

## Construction has begun for Loveland's library expansion

With the assistance of Loveland's mayor, the ceremonial groundbreaking for the \$9.7 million expansion of Loveland's library took place last month. This month, the real work begins.

When complete, the Loveland Public Library will be twice as tall, almost twice as large and the current structure will enjoy a major makeover.

The expanded library won't simply be larger with more room for additional books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, etc. Of course, there will be more of those. But the new library will become a state-of-the-art example of a 21st century public library.

The facility will offer additional meeting rooms for the public, interactive areas for children, a specially-equipped section for teens, a room focusing on local history, an adult fireside reading area and greatly-expanded and updated technology equipment and services throughout.



**Proper attire required—**  
Loveland Mayor Cecil Gutierrez dons a hard hat in preparation for the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the Loveland Public Library. The project will almost double the size and revitalize the current building.

[More about the library expansion inside](#)

## Water & Power wants customers to be prepared—for anything

The City's Power Division works hard to provide power to Loveland residents without interruption 24 hours a day/365 days a year and it does so with a 99.99% rate of reliability. But even the most robust system can occasionally experience an outage.

While a short-term inconvenience for most, power outages can present some serious challenges for customers who

rely on electrically powered, medically-sustaining devices such as electric oxygen generators. These customers should take extra measures to prepare for these events and be familiar with the City's protocol for power restoration.

In the event of a two-hour (or longer) planned outage for maintenance purposes or in the case of a prolonged outage, the City contacts patient-care facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes but is unable to contact individual households.

The Power Division does not maintain a list of customers with power-dependent medical needs and does not have the ability to prioritize power-restoration based on a specific address or location.

Fortunately, there are a number of measures customers can take to prepare for an outage.

Be prepared:

- Have several extra non-powered oxygen tanks on hand
- If devices can be run on batteries, be sure to have extra, well-charged

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## Tax rebate program begins

The City of Loveland will accept applications for the 2010 Food and Utility Sales Tax Rebate Program beginning August 1, 2010 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 will be available at:

1. City's website:  
[www.cityofloveland.org](http://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.

## Many decisions made leading to library expansion

The decisions to make the Loveland Public Library a 21st century showplace didn't happen overnight. Quite the contrary.

The process began as the 20th century ended. With the rapid growth of Loveland for more than two decades, it was becoming obvious in the 1990s that Loveland would begin outgrowing its current library structure.

In 2000, the City hired a nationally known library consulting firm to evaluate the library based on current and future needs. Today's single-story library opened in 1987 and now totals 32,000 sq. ft.

The consultant's report indicated that based on Loveland's size and services offered, the library, which had undergone a 3,200 sq. ft. expansion in 1996, was still 14,000 sq. ft. too small and would soon require 20,000 sq. ft. of additional space to properly serve the community.

The library board of directors then began considering options; expand the current building? Build a branch library? If so, where? How would a branch library in the western section of town serve residents in the east; or vice versa? Would two branches be needed?

After thorough examination of the pros and cons—with cost a major consideration—it was determined that expansion of the current library made the most sense—and cents.

Constructing and maintaining one or two additional buildings, each with additional staffing of about 60 hours per week, would be prohibitive. Plus, significant other costs would be involved with utilities, building maintenance and redundant materials—copies of the most popular books, reference materials, magazines, CDs and more at each location.

With its physically central location and being a major component of Loveland's popular Civic Center, expansion of the current facility was decided upon. Plus, the lesser cost would enable revitalizing the current structure and adding some unique features such as a drive-thru for drop-off and pickup of books and other media.

With a commitment from the Friends of the Library citizens group to raise a significant share of the costs, a budget was set, planners and architects were hired, construction bids were received and in June, Loveland City Council gave the final approval.

### Loveland Library by the numbers

**\$9.7 million** Library expansion cost

*Includes \$1.4 million in private donations raised by Friends of the Library citizens group*

*Includes \$400,000 from state grant*

*Includes \$400,000 federal energy efficiency grant*

**25,000 sq. ft.** building expansion

*Includes new 2nd floor*

**2009:**

*760,000 items borrowed*

*412,000 library visitors*

*91,000 reference questions answered*

*86,000 users of library computers*

*42,000 active library card holders*

*37,000 program participants*



## Business leaders invited to appreciation event

All Loveland business owners and managers are invited to the City of Loveland's Annual Business Appreciation Event from 4 - 7 p.m., Wed., Sept. 15 under the Pavilions at Fairgrounds Park, 700 S. Railroad Ave. in Loveland.

The event's theme is "Loveland: Spirit of the West." Mayor Cecil Gutierrez will emcee the event. Singing cowboy Gary McMahan will perform, and barbecue appetizers will be served. There will be a cash bar. Dress is 'cowboy casual.' Guests will leave inspired, motivated and appreciated.



*Loveland ~ Spirit of the West*

RSVP by Sept. 8 to Nikki Garshelis at garshn@ci.loveland.co.us or call 962-2346. Space is limited. No charge to guests except for cash bar.

Major sponsors are Home State Bank and Crop Productions Services & Agrium. The community sponsor is McKee Medical Center.

## Free document shredding offered

The Solid Waste Division will be providing a shredding service for confidential documents to all Loveland residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Sept. 18 at the Recycling Center, 400 N. Wilson Ave., to help residents destroy documents containing personal information.

"Many folks do not have shredders at home.

We wanted to offer

this service to help residents thoroughly destroy confidential documents as well as be able to recycle the shredded material," said Bruce Philbrick, Solid Waste superintendent. "For those who do have a shredder, we prefer they not place shredded paper in the blue recycling carts because it's impossible to sort from other materials."

Loveland residents can participate at no charge with a current yard

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## "Money Talks"

### Using credit wisely

Maintaining a good credit score and using credit wisely can help avoid all kinds of financial difficulties.

For the September Money Talks program, presenter Laurel Kubin will look at ways to build a better credit score, correct misinformation on credit reports and explore tips for using credit as a money management tool.

Money Talks is free and presented Sept. 14 at 12:15 p.m. and again Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gertrude Scott meeting room at the Loveland Public Library. Money Talks is funded by a *Smart Investing @ your library* grant. Snacks and beverages provided. For more information call 962-2402.





## New features ahead for library

By about Thanksgiving 2011, Loveland will have a greatly expanded and greatly enhanced public library. The new two-story, 25,000 sq. ft. addition will be constructed first. When completed, the current library operation will move in there while major renovations to the existing building are made.

It will be a challenging period for both library patrons and library staff. The result will provide a more efficient, versatile and pleasant facility to enjoy both traditional and 21st century library services.



### Here's what's ahead for the Loveland Public Library:

- Achievement of community expectations for state-of-the-art library
- A unique Loveland library design, emphasizing local history & local geography
- Galleria entryway celebrating Loveland and its artistic character
- Interior designed to maximize sightlines, staff efficiency
- Another enhancement to the downtown 4th Street corridor and Civic Center
- The first City building to achieve LEED energy and environment certification
- More than 50 percent increase in space for books, magazines, DVDs and other media
- Drive-thru for drop-off of materials
- Tween & Teen area for educational programs, group activities and homework assistance
- Computer training & public access area with 60+ computers
- Business Center on main level
- Porch-like bays on north side to smoothly fit neighborhood style
- Teaching room with computer projector, screen, audio
- Media (video) creation lab with camera, mics, computer, DVD and upload capability
  - Children's interactive area including puppets, stage, cameras for parents
  - Comfortable seating in all areas
  - Quiet study rooms, reading areas
  - Larger restrooms
  - Additional program rooms for use by all ages
  - Genealogy and local history research center
  - Expanded children's programs for reading, creativity and exploration

It all adds up to more materials and more services that will ensure an enjoyable and memorable library experience for all ages. We can hardly wait!!



## Keep pets safe in emergencies

Emergency preparedness is important for every member of the household—including pets. In honor of National Pet Fire Safety Day, Loveland Fire & Rescue has implemented a new program to help human families make sure their four-legged family members are safe in the event of an emergency.

The Fire & Rescue Community Safety Division now has 4-inch Pet Alert window clings available for residents with pets in their home. The clings provide important information to emergency responders on the number of pets in the home. They are not adhesive and can be easily removed, updated and rehung as needed.

Pet Alert window clings are available for a suggested donation of \$1. Proceeds benefit the Pet Emergency Care Kit Program. These care kits will contain items to aid persons who have been temporarily displaced from their homes due to a fire or other emergency and have pets to care for in the interim.

To get a Pet Alert cling, go to Fire Station 1 at 410 E. Fifth St. or call 962-2537 for more information.

### Consider pets when planning for emergencies

Emergencies can occur at home and all residents—including pets—should be prepared. Here are some steps that can be taken to ensure that family pets will be safe when the unexpected occurs.

#### ***I.D. tags***

First and foremost, pets should wear ID tags at all times. This enables pets to be reunited with their families in the event of an emergency or any other issue that separates a pet from the home.

#### ***Emergency kits***

When creating an emergency kit for the family, remember to include items for pets such as non-perishable pet food, pet medications, an emergency collar and leash, and a copy of current licenses, vaccinations and tags.

#### ***Pet proof the home***

Keep wires safely out of reach of pets who may chew.

#### ***Keep pets near entrances***

When leaving pets home alone, confine them to the main level and in rooms or areas that are close to entrances where emergency responders can easily find them.

#### ***Pets and Flames***

Never leave pets unattended around open flames or heat sources. Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, fireplaces and heat sources.

#### ***Pet door installation***

Consider installing a pet door so pets are able to escape if a fire should break out while no one is at home.

#### ***Emergency pet access***

Share information with friends, family and neighbors about where pets may be located or kept in your home so they can relay that information to emergency responders.



## Police academy accepting enrollments

Citizens who would like to increase their interaction with their local police department and learn about the realities of law enforcement are encouraged to enroll in the 2010 Loveland Police Department Citizens Police Academy.



The academy is held every Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m., for ten weeks beginning Sept. 9 at the Loveland Police and Courts Building, 810 E. 10th St. There is no cost to participate in the program.

The program is designed to educate the community about the policing and problem solving efforts of the police department and to build long lasting partnerships with the citizens. Employees from the police department

and other criminal justice agencies will speak on various topics, such as traffic and DUI enforcement, criminal investigations, use of force, K-9's, bomb disposal and more.

Police academy participants must be eighteen years of age or older; live, work, or volunteer in the City of Loveland; have no felony convictions, no significant or recent misdemeanor convictions; and sign a waiver of liability.

Application deadline is Aug. 27, 2010. For an application, visit the police department page of [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org) or call Lt. Tim Brown at 962-2214.

## Young outdoor artists sought

ArtSteps, a collaboration between the City of Loveland and the Thompson School District, is seeking students in grades 4-12 to participate in an outdoor artwork learning opportunity. "Mini Monets: Inspiring a new generation of Plein Air artists will instruct students on how to paint/draw outdoors and be mentored by professional artists and R2J art teachers.

Participating students must be available for both meeting sessions, scheduled for 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sept. 16 and 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sept. 18.

The event will conclude with an art show and reception for parents and community members.

All artwork will also be judged for a chance to be in a Museum exhibit. The application fee is \$20 per participant and will include all supplies, lunch and extra items.

For an application or more information, please contact Jenni Dobson at the Loveland Museum/Gallery at [dobsoj@ci.loveland.co.us](mailto:dobsoj@ci.loveland.co.us), 962-2562. Applications will also be available with all R2J art teachers.

## Free document shredding

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debris permit. The cost to customers without a yard debris permits is \$5. Customers who have shredders at home can bring shredded paper to the Recycling Center and place it in the container for office paper.

For more information call 962-2529 or go the Solid Waste Division webpages at [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org).

## Art Classes

For youth and teens at the Loveland Museum/Gallery

September through December, 2010

Please call 962-2410 or visit [www.cityofloveland.org/museum](http://www.cityofloveland.org/museum) for a complete schedule of times, dates, classes and fees.

Sign up for classes in sculpture/clay, painting, drawing, weaving, holiday themes and much more! Also featuring classes for toddlers and teens!

**Loveland Museum/Gallery**  
**503 N. Lincoln, 962-2410**

Advance registration is required and payment is due at the time of registration. Registration deadlines one week in advance of classes. No refunds after deadline. To register, please call or stop into the Loveland Museum/Gallery.

## Winona Swimming Pool Extends Fall Operating Hours

Effective Dates:

Aug. 18 through Sept. 30

Monday through Friday . . . 10 am- 3 pm

Saturday . . . . . Noon-5 pm

Sunday . . 10 a.m. - Noon (families only)  
12 Noon - 5 pm (open swim)

For more information go to the Parks & Recreation webpages at [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org) or call 962-2435.

## Weekend Twilight Special

after 3 pm



**Mariana Butte Golf Course**  
after 3:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
9 holes w/cart . . . . . \$25  
18 hole w/cart . . . . . \$40

**The Olde Course**  
after 3:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
9 holes w/cart . . . . . \$20  
18 hole w/cart . . . . . \$32

## Water & Power wants customers to be prepared—for anything

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batteries in the house

- Discuss the possibility of having additional tanks delivered by your oxygen provider during an outage
- Keep the cell phone charged or have a battery back-up for a land-line phone
- Make a contingency plan to visit a friend or relative who has power, until the outage is over

Doing advance preparation can prevent a lot of last-minute scrambling in the event of a power outage.

For more information call Loveland Water & Power, 962-3000 or go to the Water & Power webpages at [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org). During an outage, customers can call Power dispatch, 663-1043 to get updates and an approximate time frame for power

## Big Thompson River Revival



Join us for Fun, Food & Entertainment

- ◆ Saturday, September 25, 2010
- ◆ 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- ◆ Fairgrounds Park
- ◆ 700 S. Railroad Ave—Loveland

West entrance of the park is along Railroad Avenue, south of 1st Street the park can also be accessed from east of Barnes Park.

To register call 970-962-2627 or email [stormwater@ci.loveland.co.us](mailto:stormwater@ci.loveland.co.us)

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