



## City of Loveland

### City Manager's Weekly Report

May 2, 2025



It's been a busy week at the Fire Station 63 Project site, with foundation work and wall construction now underway

#### Administration

Special thanks to Loveland Tree and Environment member Gary Benesh and his team as they completed another litter cleanup last weekend. Gary reported that there were 36 volunteers that collected 38 bags of trash throughout the city including miscellaneous car parts, rusted cans and tires.



City staff attended a mandatory Public Records training session led by City Solicitor Joe Braun. The training provided an overview of Ohio's Public Records laws, emphasizing the importance of transparency, timely responses, and proper documentation practices to ensure compliance and accountability.

Wednesday evening's Loveland University session brought local government to life in Council Chambers. Director of Finance Mark Medlar kicked things off with a creative twist on city finances using a round of Family Feud to breakdown the budget. The class then stepped into the shoes of elected officials during a mock City Council meeting led by "Mayor Walter Duff" who channeled his inner Mayor Bailey. To make the experience as realistic and fun as possible, Loveland University alumni and former Council Member Kent Blair joined the open forum portion of the meeting, raising lively topics ranging from road salt to a proposed bridge over Loveland Miamiville to keep traffic following near the school. It was an engaging evening full of laughs, learning, and a deeper appreciation for how City Council meetings really work.



Also this week, I had the honor of serving as a speaker at the Ohio Active Transportation Conference in Columbus, where I presented on the economic benefits a bike trail can bring to a community. It was a great opportunity to highlight how the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail promotes a healthy lifestyle and connectivity but also supports local businesses and drives economic growth.

#### Building and Zoning

- The Building Inspector responded to 301 Loveland Madeira Rd. following a vehicle collision that resulted in structural damage to the building.
- The permit application and plans for the tent and stage associated with the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Food Truck Rally at Shopper's Haven was received. Additional documentation is required before the plans can be submitted for review.

#### Public Works

Our Public Works staff has been actively using the city's new valve exerciser to maintain and protect vital infrastructure. Their efforts include cleaning catch basins, operating and testing water valves, and ensuring all systems are running smoothly and efficiently. This proactive approach not only extends the lifespan of our water infrastructure but also enhances the overall reliability of our system.



The Cherokee Water Main project continues to progress steadily and remains on schedule. All water main installations have been completed, and driveway aprons have been successfully poured. Tie-ins at both West Loveland Avenue and West Main Street are also complete.

The contractor is currently finalizing the remaining stormwater infrastructure along West Main Street, which will complete all stormwater-related components of the project. Installation of the remaining concrete curbs and sidewalks is scheduled to begin on May 15.

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## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

City Hall is a polling location for the Tuesday, May 6, primary election.

The Tree and Environment Committee will meet on Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Registration is open for the May 26 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. The parade begins at 9 a.m. at Loveland Elementary School and ends at the Veterans Memorial. [Click here](#) to register.

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