



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

November 21, 2025



Pedestrian Improvements in the Downtown District

Administration

The recent road closure on State Route 48 not only resolved a long-standing issue with the railroad crossing for vehicular traffic, but also enabled completion of the sidewalk connection from the downtown parking lot to Second Street, an important improvement for pedestrian access in the downtown district. The fencing system required by the railroad, along with the additional paving work, required significant coordination. On top of that, safely detouring traffic on a busy roadway for multiple days with minimal disruption was no small feat. Many thanks to Assistant City Manager, Chris Wojnicz and Public Works Director, Scott Wisby for their teamwork in bringing this important project to completion.

Monday, the Parks and Recreation Board met for their final meeting of 2025. The board reviewed ongoing park maintenance projects and larger capital projects. The meeting included coaches and board members from Loveland Softball Association regarding the condition of the fields at Lever Park and the proposed increase in the city's annual recreation fees.

Tuesday, Assistant City Manager Chris Wojnicz was in Lebanon to attend the Area Progress Council of Warren County's Economic Outlook Breakfast.

On Wednesday, we hosted our annual pre-Thanksgiving Iron Chef Challenge. Employees drew secret ingredients and a course category—appetizer, main dish, or dessert—and then created a culinary masterpiece to share with the group. The results were adventurous. After sampling the creative (and occasionally questionable) dishes, employees voted for their favorites in several categories:

Best in Category: Appetizer: Brittany Dole (cottage cheese); Main Dish: Chuck Bastin (coffee); Dessert: Mark Medler (butter) and Misty Clark (beer)

Best Presentation: Kelsey Richards (polenta)

Most Creative: Erin Godsey (cream of mushroom soup)

Most Likely to Cause a Heart Attack: Becky Noel (maple syrup)

OMG What is that?: Becky Noel (maple syrup)

Our Iron Chef Grand Champion was Chuck Bastin.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this tradition such a fun and memorable event.



Building and Zoning

This week's activity in the Building and Zoning Department:

- HVAC work continues on the new fire station, 220 E. Loveland Ave.
- The water permits were issued to Take 5 Oil Change going in at 10558 Loveland Madeira Rd in Symmes Township.
- Work progresses on several new homes being built in the city, including those in Chimney Ridge and the new build on Oak St.
- Summit Financial Group, 101 Commerce, applied for a temporary tent permit. The plans are in review.

Tuesday evening, the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission (HPPC) reviewed a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for an addition at 111 South Third Street. The proposed second floor

addition, to be constructed over the existing garage building was approved by the HPPC.

Wednesday evening, the Planning and Zoning Commission met to review an Application for Conditional Use to permit a Short-Term Rental at 102 Brandenburg Drive. The commission approved the conditional use. The commission also completed the first of many work sessions reviewing proposed changes to the city's zoning code.

Public Works

On Thursday, City Engineer Kelsey Richards attended the Ohio EPA and Ohio Stormwater Association Joint Meeting in Columbus. This meeting enables Ohio Stormwater Association Board Members to pose questions to the Ohio EPA regarding updates on the small MS4 permit, MS4 audit progress, TMDL updates, the 319 program, and the annual report status for smaller communities across Ohio. This joint meeting is held annually and provides a great opportunity for OSWA and the Ohio EPA to collaborate on providing annual reports, audits, and other relevant information to professionals.

The crews continue fall-cleanup with leaf pickup out in the neighborhoods and in the downtown district.

Public Safety

This weeks update on the progress of the Otto J. Huber Fire Station 63 project included continued progress on the interior drywall work along with commencement of on the building's roofing.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City Council will meet on Tuesday, November 25, at 7 p.m.

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, for Thanksgiving.
