent to the new O'Bannon Bike Trail Bridge. The area has new benches, bike racks and a bike repair station. Special thanks goes out to Tiffany DeChant-Hunt, ODNR Park Manager, and also a City of Loveland resident, for her support, patience and cooperation in creating this nice addition to the overall bridge project. Also, hats off to Customer Service Specialist, Mandy Lucas and the Public Works crew for putting all of this together in advance of next weeks ribbon cutting ceremony.



City Council joined Lisa Freeman and Dan Timmerman for the Parks and Recreation Board in presenting Rob Stineman the 2024 Stan McCoy Award. The Stan McCoy award "recognizes a person who has worked to sustain and improve the community in recreation, park, or environmental activities which benefit the City of Loveland" and Rob certainly meets that criteria. With over 15 years of coaching baseball, Rob has certainly demonstrated his commitment to the youth of Loveland.



Building and Zoning

Updates from the Building and Zoning Department:

- Inspections continue on the clubhouse for 8Ninety Apartments, with the hvac rough in inspection receiving a partial pass on Thursday.
- Sign plans are in review for a new wall sign and new face plates to the existing ground sign for SPENGA.
- Plans came in for the 4 new single family homes going in at 617, 619, 621 and 623 W. Loveland. The plans are in review and the plans examiner is awaiting some revisions.
- Plans are also in review for the demo of the existing house at 341 Ruth. They plan to build a new home on the site.
- The business at 149 Commerce will be doing some interior alterations to create a training space for their employees. Plans are in review.
- Multiple residential applications were received this week and several inspections took place on ongoing projects throughout the city.

Public Safety

At Tuesdays City Council meeting, Police Chief, Mike Gabrielson presents Stefan Eckert a Police Commendation for his reports of criminal activity he witnessed. Mr. Eckert's quick actions led to arrest on what is becoming a more common problem, mail theft.



Mayor and Council, joined Police Chief, Mike Gabrielson, Captain Dan Gangwer, Lieutenants Scott Humphrey and Kevin Corbet, and Patrolman Bobby Taylor and Elliott Spraul in kicking off National Police Week..



Public Works

On May 8th -10th City Engineer Kelsey Richards attended the annual Ohio Stormwater Conference in Sandusky, Ohio. This Conference is dedicated to advancing the knowledge and understanding of comprehensive stormwater and watershed management for planning, design, implementation, and regulatory compliance. Members of the Ohio EPA were on hand to answer any questions regarding the city's annual MS4 permit and discuss what to expect in case of an audit.

This week, The city's baseball fields were top-dressed with 50 yards of a high-quality infield mix. This mix is designed to provide excellent drainage, preventing water from pooling on the infield surface. This helps to maintain a playable field even after rainfall.



The Beautification Committee planted thirty hanging baskets and forty-three large pots of annuals throughout the downtown area. They also planted the flower boxes on the bridges at Wall Street, and State Route 48.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Veterans Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The O'Bannon Creek Bridge (bike trail) Ribbon Cutting will be on Wednesday, May 22, at 11:30 a.m.

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m.

The Arts Commission will meet on Thursday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m.