



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

February 7, 2025



Hearts Afire Weekend Kicks Off Tonight

Administration

This week, we delivered the local historic designation plaque to Courtney Hauck, owner of 497 East Second Street, commonly known as the "Miamanon" circa 1876. The home, which has been meticulously restored by Mr. Hauck, was the residence of General Thomas Tinsley Heath (1835-1925), who served during the Civil War. The Miamanon is the sixth property to receive local historic designation, and is very representative of the city's rich history. We thank Mr. Hauck for submitting his property for local designation and commend his efforts in restoring this historic gem.



Thursday, the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance hosted their annual State of the Region program. Administrators from Miami and Symmes Townships and I provided the group with an overview of the activities happening in our communities. Councilmembers Neal Oury and Kip Ping and several staff members were in attendance.

This week, Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz and I met with the new owner of the Loveland Dairy Whip to discuss the planned West Loveland Avenue Turn Lane project. The city is working to adjust the project schedule to accommodate their upcoming season.

Also, this week, the city met with organizers for the Loveland Shorts Film Festival as they prepare for their second year with this popular event. The event is scheduled during the first weekend of August.

Interviews for the open Marketing and Communications Coordinator position will begin next week, as we work to fill this important city position.

Building and Zoning

Again this week, Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz and Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby met with McBride Dale Clarion on needed changes to the city's zoning. These changes are in-conjunction with the city's Comprehensive Master Plan and will be presented to the Planning Commission this spring.

Permit activity for the week included:

- Loveland Music Boosters received their annual tent permit for their Show Choir event that will be held this weekend at the High School, 1 Tiger Traill.
- Plans were approved for fire suppression on the new addition at MacArthur Park Apartments, 660 Park Ave. The permit is ready to issue.
- Fire Alarm plans were approved for St. Columban School, 896 Oakland.
- Work and inspections continue on multiple homes in Chimney Ridge. The home at 17 Paxton was completed this week and passed their final inspection. The CO was issued.
- The inspector was called to Powder Alloy, 101 Northeast Dr., after an explosion this week. They will be submitting architectural drawings to begin the repairs.
- Instructure, 136 Commerce, applied for a repair permit to do some work on interior walls.
- Sub-surface work continues on the new fire station, 220 E. Loveland.
- Multiple residential projects have been permitted and are under construction.

Public Works

Our Public Works staff installed twenty smart water meters this week, replacing outdated models. Smart water meters are advanced devices that measure and transmit water usage data in real-time, enhancing water management efficiency and ensuring accurate billing. Equipped with electronic computing units, these meters enable proactive monitoring, improved leak detection, and better communication between water utilities and consumers.



Progress on the Cherokee Water Main Project continues at a steady pace. The contractor has successfully installed approximately 600 feet of 8-inch water main and is now excavating to restore the affected sidewalks.



Additionally, staff completed in-house training on Shoring Installation, a vital construction and excavation technique used to provide structural support and prevent soil or structural collapse. Team members also completed Part 2 of Traffic Control Procedures for Roadway Work, reinforcing their knowledge of best practices for maintaining safety and efficiency in work zones.

Finance

The Finance Department has begun compiling information for the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which is expected to be released later this year following the annual audit. The city's contract with Clark Schaefer Hackett has concluded, which means the Auditor of the State of Ohio will be conducting the audit for 2024 financials.

Public Safety

Progress continues on construction of the new Fire Station 63. The contractor, Graybach I.L.C., is working hard to be a good neighbor during construction, working to limit on street parking and general disruption to the area residents which is greatly appreciated.



Tuesday, city staff welcomed new Police Officer, Madeline Erb. Madeline comes to the city via North College Hill, and we are excited to welcome her to the city. Madeline will be officially sworn into office by Mayor Bailey at the February 11th, City Council meeting.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Hearts Afire Weekend kicks off this evening and runs through Sunday. Businesses and the city's Special Event Committee has planned a weekend filled with love inspired fun. [Click here](#) to see the full list of activities.

City Council will meet on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m.

The city, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation, will host an open house on Wednesday, February 12, from 6-8 p.m. at City Hall for the Loveland-Madeira Road Corridor Project.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m.
