



City of Loveland

City Manager's Weekly Report

January 16, 2026



2026 Valentine Lady Cynthia Tait was introduced during Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Administration

On Tuesday, in downtown Cincinnati, I made a presentation to the Hamilton County Capital Budget Prioritization Task Force regarding the City's request for funding to support renovations to the Phillips Park restrooms. If awarded, the funding would be used to replace the roof, repaint the building exterior, upgrade restroom fixtures, and add new picnic tables and a bottle filler. The City has requested \$56,800 toward the total project cost of \$63,121.



This week, the date was set for our annual Hazardous Waste Pickup Day. This excellent event, coordinated through Loveland Sustainability, is a joint project with Symmes Township that allows residents to safely dispose of many hazardous waste products. The program, which is very popular among our residents, rotates each year between the City and the Township and will be held in the City this year at the high school. The event is scheduled for June 20, and additional details will be promoted as the date approaches.



The City received the plaque that will commemorate the former Loveland Predestinarian Baptist Church on Chestnut Street. The plaque will be installed on the property atop a foundation constructed from original stones from the former church. Special thanks to Jim Grethel of the Loveland Museum Center and Peggy Schildmeyer for their efforts in making this marker a true testament to the important history of the church and the people it served. City staff will work to identify appropriate location options on the property.



On Wednesday, Assistant City Manager Chris Wojnicz and I participated in a workshop for the Economic Impact Grant Program through Hamilton County. This is an important and competitive grant program that funded the purchase and demolition of both 501 Loveland Madeira Road (the former Brogan property) and 507 Loveland Madeira Road (the former Donisi Mirror Factory). City staff is currently evaluating potential projects for submission.

Building and Zoning

This weeks update from the Building and Zoning Department:

- Plans are in review for interior alterations and two new RTUs at Kenwood Dealer Group, 107 Northeast Dr.
- Once the flood application is submitted and approved, the permit will be ready to issue for the addition to Better Blend, 201 W. Loveland Ave.
- The new sign is going in at Cocoa Muse, 600 W. Loveland.
- Work on the new fire station, 220 E. Loveland, continues to progress with underground fire line pressure testing and ceiling inspections taking place this week.
- The new homes at 335 and 339 Ruth have completed insulation and are ready to drywall. Slabs were poured for two new homes in Chimney Ridge: 16 Heath Ct. and 20 Chimney Ridge Dr.

Public Safety

Members of the Loveland Police Department, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, and the Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children were honored with the 2025 Clarence "Cid" Caesar Award for Investigation Demonstrating Interagency Operation, presented by the Hamilton County Police Association.



The award recognizes their collaborative investigative work on the 10-count indictment of Keith Allen Cruz for crimes against children, a case that brought an end to more than two decades of abuse. Through shared information, coordinated efforts, and sustained commitment across agencies, investigators achieved a successful conclusion in a complex and deeply impactful case.

The Clarence “Cid” Caesar Award honors Hamilton County law enforcement professionals who exemplify exceptional interagency cooperation, reflecting the legacy of Clarence “Cid” Caesar of the Cincinnati Police Department, who for over fifty years freely shared his expertise in service of justice.

Chief Bruce Hawk and Chief Michael Gabrielson participated in the Loveland School District Parent Safety Meeting, alongside district staff, the Ohio Safety Center, and the Hamilton County Educational Service Center. The meeting provided an opportunity to share with parents the strong, ongoing collaboration among local partners focused on keeping all Loveland School campuses safe. Through coordinated planning, communication, and shared resources, each organization plays an important role in prevention, preparedness, and response. Building and maintaining strong relationships between safety forces, schools, and families is essential to creating a secure learning environment. The City of Loveland and Loveland City Council remain committed to supporting the Loveland School District and its safety initiatives, recognizing that student and staff safety is a shared community responsibility.

Updates on the Otto J Huber Fire Station 63 Project:

While brick veneer and utility connections continue on the exterior of the building, interior doors and office space walls are being installed.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Finance Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 20, at 5:00 p.m.
