



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

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Administration

The City's Wellness Program is in full *Survivor* mode this year, and the competition is heating up! Departments have been transformed into "tribes," and this month's challenges focused on mental wellness. Each tribe received a mental wellness calendar packed with daily relaxation activities to help members recharge and reset. For our individual challenge, employees were given paint-by-number canvas—these creative masterpieces will be proudly displayed in the City Hall lobby the first week of June. This month's Tribal Council luncheon gathered all the tribes for a fierce (and hilarious) game of Pictionary. In true *Survivor* spirit, alliances were tested and hidden talents revealed. Tribe PD claimed victory and the immunity idol, while City Hall followed close behind. Public Works brought the laughs with their magnificent—if slightly abstract—artistry, finishing in third place. The City remains committed to the overall wellness of our employees, and the Wellness Committee continues to deliver monthly challenges that keep everyone engaged, active, and connected. Stay tuned to see which tribe outwits, outplays, and outlasts the rest!



This week, I had another opportunity to speak at a conference regarding the benefits that a bike trail brings to a community as a panelist at the Madison County Transit (MCT) 2025 Virtual Trail Summit. MCT is based out of Madison County Illinois and has completed numerous bike trail projects. I hope the information provided regarding how the Little Miami Bike Trail benefits not only the downtown district but the entire city was useful to the attendees.

This week, Loveland University enjoyed a visit to the Little Miami Conservancy, where they spent time along the scenic river learning about its importance to the community and local wildlife. The class was led by Jana, The Roaming Naturalist, who shared her knowledge about the animals that live in and around the river and why keeping the river healthy matters. Participants even had the chance to roll up their sleeves (and pants) and test the water quality themselves, making for a hands-on and memorable experience. Special thanks to Councilman Kip Ping, who was on hand to capture some great photos.



Building and Zoning

- An application was received for the demolition of 412 N. Second St. The plans were approved and the permit issued.
- Plans were received to change out the wall sign at 683 Loveland Madeira Rd, Heavenly Nails Spa.
- An application came in for a new business certificate for Creative Talkers, LLC. Creative Talkers is a pediatric speech and language therapy business that will be going into 433 W. Loveland Ave, Suite 200. Their walkthrough inspection was completed this week with the building and fire inspectors.
- A demolition permit was issued for 339 Ruth Street.
- Several permits have been issued for residential re-roofing this week.
- Progress continues on homes in Chimney Ridge, with multiple inspections taking place this week.

Public Works

This week, our Public Works staff has made significant strides in enhancing the beauty of our city. Their work has included mowing, mulching, trimming roadside vegetation, and planting new trees across various public spaces. These efforts improve the city's appearance and contribute to a cleaner, safer, and more inviting community.



A few standout projects include planting five oak trees at the new City Hall parking lot and adding eleven native trees and eighteen native shrubs at Phillips Park. These improvements not only boost the city's curb appeal but also support long-term environmental sustainability.

Osage Drive Sidewalk Project Underway

Work began on Thursday on the Osage Drive Sidewalk Project, funded by a \$77,000 grant awarded to the City. This project will install new sidewalks along Osage Drive, creating a vital pedestrian connection between Tuscarora Drive and West Loveland Avenue and continuing City Council's commitment to pedestrian connectivity. Once completed, the new sidewalks will link a significant portion of the Loveland Heights neighborhood to nearby business districts and Loveland High School, improving accessibility and walkability.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Arts Commission will meet on Thursday, May 22, at 6 p.m.

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