

New FLEX bus service connects Loveland, Fort Collins with Denver

Bus riders from as far north as Fort Collins—including Loveland—can now connect with the entire Denver metro area. Lovelanders can ride the bus to Longmont, get on a Denver RTD bus and travel to Lodo, Cherry Creek, DIA, the Tech Center, east Aurora, west Arvada or anywhere RTD travels.

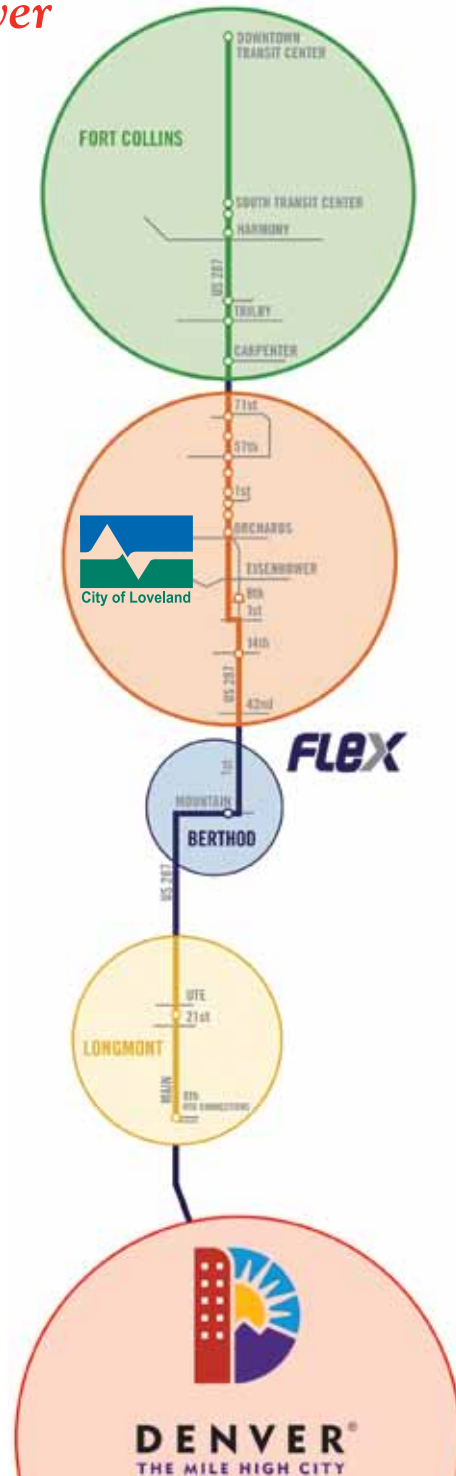
This new system, known as FLEX, begins operations June 7 and will connect the cities of Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud and Longmont via Hwy. 287.

The FLEX route was born through a collaboration of several northern Colorado communities, including Loveland. This is the first time the northern Front Range has been connected from Fort Collins to Denver through a coordinated transit plan.

“We are very excited to be able to offer riders a greatly expanded coverage area for the first time ever,” said Marcy Abreo, transit manager for the City of Loveland Transit System (COLT). “For years, residents have been asking for a way to get to Denver. Now, finally, we can do that for them. We expect this new system will prove its value very quickly.”

The route is designed to offer commuter-friendly, convenient and economical access to a variety of places along the northern Front Range and into the Denver metropolitan area. During peak morning and evening times, an express route will serve primary stops between Fort Collins and Longmont. Mid-day, FLEX will provide basic service between Fort Collins and Loveland.

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Building permit fee waiver under way

Loveland residents can save some money on improvement projects for their homes thanks to a waiver of building permit fees now in effect. Through Sept. 30, 2010, normal fees for building permits will not be charged for projects on owner-occupied residents.

Remodeling, repairs, renovations or additions will still require a permit, but no permit or plan check fees will be charged for projects valued up to \$50,000. Savings could total \$1,000 or more.

If applicable, City and county use taxes will still be collected.

This fee waiver is another way Loveland City Council is working to stimulate the local economy. Council hopes the savings will encourage homeowners to move forward with projects that result in sales of building materials and hiring of local contractors.

A similar fee waiver was in effect during the final months of 2009.

The fee waivers include all owner-occupied residences—houses, duplexes, condos, townhouses, etc.—for improvements such as basement finishes, decks, kitchen remodeling, porch enclosures, garages and other projects.

For further details, contact the Building Department at 962-2632.

Come on in—the water’s fine

The City has great outdoor swimming facilities for keeping residents cool during the summer.

For decades the City of Loveland has run the swim beach on Lake Loveland. It’s free to the public and allows residents to enjoy a more back-to-nature swimming experience.

The City hires life guards to look after swimmers and the swimming area is roped off from the rest of the lake to segregate it from boats, jet skiers and fishermen.

The swim beach runs for about 90 days starting on Memorial Day and going through Labor Day. During the last few



weeks of August after school starts, the swim beach is open only on weekends.

The beach is regularly open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and is located in North Lake Park at 29th and Taft.

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Travel back to WWII era at local airport's open house

Even larger with more to see and do than ever before—that's what's ahead at the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport open house the weekend of July 9.

A visit to the airport will be a bit like stepping out of a time machine and going back more than 65 years. On display will be WWII aircraft, vintage cars and motorcycles. In addition, visitors can view static displays of many other vintage and modern aircraft, hear WWII-era music, enjoy some snacks and visit airport-related booths.

Huge WWII B17 and B24 bombers arrive at the airport the afternoon of Friday, July 9. The planes will be coming and going at the airport until

about 5 p.m., giving 20-minute rides for paying passengers.

The Saturday open house runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes the bombers on display, walk-through tours and flights, plus other aircraft on display, food vendors, interesting booths and music from the WWII era. Thousands of visitors enjoyed a similar open house three years ago.

On Sunday the WWII aircraft will again be available all day to view, tour and ride. Beginning at about 1 p.m., the American Legion Riders will display and discuss their classic and vintage motorcycles. The WWII aircraft will depart on Monday.



Attendance and parking are free all

weekend at the airport. Walk-through aircraft tours and flights require ticket purchases.

A visit to the airport, especially Saturday, July 10, will enable area residents to not only gain a historic WWII perspective, but also better appreciate the resources and benefits provided by the airport to the local communities.

For more information on ticket pricing and flight reservations for this event, visit www.collingsfoundation.org.

The WWII aircraft are owned and maintained by the not-for-profit Collings Foundation based in Stow, Mass. Revenue from the aircraft-related activities helps fund the restoration and maintenance of the foundation's historic aviation collection.



After collection day—please put it away

Within Loveland, refuse, recycling and yard debris carts should be stored out of site between collection days. Leaving carts within view of the street after they've been emptied is a violation of Loveland Municipal Code.

"We've been receiving a lot of calls from residents and our code enforcement office has too," said Bruce Philbrick, superintendent, Solid Waste Division. "We want to remind residents who do know and educate residents who may not know, that they must store their carts out

of public view by evening on their collection day."

Suitable storage locations for carts include inside a garage, in the back yard or on the side of the house behind a fence. "We realize this is most likely an issue because of lack of knowledge or time constraints, but residents who do not stow their carts by the evening of their collection day could be cited for non-compliance. We'd like to help residents avoid that," added Philbrick.

For questions, call Solid Waste, 962-2529. If you've been unsuccessful getting your neighbor to stow their carts, call the City's code administration office at 962-2506.

What's Wrong with this Picture?

Carts should be stored out of public view after collection



"Money Talks"

A place for everything and everything in its place.

A place for everything and everything in its place. Benjamin Franklin's simple adage holds especially true when it comes to keeping track of one's personal financial information.



For the July Money Talks program, presenter Laurel Kubin will look at ways to get organized, as well as discuss where and how long to keep financial records, inventory methods, keeping receipts and replacing important documents that have been misplaced.

Money Talks is free and presented July 13 at 12:15 p.m. and again July 14 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.

Want to know what's happening? Check out Engaging Loveland, Inc.

Looking for something to do in Loveland that will put a smile on your face? Make you healthier? Better educated? A visit to the Engaging Loveland events calendar at www.Engagingloveland.org will reveal many opportunities held here in Loveland.

Arts events, hullabalooos, community activities, the Loveland: A City with HeART project information, SummerFest in the Rockies and more are listed and detailed on their website. Hundreds of events and classes from tomorrow to beyond New Year's Eve are listed on their calendar.

Engaging Loveland, Inc. is an example of a City of Loveland investment success. The not-for-profit organization was created in 2006 by the City of Loveland, Loveland Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Loveland Association and The Ranch, as an advocate and catalyst to develop and support community-wide events and celebrations, and enhance tourism and attendance in Loveland.

The two-person staff is now self-sufficient, directly helping implement and promote nearly 25 major community events that engage locals and bring visitors to Loveland. The events' participants help support Loveland businesses while enjoying the many

events and assets that make Loveland a great place to live, work and play.

Engaging Loveland is a resource for local and non-local organizations seeking event assistance and coordination. The community calendar listings and the bi-monthly e-newsletter, Experience

Loveland, are free for community groups to list and promote events and activities.

For more information on what's happening or about the organization, visit www.Engagingloveland.org or call 970-980-4764.

There's something for everyone at



SummerFest in the Rockies is a signature event for Engaging Loveland that celebrates summer in Loveland. In its fourth year held in downtown at the Civic Center Park/Foote Lagoon, thousands enjoy the event that provides entertainment for the entire family.

This year's celebration is July 9-11 and begins Friday evening with a wine tasting presented by World Beverage, featuring more than 60 fine wines, refreshments and live jazz music. Tickets for individuals, couples and groups over age 21 are available.

Saturday's festivities start at 10 a.m. with a car show, food and vendor

marketplace, children's activities, live music, beer garden and salsa competition presented by Medical Center of the Rockies. Saturday evening will feature the popular *That Eighties Band* and a special fireworks display presented by Pedersen Toyota.

Sunday's activities will begin at 10 a.m. with vendors opening at 11 a.m. and again feature a car show, food and vendor marketplace, children's activities, live music and beer garden.

Admission is free Saturday and Sunday with food, beverage and amusements at festival prices.



Solid Waste Tip of the Month

Plastic bags should never be placed in the blue recycling cart.

Plastic bags that are comingled with other recyclables cause big problems at the facility where recyclables are sorted. They plug up screens used to sift out contaminants such as broken glass and slow the overall process of screening and sorting.



Plastic bags can be recycled, however. Take them to the City's recycling center at 400 N. Wilson Ave. Clean and dry shopping, produce and bread bags are all accepted. No sandwich bags, food wrap or trash bags please. Some grocery stores also accept plastic bags for recycling.

For more information on recycling, visit the Solid Waste Division web pages at www.cityofloveland.org or call 962-2529.

Make a Splash @ Your Library 2010 Children's Summer Programs at the Loveland Public Library

Monday Morning Family Programs

Starting at 10 a.m. Programs run June 7 to July 12—All ages welcome. Programs include life-sized puppets, stories and magic.

Wednesday Afternoon Elementary Programs: The Splash Crew

Grades 1 & 2 / 1-1:45 p.m.
Grades 3, 4 & 5 / 2-2:45 p.m.
Programs run June 9 through July 21 and include origami boat building, hands-on water activities, ice cube races and more.

Tuesday Evening Family Programs at the Foote Lagoon

Starting at 7 p.m.—All ages welcome. (In case of rain, shows will be moved to the Gertrude Scott Meeting Room in the library).

Programs include music with homemade instruments, puppets, magic, clowns and juggling.

Traveling Storyteller in the Park

All ages welcome. New in 2010, evening and weekend

storytime sessions. Check at the children's desk or the library website for locations and times.

All summer children's programs are open to the public; no registration required.

Programs take place in the Gertrude Scott Room at the library unless otherwise noted. For more information call 962-2587 or visit www.cityofloveland.org/library/libmain.htm.





Food, fun and fireworks on July 4th

The annual Independence Day celebration at North Lake Park will provide fun and entertainment for the whole family and again promises to be the biggest and best fireworks display in northern Colorado.

In addition to fireworks, performers including The Folk Collection (traditional folk music), Peter Davison (children's performer) and the Loveland Concert Band will be

part of the festivities.

There are many great viewing areas in the park and around Lake Loveland, however, certain areas will be off-limits for the safety of spectators. Attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the park to cut down on traffic congestion.

The Swim Beach will be closed July 3-4. Parking will be available on 29th St. from Duffield to the golf

course with handicap parking from Taft to Beach. Additional parking for a fee will be available in the Loveland High School (LHS) lot plus some additional free handicap parking at LHS.

Personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages, pets (except for service dogs) and overnight camping in North Lake Park are prohibited. For more information call 962-2519.

Legal fireworks can cause fires, injuries

All fireworks—legal or not—present a significant risk of injury and are responsible for thousands of fires each year. Extreme care and caution should be used when using any type of fireworks.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks caused an estimated 32,600 fires in 2006, resulting in 6 deaths and about \$34 million in property damage. In 2007, the NFPA reported that U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,800 fireworks-related injuries.

Children suffer the most injuries.

Sparklers, fountains and novelty-type fireworks, which are legal in Loveland, accounted for 36 percent of all fireworks-related injuries treated at emergency rooms in 2007.

Each year, sparklers alone injure more people than any other type of fireworks. They burn at approximately 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily cause serious burns and ignite clothing, grass and other combustibles.

Retail fireworks stands in Loveland are only permitted to sell legal fireworks to persons aged 16 and older. The sale of fireworks is allowed by special permit only from vendors who undergo numerous safety and site inspections.

Illegal fireworks are those that explode and/or leave the ground. It is also illegal for anyone under 16 to possess or use even the legal types of fireworks without direct adult supervision.



Fire exhibit open on July 4th

The Loveland Fire Exhibit at the Loveland Museum/Gallery Sequel building, 541 Lincoln, will be open 8 a.m. – noon, Sunday, July 4th. Several new exhibits including the mural painting of Loveland's 1925 LaFrance Fire Truck and 1939 Ambulance are near completion.

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FLEX is federally funded and will serve as a pilot test during the next two years to determine if the service is warranted and can be successful.

Particulars:

- Service runs Monday through Saturday (doesn't run on major holidays)
- Single ride costs \$1.25
- COLT, Transfort and RTD Eco Passes accepted (contact respective agency for prices)
- Passengers may transfer to and from FLEX onto COLT and Transfort systems. Passengers will need to pay RTD fare or use an RTD pass to board the RTD system.

For more information go to www.flexnoco.com or call 221-6620.

Come on in—the water's fine (continued from page 1)

Winona pool, located at 1516 SE Fourth St. is Loveland's outdoor, public pool that has been in operation since 1976. In addition to approximately 7700 surface feet of water for swimming, Winona provides families with additional recreational amenities including basketball, volleyball and tennis courts.

The Winona facility underwent upgrades and renovations about ten years ago, resulting in a second leisure pool with zero-depth entry for children.

Fees:

Age 2 and under: free with a paying adult
 3 to 5 year olds: \$1.50
 6-17 year olds: \$2.50
 Adults 18 and over: \$3.25
 Seniors age 62 and over: \$2.75

Open hours:

Mon. & Wed.: Noon to 7 p.m.
 Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat. & Sun.*:
 Noon to 5 p.m.
 * (on Sun. from 10 a.m. to noon the pool is open for families only)

This summer, due to the renovation and expansion of the Chilson Recreation Center, many activities including swimming lessons and other aquatic classes that are normally held at Chilson will move to Winona during July and August. Information on classes can be found in the summer Leisure Times brochure on the Parks and Recreations web pages at www.cityofloveland.org.

For additional summertime fun, the Winona pool can be rented for private parties. Call 962-2727 for rental information.