



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

June 28, 2024



Jason Brock (20 years) and Elliot Spraul (5 years), are honored for their Years of Service at Tuesday's City Council Meeting. Jason and Elliot, thank you for your service to the city!

Administration

This week, city staff met with the contractor for the parking lot improvement project adjacent to City Hall. This project, which will begin following completion of the new parking lot, will add sidewalks along Railroad Avenue to Harrison, and create a centralized vehicular location to both lots. This will be an exciting project that will also create additional parking spaces, street lights and new landscaping, improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz, and I, have begun meeting with property owners to review locations for the new antique style lighting which will be installed along the 500 and 600 block of West Loveland. The new "Dark Sky Compliant" lighting will greatly enhance the business district.



On Thursday, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Krista Rose, was interviewed by WCPO 9 Cincy Lifestyle to promote the city's annual Independence Day Celebration. The interview will air on Monday.

Building and Zoning

- The slab inspection took place for the addition at Children's Meeting House, 927 O'Bannonville Rd.
- The plans came in and are in review for the second of four homes on W. Loveland. Ground clearing has begun on the site.
- Plans came in to replace the ground sign at 106 Commerce. They are in review.
- The interior alteration permit is ready to issue for 577 Loveland Madeira, Shoppers Haven. They continue to make interior and exterior upgrades to their property.
- Interior alterations progress at 161 Commerce. We have also received their application for a sign permit. Those plans are in review.
- Multiple residential permits have come in for review as well as inspections taking place on several ongoing residential projects.

Also this week, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review preliminary renderings for a proposed six-unit residential development along Railroad Avenue.

Finance

On Tuesday, City Council held a public hearing and approved the 2025 Tax Budget for the city. The Tax Budget is a preliminary estimate of resources for the upcoming year that is required by state law. The focus of the Tax Budget are the funds that receive property tax revenues which includes the General Fund and fire/EMS levy funds.

Public Works

The base for the third and final seating area was installed on Thursday. Once the concrete has cured and drainage holes are drilled, the permeable pavers will be installed. Tables for the seating area have been ordered and should arrive in August.



Work continues on the Loveland Miamiville Sidewalks Phase 2 Project as most of the new watermain has been installed by the contractor, Majors Enterprises. Next steps will be storm improvements and sidewalks to finish out the project.



City Engineer Kelsey Richards attended a workshop this week, sponsored by the Regional Storm Water Collaborative, titled "Fostering Sustainable Behavior." The seminar featured Dr. McKenzie-Mohr, renowned for his research in community-based social marketing—a distinctive approach to promoting environmental behavioral change in areas such as air quality, recycling, and soil and water conservation.

The public works staff has been exceptionally busy this week to ensure the city looks its best for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration. Their efforts have focused on our parks, where they have been pressure washing various areas, cleaning, and painting grills, maintaining fence lines, and trimming and spraying weeds. Additionally, much-needed fence repairs were completed at one of the baseball fields and at the pickleball courts at McCoy Park. The staff has also been diligently mowing and trimming roadsides throughout the city, demonstrating their commitment to maintaining a clean and attractive environment for all residents and visitors.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observation of Independence Day.

The city's annual Independence Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4, from 4 to 10:30 p.m. For details about the event, [click here](#).
