



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

October 11, 2024



Police Officers Benjamin Marcum and Brandon Wilson are sworn into office at Tuesdays Council Meeting

#### Administration

Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz, and Water Treatment Superintendent, Ricky Gregory hosted representatives from municipalities with a public water systems along the Little Miami aquifer in a roundtable discussion centered around our regions efforts and challenges for treatment of PFAS. Discussion topics included, regulator interaction, community involvement and outreach, and funding.

The Building and Zoning Department hosted Loveland U this week. Participants learned about the role of the department and the importance of planning for a city. The group participated in a tabletop exercise where they were able to fill the role of a developer in a potential public-private development. They developed conceptual plans and ideas all the while being critiqued as if they were presenting to a Planning and Zoning commission.



City Staff, Chief Otto Huber, Chief Gabrielson, along with many other community members joined Mayor Bailey and Valentine Lady Kay Bolin in dedicating a tree along the bike trail in honor of Pat Furterer who passed away in April. As the plaque states, Pat was Loveland's Leading Lady. Kay Bolin and Permit Specialist, Becky Noel coordinated the plaque design and dedication. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources donated the tree, and Peggy Schildmeyer, with Riverview Monuments and Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home donated the plaque.

City Hall staff took a break from the day on Tuesday to watch Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose and our very own Frogman (mystery city employee) appear on Fox 19 news to promote the upcoming Return of the Frogman event this Saturday October 12.



The City Hall Parking Lot Realignment Project was completed this week. The project adds additional spaces along pedestrian safety and improved traffic flow around City Hall.

#### Building and Zoning

- Inspections were conducted on the retaining walls at 623 W. Loveland, and framing work continues on the new home.
- The foundation walls at 14 Heath, the latest project in Chimney Ridge, have been inspected and poured.
- Framing has commenced for the interior renovations at 137 Commerce, Grunder Landscaping.
- The deteriorating barn structure behind 443 W. Loveland was demolished this week.
- The foundation for the new home at 341 Ruth has been completed.

#### Public Works

City Engineer Kelsey Richards attended the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) this week, a two-day event held in Columbus, Ohio. OTEC brings together experts and leaders to discuss the latest trends, policies, and technical advancements in transportation. Topics included transportation policy, planning, environmental impact, design, construction, maintenance,

operations, local government, and the management of transportation resources. Co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Transportation and The Ohio State University, OTEC is one of the nation's largest and most respected transportation conferences.

On Saturday, the department proudly hosted the city's third annual "Free Tree Giveaway," distributing over 200 trees to residents in a continued effort to enhance the city's tree canopy. Public Works staff assisted in loading a variety of species, including River Birch, Northern Pecan, Tulip Poplar, Black Gum, and several types of Oak.

In addition, the city's fall brush pickup program kicked off this week, offering a valuable service to residents as we transition into cooler months. This program will run for approximately two weeks.



The East Loveland Avenue Bridge project is also nearing completion, with significant progress made. On Monday, the contractor finished the paving phase, allowing both lanes of traffic to reopen. That same day, the City Hall parking lot received a fresh update with repaving and striping, improving functionality and appearance. Meanwhile, nine new pine trees were planted on the north side of the new parking lot, further enhancing the landscape in the area.



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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Frogman returns tomorrow! The city is hosting a new event to celebrate our local legend. Activities begin on Railroad Avenue at 4 p.m. followed by a comedy hop starting at 8 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details.

The Finance Commission will meet on Tuesday, October 15, at 5 p.m.

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