



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

March 28, 2025



City Council and Police Chief, Mike Gabrielson, accept the generous donation from the American Legion Post 256 for the purchase of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)

Administration

On Tuesday, three projects which have been in the works for some time, all began on the same day. First, the installation of antique style street lighting along the West Loveland Business District is now underway. Special thanks to Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz and Zoning and Economic Development Specialist, Eva Wisby for their efforts in getting this long awaited project started. Since the lights are being installed on the property owner's side of the sidewalks, Chris and Eva worked hard to secure the numerous easements needed for the project to begin. Also, thanks to the property owners for working with the city to allow the lights to be installed on their property. Once completed, these Dark Sky Compliant lights, along with the recent traffic signal upgrades, will add a nice amenity to this important business district.



Next, in conjunction with the West Loveland Avenue Traffic Improvement Plan, a left turn arrow was added at the West Loveland Avenue/North Karl Brown Way intersection. This arrow helps encourage left turns onto North Karl Brown, better disbursing traffic into the Downtown District.

Finally, as a result of the new sidewalks along Loveland Miami Road, the city had received requests from the area residents to add street lights along the roadway. The lights were installed this week, enhancing the use and safety on the new sidewalks. Once the third phase of sidewalks are installed this summer to the Huntington Subdivision, the city will work with Duke to have streetlights along this final stretch.

I had the opportunity to meet with Scout, Wyatt Neal, to discuss his Eagle Scout project. Wyatt is proposing to upgrade the access into the Hill-Wagoner Cemetery. Wyatt will be able to work with the Hill-Wagoner Cemetery Preservation Committee as the city prepares to take ownership of this historical property. Wyatt joins a long line of Scouts that have completed very beneficial Eagle Scout within the city. Considering the cemetery was first cleaned up as part of an John Eha's Eagle Scout project, Wyatt's timing to improve its access is excellent.

Loveland University kicked off its spring session on Wednesday evening at the Loveland Historical Museum, with nineteen participants registering after a focused recruitment effort. The program, previously held in the fall, was moved to spring to avoid conflicts with the Citizens Police Academy, budget season, and other fall activities. Mayor Bailey, Chief Gabrielson, LSF Deputy Chief Mike Books, Clerk of Council Misty Clark, and I were in attendance to welcome the new class.

Building and Zoning

- The application and plans for the HVAC system in the new building at 210 Carrington Lane, which is replacing the fire-damaged structure, have been submitted, reviewed, and approved.
- Framing work is ongoing for the reconstruction of 210 and 220 Carrington Lane.
- A permit has been issued for the hood suppression system at the new fire station located at 220 E. Loveland Avenue. In addition, multiple inspections were conducted this week at the new fire station.
- Inspections were completed on various ongoing projects in Chimney Ridge.
- Elevator and accessibility upgrades continue at MacArthur Park Apartments, 660 Park Avenue.

Also this week, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) met to review two requests for Certificates of Appropriateness (COA). The Wicked Pickle, 123 Railroad Avenue, filed for a COA to construct covered porches along their south side of their property. Girl On Ivy, located at 113 South Karl Brown, requested approval for the installation of two hanging signs. Both COA requests were approved.

Public Works

Public Works crews wrapped up spring brush collection, ensuring the timely removal of debris before the grass cutting season starts.

Crews responded to a water main break on State Route 48 in front of St. Columban on Monday evening. The team worked quickly and efficiently to complete repairs and restore service.

On Wednesday, Public Works Director Scott Wisby attended an OSHA Inspections Workshop, gaining valuable insights into maintaining compliance and enhancing workplace safety.

Maintenance Worker Ryan Singleton reached a career milestone by earning his Class 2 Professional Water Operator and Lab License, further strengthening his expertise and contributions to the department.

To close out the week, City Engineer Kelsey Richards attended the Southwest Ohio Floodplain Manager Forum, where the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, discussed Floodplain Management topics and answered questions from local floodplain managers, reinforcing the department's commitment to professional development and operational excellence.

The Cherokee Water Main project is progressing steadily. All storm-related work has been completed, except for the section on West Main Street. The water main installation on West Main Street is now finished. Additionally, sidewalk and curb work have been completed from Sunrise to Bellwood, while work continues on the section from Sunrise to West Main. Next week, the contractor will focus on service installations along Cherokee from Sunrise to West Main.



Public Safety

The American Legion Post 256 donation of \$9,800 toward the purchase of AED's at Tuesday's City Council meeting is greatly appreciated. Their support will ensure that all of the city's marked police cruisers are soon equipped with these life-saving devices. The AEDs have been ordered and will be in service soon.

Chief Gabrielson is pleased to announce the promotion of Officer Walt Griffith to the rank of Lieutenant, effective April 1, 2025. Officer Griffith is committed to the agency and this community, and brings with him 15 years of public safety command experience. Walt's swearing-in ceremony will take place at the April 8, 2025, City Council Meeting. Please join us in congratulating Walt on this achievement.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m.

The TriHealth Mobile Mammography is coming to Loveland on Tuesday, April 1, from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. The bus will park in the David B. Kennedy parking lot. Appointments are still available.

Loveland University will visit the Police Department on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
