



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

February 14, 2025



City Council Welcomes 2025 Valentine Lady Lynn Oury

#### Administration

Despite the rain, the City's 4th Annual Hearts Afire Weekend was a great success, drawing a fantastic turnout and shining a spotlight on the City of Loveland. Special thanks goes out to all the dedicated volunteers and everyone working behind the scenes to bring this event to life. Every department plays a vital role in making a special event happen. From planning and logistics to road closures, safety, and setup, their hard work and dedication ensures everything runs smoothly. Our city staff is the backbone of signature events like this, and I truly appreciate all they do. I'd also like to thank our event sponsors and all the businesses who participated by purchasing ice sculptures.



Wednesday, an open house was held to allow the public to review plans for the Loveland Madeira Road Corridor Project. The open house was well attended, and provided residents and business owners an opportunity to review the plans and speak with city staff and engineers for the project.



Thursday, Mayor Kathy Bailey, Councilmembers John Hart and Ted Phelps, along with Building and Zoning Specialist, Becky Noel, joined the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance in welcoming E+O to the city. The new restaurant, located on Karl Brown Way is a wonderful addition to the downtown district. Restaurant owner, Tim Weiss, said that he felt so welcomed by the community and is excited about opening his 3rd location in the city.

Friday, Mayor Kathy Bailey, and Councilmember Neal Oury, along with Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz, Assistant to the City Manager, Misty Clark, and Director of Human Resources, Julie Robins joined me at the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's annual Valentines Breakfast. The program allowed the community to honor the 2025 Valentine Lady, Lynn Oury, and past Valentine Ladies. The program is always highlighted by the reading of the poem award winners including many area students.



We've moved Loveland U to the spring to avoid the busy fall season and make it easier for people to participate. Recruitment efforts are underway, with outreach to residents, businesses, and local organizations. This year's program is set to begin on March 26.

#### Building and Zoning

- Verizon, 10565 Loveland Madeira Rd, submitted for their sign permits. Plans are in review.
- The fire suppression plans were approved for MacArthur Park, 660 Park. The permit is ready to issue.
- The fire alarm permit is ready to issue for St. Columban, 896 Oakland.
- Plans were submitted for the rebuild of the home at 1208 W. Main that was destroyed in a fire. Some additional information is needed for the plans examiner.
- The owner of the lot at 271 E. Kemper submitted plans to fill and grade the lot to accommodate parking for their business next door. Once they submit the flood application, plan review can continue.

## **Finance**

Director of Finance, Mark Medlar wanted to remind the community that the deadline to file municipal income taxes is Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) has self-service options available 24/7 on their website ([ritaohio.com](http://ritaohio.com)) and can be contacted at 800-860-7482 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. City Hall staff is available on a first come first serve basis from 8 AM – 4 PM.

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## **Public Works**

This week, Public Works staff remained actively engaged in several essential tasks. On Monday, crews repaired a fire hydrant on Betty Ray Drive, ensuring the continued reliability of the water system. With winter weather arriving Tuesday night, staff worked diligently to treat roadways for snow and icy conditions, prioritizing public safety.



On Thursday, team members participated in in-house training on Traffic Control Procedures for Roadway Work Part 3, further strengthening their expertise in roadway safety. Additionally, throughout the week, crews installed 30 more smart water meters, advancing the city's efforts to modernize the water system.

### **Cherokee Water Main Project Update**

This week, crews focused on installing an 8-inch water main, extending from Bellwood Drive to West Main Street, including all intersections along the route. Additionally, testing of the newly installed water main was conducted from Bellwood to Sunrise to ensure proper functionality.

For the upcoming week, work will continue with the water main installation along West Main Street, starting at Cherokee and progressing toward Highland Street. This schedule is intended to minimize traffic disruptions, as gas crews will be working simultaneously on Tuscarora and Cherokee. Crews will also work on obtaining water main purity tests and completing tie-ins at Sunrise and Cherokee. The tie-ins will require a temporary water shutdown, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 20.

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## **Public Safety**

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### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

The Civil Service Commission will meet on Monday, February 17, at 5:00 p.m.

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