

Loveland's major projects support quality of life, jobs

In its own way, the City of Loveland is actively involved in an economic stimulus effort for the regional construction industry. Although construction of new homes and business buildings has fallen off markedly since 2008, several major government construction projects will total almost \$47 million in Loveland.

Looking at the big picture, that money is funding improvements that will be used and enjoyed for decades by Loveland residents. The projects mean paychecks for construction workers, for architectural and engineering firms, and many others including suppliers of a wide variety of services and materials—from concrete to light bulbs to works of art.

And it's all being done without incurring local debt or issuing bonds. These are cash projects with no debt financing resulting from years of prudent City financial planning,



as well as fundraising. In various amounts, the money comes from existing City funds; federal, state and Centerra funds, plus some generous donations from residents and businesses.

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Online reporting helps ease the pain

A new service offered by the Loveland Police Department will help lessen the impact to victims of minor property crimes—at least a bit.

Victims can now report an incident online, resulting in an official case number and reducing the time and effort involved. The online reporting feature won't increase police effort, but will provide the victim a case number often required by insurance companies. The report also could aid in the return of items if the criminal is caught.

The reality is citizens are sometimes victims of vandalism, thefts from vehicles and buildings, or sometimes citizens simply misplace items.

Without suspects, witnesses or other evidence, there's little the police can do other than visit the victim and fill out a report.

The further reality is that because of more pressing situations, it can sometimes be hours before an officer can meet with the victim. Thus, the victim is further impacted by the frustration of time spent waiting for the officer and filling out paperwork.

With the online system, at least the time-element frustration can be diminished. If the occurrence is relatively minor and meets simple criteria, the victim can provide all the

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Apply for rebate before Sept. 30

The City of Loveland will accept applications for the 2010 Food and Utility Sales Tax Rebate Program through September 30, 2010.

This program issues food and utility sales tax rebates to individuals and families who qualify according to HUD median area income guidelines and requirements set by Loveland City Council. Rebate amounts are based upon an estimate according to family size and income level.

Applications available at :

1. City's website www.cityofloveland.org
2. Loveland Public Library
300 N. Adams Ave
3. Food Sales Tax Rebate Office
Adjacent to Utility Billing –
Window #4
500 E. Third St

For information call 962-2361.

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Loveland Loves to Read 2010

The Friends of the Loveland Library Foundation have a number of events planned for the 2010 Loveland Loves to Read season.

- Each year a book is selected and all interested Loveland residents are invited to read it and join in discussions. This year's featured



book is *Murder at the Brown Palace* by Denver Author Dick Kreck. Many copies of the book are available at the library.

Readers can hear the author speak at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 23.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the Rialto Box Office or online at www.cityofloveland.org/Rialto.

- Join a book discussion – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 7 at the library; 9 a.m., Wed., Sept. 8 at the library; and 1 p.m. Mon., Sept. 20 at the Chilson Senior Center.
- The final event is Free Movie Night at the Rialto – 7 p.m., Sept., 27 – *Ragtime*. No ticket required.

For more information on the 2010 Loveland Loves to Read program, go to the library web pages at www.cityofloveland.org or call 962-2402.

I-25 on/off now much safer

No more sharing. Motorists exiting or entering I-25 at the US 34 interchange now have the roadways all to themselves. Drivers slowing to exit the Interstate no longer have to share the loop ramps with drivers speeding up to enter the Interstate.

Although there's still significant work to be accomplished before the \$9.7 million interchange improvement project is finalized, the on-off route changes have

been completed. Safety—the main reason for the interchange overhaul—has been improved.

Motorists exiting I-25 from either the north or south simply enter the exit ramps to a signalized intersection at US 34, then turn east or west with a green light. Exiting has become loopless.

Entering I-25 from US 34, drivers will continue to use either a loop or on-ramps depending on their travel

direction. The on-ramps and loops will be single purpose; for Interstate entry only.

Additional construction planned during the project will lengthen the acceleration lanes from the loop ramps onto I-25.

Other work activities remaining include median work on US 34, “hardscape” aesthetics—retaining walls, bow beam arches on the US 34 bridge, and monuments—landscaping, and final cleanup.

The project, which began in early November of 2009, is expected to be completed by April of 2011. Current construction scheduling indicates roadway and hardscape improvements will be completed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday this year.

The Centerra Metro District is the sole source of funding for this project.

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Here's a brief tally:

- \$6.5 million: Crossroads/I-25 interchange improvements—alleviating backups and improving safety.
- \$11.7 million: US34/I-25 interchange improvements—new ramps and traffic signals replacing shared on/off roadway segments.
- \$7.9 million: Chilson Recreation Center expansion/renovation—8,000 sq. ft. including new leisure pool, gymnastics area, locker rooms and more plus a makeover for the existing building.
- \$9.7 million: Library expansion/remodeling—the 25,000 sq. ft. addition nearly doubles the building size plus it will be the City's first LEED certified project/building.
- \$4 million: Intersection expansion for traffic flow improvement using

the continuous flow design at Madison & Eisenhower.

- \$1 million: Improvements to East First Street, increased Civic Center parking, and accompanying landscape and site changes.
- \$3.1 million: Annual City street rehab program.
- \$3 million: Washington Avenue Outfall Phase 4 storm drainage improvements.

Basically, the projects are Loveland's way of taking money out of its bank accounts and circulating it along Main Street. In doing so now, the City also gains the savings of current low construction costs.

Years of prudent planning and policy have enabled Loveland to continue to move forward despite an economy that has moved in the other direction.



Hazardous waste pick up

Offered for seniors, disabled

Loveland seniors and disabled can sign up for free at-home pick up of household hazardous waste products so they can be disposed of properly. Items for pick-up include adhesives, old batteries, cleaners with ammonia or bleach, liquid drain openers, house paint, old nail polish and polish remover, lawn and garden pesticides, and automotive products such as antifreeze and brake/transmission fluid.

The items picked up will be disposed of in an environmentally-responsible way.

To sign up for the free service, call Curbside Household Hazardous Waste Collections, Inc. at 1-800-449-7587. Leave a brief message including name, address and phone number.

Items will be picked up Mon., Oct. 4 and Tues., Oct. 5. Scheduled pickups will be limited to the first forty residents who call.

For more information call 962-2772.

Arizona anyone?



Loveland Mayor speaks to the media at a press conference last month announcing commercial airline service to the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport from the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport (FNL). Two flights a week will be offered beginning in October by Allegiant Airlines, the carrier that has provided service from FNL to Las Vegas since 2003.

“Money Talks”

Protect yourself from identity theft

Identity theft is a serious and widespread problem. Knowing how to protect your personal information can save months, perhaps even years of headaches, restoring your financial security and credit score.

This month, Susan Linden, MBA, will discuss the best techniques to avoid identity theft, the latest scams used to fool unsuspecting victims, and provide some specifics on what to do if your identity is stolen.

Money Talks is free and presented Oct. 12 at 12:15 p.m. and again Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Money Talks is funded by a *Smart Investing @ your library* grant. Snacks and beverages provided. For more information call 962-2402.



Crossroads interchange improvements complete

Last month a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to mark the completion of the roadwork for the Crossroads Blvd./I-25 interchange improvement project.

In attendance were Loveland Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Ken Bennett from U.S. Rep. Betsy Markey's office, Colo. Dept. of Transportation Commissioner Bill Kaufman plus representatives for U. S. Senator Mark Udall, U. S. Sen. Michael Bennet and Jay Hardy from the McWhinney corporation.

The improvements have dramatically improved motorists' safety and traffic flow at the increasingly busy Interstate interchange.

Interchange could not accommodate current traffic volume

- The prior ramp intersections at Crossroads Blvd were stop-controlled and spaced only 370 feet apart.
- East and west traffic along Crossroads Blvd. was not controlled at the ramps.
- Crossroads Blvd was one lane in each direction between the ramp intersections with no center left turn lane and was constrained by the existing I-25 bridges.
- Crossroads Blvd. could not be widened without reconstruction of the I-25 bridges, along with a

significant roadway segment of I-25.

Safety issues prompted improvements

- The spacing of the prior ramp intersections, along with the two-lane roadway constraint under the bridges,
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Testing 1-2-3...

The traffic signal cabinetry and electronic switch system for use at the Madison/Eisenhower continuous flow intersection is being programmed and tested prior to installation. A look at the back of the signal cabinet shows the complex wiring and circuitry that will control the lights at the intersection.





Solid Waste Tip of the Month

Which plastics are recyclable?

Loveland's Solid Waste Division accepts all plastic containers labeled #1-7 for placement in the blue recycling carts. The City cannot accept any non-container plastics such as Styrofoam, plastic bags, food trays or berry baskets. All plastics must have lids removed and rinsed. Discard all caps, as they are not recyclable. Wide lids like those found on yogurt and cottage cheese containers can be recycled.

For more information contact Solid Waste, 962-2529.

The Great Light Bulb Round Up


Are you waiting to put that old light bulb out to pasture before lassoing up a new energy efficient one? Don't miss this chance to round up your old bulbs and receive up to a \$5 rebate towards the purchase of new compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).

To help residents make the switch to CFLs, Loveland Water and Power, in cooperation with Platte River Power Authority, is presenting a light bulb round up at the following retailers. Residents can bring in working, incandescent light bulbs and switch them out for CFLs at reduced prices.

One of the simplest and least expensive ways to reduce electricity use and reduce utility bills is to switch out standard bulbs with CFLs. CFLs are a proven technology offering reliable lighting, energy and cost savings, excellent longevity and convenience. CFLs enable users to save more than \$30 per light bulb, which pays itself back within months.

If every home in America replaced just one incandescent light bulb with a CFL, enough energy would be saved to light more than three million homes and prevent annual greenhouse gas

The Great Light Bulb Round Up!



10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Oct. 9,
at the following locations:

- **Jax Ranch & Home,**
950 E. Eisenhower Blvd
- **Lighting Designs & More,**
3595 Clydesdale Pkwy
- **Orchards ACE Hardware,**
269 E. 29th Street

Come in for fun and prizes!

emissions equivalent to those of more than 800,000 cars.

For more information on the Great Light Bulb Round Up or to learn how to save money and reduce energy use with CFLs, call Loveland Water and Power at 962-3000 or visit the Water & Power webpages at www.cityofloveland.org.

What is a Watt?

A watt is simply the yardstick used for measuring power. A one hundred watt light bulb, for example, is rated to consume one hundred watts of power when on. If that light bulb was turned on for three hours it would consume 300 watt-hours (Wh) of energy.

Watts, therefore measure immediate power consumed while watt-hours measure the total amount of energy consumed over a period of time. Knowing what electronics use in the way of watts can help lower power usage.

What uses Watt?

- A cell phone charger uses 1 watt just plugged in and 3 watts when charging
- A compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulb—equivalent to a 75 watt incandescent light bulb—uses 19 watts

- Desktop computers use anywhere from 200-450 watts with some gaming computers using up to 800 watts



- The food processor uses 500 watts
- Smaller microwaves use about 600-800 watts
- Many hair blow dryers use around 1800-2000 watts
- Standard electric clothes washers use about 333,000 watt-hours per year
- Electric clothes dryers use a whopping 787,000 watt-hours per year

To learn how to save both watts and dollars go to www.cityofloveland.org/wp/power/Conservation/tips.htm.

The Rialto Theater presents Hot 8 Brass Band 7:30 pm, Fri., Oct. 1

New Orleans' own Hot 8 Brass Band has epitomized street music for over a decade. Born and raised in New Orleans, the band infuses their performance with the funk and energy that makes this southern city's music loved around the world.

Regulars at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and featured in the Spike Lee documentary *When the Levees Broke*, an evening with the Hot 8 is like no other.

Tickets: \$18 adult, \$15 senior, \$10 student

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required information online whenever convenient.

To file an online report the following criteria must be met:

- it must be a non-emergency crime
- there is no known suspect
- the crime occurred inside Loveland city limits
- there is no physical evidence left behind by the suspect
- and the citizen understands there will be no further police investigation.

The following can be reported online:

- vandalism/criminal mischief defined as a person causing actual monetary damage to the real estate or personal property of another
- theft from a motor vehicle whether locked or unlocked
- theft from a building open to the general public and where the

offender has legal access, including theft from lockers

- general theft of property that does not fit the above categories and does not involve forced or non-forced entry into a building
- property lost within Loveland City limits
- citizen requests for extra patrol or traffic enforcement for a specific location.

To file an on-line report, visit the police department section of www.cityofloveland.org and click on "Submit Online Report."

The Loveland Police Department is dedicated to serving citizens with the highest possible level of efficiency and service. Online reporting has advantages for both citizens and police. It makes reporting easier and saves time for both the police and the victim.

Crossroads interchange improvements complete

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did not allow the development of left-turn storage lanes from Crossroads Blvd. to the interchange ramps.

- The lack of left-turn storage caused vehicles to stack up in each direction between the ramp intersections when waiting for a left-turning vehicle.
- Existing, peak-hour traffic volume along Crossroads Blvd. at the interchange did not provide sufficient gaps in traffic to allow safe left turns from the ramps onto Crossroads.

Funding

The three funding sources were:

- \$3 million in stimulus monies through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- \$ 1.2 million in Federal funding through the Surface Transportation Program
- \$2.4 million from the Centerra Metro District

Total project cost was \$6.5 million.

Harvest Bazaar

a fundraising event for the Chilson Senior Advisory Committee

Friday, September 24th 9:00am-2:00pm

Soups, Chili, and Pies will be served from 11:00am-1:30pm

Garden Produce Donations will be accepted beginning 9/22

Call (970) 962-2783 for more information.

Crafters Wanted for the Bazaar!

Please stop by the Chilson Senior Center front desk beginning August 5th to reserve a table/booth

Chilson Senior Center
700 E. 4th Street - Loveland



\$5 Meal Deal
in advance
\$6 at the Door

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