



City of Loveland

## City Manager's Weekly Report

November 1, 2024



Public Works planted trees throughout Lever Park and the Loveland Heights neighborhood this week.

### Administration

The city received news this week from Hamilton County, that its grant application for funding to install sidewalks along Osage Drive was approved. The \$77,000 grant will create a pedestrian connection to existing sidewalks on West Loveland Avenue and Tuscarora Drive, creating a safe route for students within the Heights to walk to the High School. The project also continues City Council's goal of creating pedestrian connections among our neighborhoods.

The Parks and Recreation Board met for the final time in 2025, and reviewed progress on park repairs following their annual spring inspections, received an update on the progress of developing Tomahawk Trail in the Heights, discussed the Field Use Policy and the Hike Loveland Initiative. The board also voted to formally support the city's efforts in securing grant funding for the Nisbet Park Amphitheater project and signed a letter of support which will be included in the application.

The HPPC met on Monday to review a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) request for new paint colors at Tano Bistro on West Loveland Avenue. The COA request was approved and work began the following day. At their meeting, the HPPC also held a public hearing for the designation of 497 North Second Street as a locally designated historic structure. The beautiful Victorian home, constructed in 1876, has been meticulously restored by its owner Courtney Hauck, and was the home of General, Thomas Tinsley Heath. Following the public hearing, the HPPC voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that the home be approved as locally designated historic structure.



This week, Loveland U visited Loveland Elementary School for an in-depth look at the inner workings of the school district—from staffing and funding to delivering quality education to its students. Notably, the Loveland City School District recently earned a Five-Star Overall Rating on the 2023-2024 Ohio School Report Card, a distinction awarded to only 10 public schools in the Cincinnati region. This accomplishment places Loveland City School District in the top 3% of Ohio's 600+ public school districts.

### Building and Zoning

Here is an update on activities this week from the Building and Zoning Department:

- The slab inspection, along with rough mechanical, gas line, electrical and plumbing inspections has been completed at 623 W. Loveland, along with framing.
- Spenga successfully passed its insulation inspection, bringing them one step closer to final inspection.
- Plans for mechanical work at 137 Commerce Dr., Grunder Landscaping, located at 137 Commerce Drive, have been submitted, reviewed, and approved.
- Progress continues on the interior work at MacArthur Park Apartments, 665 Park Avenue, with all buildings now featuring new roofs.
- The permit for expanding the bleachers at Loveland Youth Football field, 1 Tiger Trail, is now ready for issuance.
- The fire-damaged home at 1208 W. Main Street was demolished this week, leaving the slab intact, as the new owners plan to rebuild on the site.

### Public Works

This week, the Public Works staff planted trees across the city, with a focused effort in Lever Park, The West Loveland Nature Preserve, and the Heights neighborhood. The newly planted trees, ranging from 4 to 6 feet tall and approximately 1 inch in diameter, include River Birches, Tulip Poplars, and various types of Oaks, enhancing the city's green spaces for years to come. Additionally, the team continued its seasonal leaf collection efforts throughout the city, helping to keep neighborhoods clean and well-maintained.



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## Finance

On Tuesday, the Finance Commission met to continue discussing the 2025 Budget. I would like to commend Director of Finance, Mark Medlar for his tremendous effort on putting together another comprehensive budget, and also thank the Commission for their input and support during the budget process. The 2025 Budget will be presented to City Council at the November 26, 2024 Council meeting.

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## Public Safety

Final preparations are being made for the ground breaking ceremony on Saturday for the new Fire Station 63 project. This is an exciting project for the community with construction to commence this month.



Assembly of the city's new Suthphen SLR 75' ladder truck is nearing completion. Fire Chief Huber anticipates the truck be delivered in approximately 2 weeks. Although the assembly process has taken nearly 2 years, the new truck is one of the finest available and will serve the community for many years to come.



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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

The groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 63 is scheduled for tomorrow, November 2, at 11 a.m. The event will take place at 220 E. Loveland Avenue.

The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Election Day is on Tuesday, November 5, and City Hall will serve as a polling location. Our offices will remain open for business during regular hours.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m.

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