



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

April 11, 2025



Tuesday, Mayor Kathy Bailey administered the Oath of Office to our newest employees; Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Stephanie Watson and Downtown Groundskeeper, Matt Losekamp

Administration

The Loveland-Symmes Fire Department welcomed Loveland University this week. Deputy Chief Mike Books and Executive Officer Bruce Hawk led session tracing the department's evolution from its 1877 origins as a humble Ladder and Bucket Brigade to its current status as a nationally and internationally accredited agency, and is one of only 383 fire departments in the United States to achieve the highest Public Protection Classification rating (Class 1) making them one of the very best fire departments in the country.

Participants got hands-on experience as they learned life-saving skills like CPR and how to respond in a bleeding emergency. The session also included a tour of the fire training tower and got a taste of life as a firefighter, suiting up in firefighting gear and using a hose to extinguish a simulated car fire. Everyone walked away with a deeper appreciation for the bravery, skill, and dedication that define our local fire service.



Building and Zoning

- Plans were received for two storage buildings and a band tower at Loveland High School. They are set to go to BZA on April 21, to request a variance.
- A permit was issued for a new single family home at 142 Lakeview Ct.
- Progress continues at the new fire station, 220 E. Loveland. This week, inspections were done on a couple sections of the foundation walls.
- Work continues on the new homes on W. Loveland, with two of the homes now sold.
- A repair permit was issued to the Eagles, 127 N. Karl Brown. They are working on the exterior of the building.

Public Works

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the graduation ceremony for Shawn Hartness and Jason Brock from the Ohio Division of Forestry's, Tree Commission Academy in Fairfield, alongside Tree and Environment Committee Chairman, John Robinson. During the ceremony, Shawn delivered a presentation on the City's Tree Program, which was very well received by those in attendance. The knowledge and skills that both Shawn and Jason have gained through this two-year program will greatly benefit the City and further the advancement of our tree program.



City Council recognized Maintenance Worker Ryan Singleton for passing his Class II Water Operator exam. With a pass rate of about 35%, this achievement was gained with hours of personal preparation and hard work. The City now employs two Class II water operators and one Class III water operator, ensuring qualified and competent operation of our public water system.



Also this week, the Public Works Department completed repairs on two water main breaks located on Miami Drive and Carter Grove Lane. These timely repairs helped restore service and prevent further disruption to residents in the affected areas.

Progress continues on the Cherokee Water Main Project, with several key tasks completed this week. Waterline work included testing and purging along the stretch from Sunrise Drive to West Main Street, and on West Main from Cherokee Drive to Highland Street. Service lines and meters were installed between Sunrise and West Main, while crews continued installing the 8-inch waterline from Tuscarora Drive to West Loveland Avenue.



Storm sewer work has also advanced, with all storm lines completed except for the final section on West Main between Highland and Cherokee. This last portion is temporarily paused due to ongoing spring rainfall. Meanwhile, sidewalk and curb installation are now 100% complete between Bellwood Drive and Sunrise Drive, and crews are currently



focusing on completing the sidewalk from Sunrise to West Main. Additionally, crews are working on completing asphalt trench paving from Bellwood to West Main, further restoring roadway surfaces in that area.

In addition, three new Tree City USA signs were installed at key entry points to the city, recognizing Loveland's ongoing commitment to urban forestry and environmental stewardship. This marks the city's seventh consecutive year receiving the Tree City USA designation. The new signs are located on Loveland Madeira Road, Lebanon Road, and State Route 48.

Finance

Director of Finance, Mark Medlar, wanted to remind the community that municipal income taxes must be filed by April 15. The Regional Income Tax Agency's website (ritaohio.com) is available 24 hours a day for filing. They can also be contacted by phone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 800-860-7482. City tax staff are available on a first come first served basis from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Safety

As Tuesday's Council meeting, Mayor Kathy Bailey administered the oath of office to Walt Griffith following his recent promotion to Lieutenant. As Chief Gabrielson said during the meeting, this promotion recognizes Walt's leadership, professionalism and experience. Officers Lawrence Mehn and Dakota Parks were also recognized for the five year anniversary with the city.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Law and Ordinance Committee will meet on Monday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

The Community Improvement Corporation will meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a work session on Thursday, April 17, at 6 p.m.

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 18, for Good Friday.

Tiger's Inc. will host a Reds Watch Party on Saturday, April 19, at 4 p.m. in Nisbet Park to benefit the Steve Kenyon Outdoor Memorial Classroom.
