



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

May 24, 2024



Bike Trail Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Attracts Great Crowd

#### Administration

Wednesday, Mayor Bailey, City Council members and multiple city staff were on hand for the ribbon cutting of the new O'Bannon Bike Trail Bridge. The event was very well attended, and included ODNR Director, Mary Mertz and State Representative, Jean Schmidt along with other dignitaries. Special thanks to ODNR and Prus Construction for a wonderful addition to the city's downtown business district.



Thursday we welcomed a new business with the ribbon cutting ceremony for Simply Zero, which has opened up shop at 207 West Loveland Avenue. Simply Zero specializes in zero waste and refillable products and adds another high quality retail business to the downtown district.

Progress on the new parking lot this week included completion of the underground conduit for the lighting, relocating a fire hydrant near the State Route 48 entrance and installation of curbing.



#### Building and Zoning

The Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met on Tuesday to review Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for signs at 113 South Karl Brown Way for Bike Trail Books and the Split Leaf Company. The commission also reviewed a mural at 127 North Karl Brown Way for the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Both COA's were approved.

Updates from the Building and Zoning Department:

- The clubhouse at 8Ninety Apartments, 890 W. Loveland, had their framing inspection this week.
- Children's Academy of Loveland, 10695 Loveland Madeira Rd, had their final inspection for their new 3 season room addition.
- The final inspection was completed on the fire alarm alterations at Lodge Care.
- The building inspector and fire inspector did a new business walkthrough for Nostalgia Ink, a comic book store going in at 403 Loveland Madeira Rd.
- Revisions were received for one of the new homes going in on W. Loveland. The contractor is now submitting for 623 W. Loveland and will submit the plans for the remaining 3 at a later date.
- Children's Meeting House, 927 O'Bannonville, submitted plans for a new vestibule and administrative offices. The plans are in review.
- Prince of Peace submitted plans to add a restroom for POP Kids. We are awaiting revised drawings.
- The permit was issued for fire suppression work at 161 Commerce.

## Finance

On Thursday, the city converted to the newest version of Civica's utility billing software. The previous version has been reaching the end of its service life for some time now, necessitating the change. Staff has spent many hours training and preparing for this change and I would like to thank them for their efforts. Special thanks goes to Utility Billing Clerk, Lisa Craig for working closely with Civica staff during this process. This week the Finance Department submitted the city's Basic Financial Statements for 2023 to the State Auditor's Office as required by Ohio law.

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## Public Works

Friday, Public Works crews enjoyed lunch together as part of Public Works Appreciation Week. Our crews are simply the best. The level of service they provide to our residents is often not fully appreciated. To put it in perspective, here is just some of what they are responsible for:



- Maintenance and snow removal of 108 lane miles of roadway
- Maintenance, repair and replacement of 76 miles of water mains
- Mowing and general maintenance of 157 acres of developed parks and 3 nature preserves
- Operation, maintenance and billing for a water treatment and distribution system producing 1.2 million gallons of water a day, including multiple storage tanks, towers and pump stations
- Maintenance of all public stormwater catch basins
- Collection of brush and leaf pickup for city residents

Last Friday, Public Works employees Roy Cole and Thomas Doughman visited the SPED classrooms at the Loveland Middle School. They took a dump truck and a mini excavator for the students to explore while they spoke to them about the role of Public Works in our community. This event was a huge success. The students enjoyed the experience almost as much as Roy and Thomas!



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## Public Safety

The Civil Service Commission met this week to certify the Police Officer Eligibility List and approve the Lieutenant promotion process.

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

The Veterans Memorial Committee has organized a Memorial Day parade and ceremony on Monday, May 27. The parade begins at 9 a.m., immediately followed by a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m.

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

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