



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

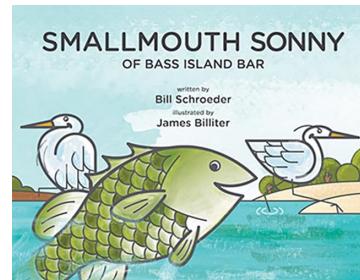
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Lynn Oury Named Loveland's 2025 Valentine Lady

Administration

This week, I received a letter of resignation from our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Krista Rose, as she prepares to take a new position in the private sector. Krista took what was, at the time, a newly created role to heights we could never have imagined. Her unwavering commitment to keeping our residents informed around the clock, while maintaining the highest level of professionalism, has been an incredible asset to city operations, our residents, and the business community. We wish Krista the best in her new endeavor—she will be missed.



Assistant City Manager Chris Wojnicz recently met with Loveland resident and student, Nicholas Gatsos to discuss his proposed Eagle Scout project at the Simpson Nature Preserve. Nicholas has partnered with Little Miami Conservancy Board Member and author William Schroeder to bring his children's story, Smallmouth Sonny of Bass Island Bar, to life along the preserve's trail. The project envisions a storybook trail featuring weatherproof pages mounted on posts along the 0.42 mile loop, for children to enjoy. We are always excited to collaborate with Eagle Scouts on their creative and meaningful projects. Stay tuned for more updates.

Building and Zoning

- Plans have been approved to replace the fire alarm at 161 Commerce Drive, BCM Inks.
- Work is underway on restroom renovations at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 101 S. Lebanon Road.
- Framing Inspections were conducted this week at 807 Loveland-Madeira Road, where a vehicle recently struck the building.
- The hood suppression re-inspection at E+O Kitchen, 115 Karl Brown Way, passed.
- Construction progress continues on several homes in ChimneyRidge.

Finance

The city's new Customer Service Specialist, Miya McNeal was sworn in on Tuesday by Mayor Bailey. Director of Finance Mark Medlar expressed excitement about Miya joining the team, noting the importance of her role as the first point of contact for many residents visiting or calling City Hall. Miya has already demonstrated a strong understanding and the importance of customer service and is very happy to be part of the city.



Public Works

This week, Public Works received 40 new auto-read water meters. By working closely with the supplier, the city was able to secure the meters ahead of an upcoming price increase. The department continues its efforts to replace the old manual-read meters throughout the city. Auto-read meters offer numerous benefits, including faster reading processes, enhanced employee safety, and more detailed usage data for customers.

Public Works staff has also been busy with several important projects:

- As part of the city's annual Christmas tree removal service, staff collected trees from residents across the community.

- On Wednesday, they quickly responded to a watermain break on Oneida Drive, completing repairs efficiently to restore service.
- New basketball goals were installed at the Phillips Park basketball court, enhancing the facility for residents to enjoy.

Work also began this week on the Cherokee Water Main Replacement Project this week. The contractor, Majors Enterprises, started extending the water main at the intersection of Bellwood and Cherokee.



Public Safety

Today, marks the end of a remarkable 30-year career with the City of Loveland for Mayor's Court Clerk Mel Bacon. Mel has been a fixture with LPD for many years and instrumental in establishing an efficient and highly respected Mayor's Court. We will miss you Mel but are so happy for the adventures you are about to experience. Congratulations, Mel, on a well-deserved retirement.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 5:00 p.m.

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

The Arts Commission will meet on Thursday, January 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Art House II, located at 430 W. Loveland Avenue.

The Veterans Committee will also meet on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m.

The City of Loveland will hold a Public Open House for information regarding the Loveland Madeira Road Corridor Improvements from West Loveland to Valley View Lane on Wednesday, February 12, from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall.