



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

June 27, 2025



Mayor Kathy Bailey, Councilmembers Kip Ping, John Hart and Brian Goodyear, along with local Boy Scouts, participated in a "Push In" of the city's new Fire Truck

Administration

Tuesday, Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz and I attended the Loveland City School District Board meeting where the city was recognized by the Ohio School Boards Association for their contributions to our schools. During the presentation, the board recognized the importance, and value of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program to the district.

Wednesday, Councilmember Kip Ping and I attended a dinner hosted by the Warren County Municipal League in Lebanon. The dinner included a presentation from the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau regarding the benefits of tourism to Warren County.

The Loveland Arts Commission is proud to unveil its newest exhibit, "Unbound," debuting this Saturday during the Loveland Art Crawl from 4-8 p.m. The exhibit celebrates artistic freedom and creativity, featuring an eclectic mix of works in watercolor, ceramics, woodworking, textiles, and more. Visitors can explore the exhibit throughout the month of July and August at City Hall. Don't miss your chance to experience "Unbound" during its grand opening on Saturday from 4 to 8 p.m. as part of the Loveland Art Crawl.

As we prepare for the City's Independence Day Celebration next week, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank all of our City employees for their hard work and dedication. A tremendous amount of effort goes into making this event happen—not only in the days leading up to it, but also during the event and after it's over. What many people don't see is the behind-the-scenes work that ensures everything runs smoothly and safely. All departments have been busy preparing, and it truly takes a citywide team effort to bring this celebration to life.

Public Works has been working to make sure downtown and Nisbet Park are looking their best. The Police Department has coordinated road closures and safety logistics for the parade, while both Police and Fire personnel ensure that our event is safe and secure for all attendees. Finance has managed sponsorships and vendor payments, helping everything stay on track. The Building Department has been instrumental in completing inspections and mapping out the event layout, ensuring a safe and organized experience for everyone. Our Marketing and Communications Coordinator has done an outstanding job promoting the event through press releases, social media, signage, and the city's website—helping to generate excitement and keep the public informed. Additionally, employees have helped collect prizes for games and contests, contributing to the fun and festive atmosphere. Every department plays a role in turning the Event Committee's plans into a successful reality.

Every year, the Event Committee works to introduce new and exciting activities that showcase the charm and community spirit of our one-of-a-kind town. This year's new features include a kids pedal tractor pull, an adult team spelling bee, an Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross look-alike contest, a Heads or Tails game, and a kids dance party. We've also seen great enthusiasm from local businesses who are helping revive the tradition of hosting their own activities. This year, we'll have scavenger hunts, a dunk tank, arm wrestling, cornhole challenges, a hot dog eating contest, and much more. We also had an outstanding response from business sponsors, raising \$24,500 to support this year's event—an incredible show of community support.

Thank you again to each and every one of you who makes this day possible. Your hard work, teamwork, and dedication are deeply appreciated.

Building and Zoning

Updates from this weeks activity in the Building and Zoning Department:

- The permit was issued for the demo of 270 E. Kemper Rd and the house was removed.
- The interior alteration permit was issued for Cocoa Lounge, 600 W. Loveland Ave.
- Plans were submitted and are in review for a new home at 15 Heath Ct. in the Chimney Ridge subdivision.
- Prince of Peace Church, 101 S. Lebanon, had their final inspection on the bathroom remodel.
- The foundation was inspected for the new home going in at 142 Lakeview.

- The demo is in progress of 225 Chestnut St.
- Framing is in progress for the complete interior overhaul of 434 Main St.
- Firestopping is complete at 12050 Montgomery Rd, Lodge Care.
- The roof framing has started on the new Fire Station, 220 E. Loveland Ave.

Public Works

This week, our Public Works staff completed the second phase of a significant in-house landscaping project along the bike trail. The newly enhanced section, located along Railroad Avenue, showcases striking natural stone outcroppings, decorative landscape rock, fresh mulch, and the addition of trees and plants. These improvements not only elevate the visual appeal of the trail but also support our continued efforts to enhance and beautify our downtown area.



Public Works also completed installing the new crosswalk on Railroad Avenue to the bike trail steps. The project continues the city's commitment to safe pedestrian traffic flow in the downtown district.



In what has been an especially busy couple of weeks for the Public Works Crews, in addition to their landscaping efforts, they have been sprucing up around downtown, spraying, weeding, mowing and generally getting the city ready for next week's 4th of July Celebration. This included installing new umbrellas in the seating area in front of City Hall.



Finance

This week the city's 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was completed and sent to the Government Finance Officers Association ahead of the June 30 deadline. The ACFR is a detailed financial report that is used to provide a transparent and accountable picture of the city's financial status. The ACFR includes an independent auditor's report, which was provided this year by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office. The Auditor of State's staff conducted a very thorough review of not just the city's finances, but also operations. We were very pleased to learn that there is no schedule of findings for 2024, which reflects our commitment to proper financial reporting and operations. I would like to thank the Finance Department for their hard work during this process.

Public Safety

At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, Mayor and Council recognized Officer Vicky Johnson for five years of service to the city. Vicky was commended by Chief Mike Gabrielson for her role as the SRO for Saint Columban, which resulted in her recently receiving the Excellence in Service Award from the Clermont County Chamber.



As we continue to prepare for next year's opening of the new Fire Station 63, and preparing for how emergency vehicles will travel to and from the station, traffic lights were added on South 3rd and O'Bannon Avenue, with decorative style lighting on South 3rd.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed Friday, July 4, to celebrate Independence Day.
