

Chilson Recreation Center expansion, renovation under way

The “Wow!” will soon return. When the Chilson Recreation Center opened back in 1987, it wowed the Loveland community with its looks and its function. On its 23rd birthday this December, Loveland can celebrate the “Return of Wow!” with the completion of the Chilson Center’s nearly \$8 million expansion and renovation.

The center was a show-stopper back in ’87—a state-of-the-art public recreation center with gymnasiums, racquetball courts, weight rooms, exercise rooms and of course, its eight-lane indoor pool. While the center’s polish remains thanks to excellent care by both its patrons and the City’s maintenance staff, by today’s standards the facility is a bit out of date. It’s a first-generation facility; no longer a latest/greatest facility. Plus, its popularity has made it a busy place; sometimes too busy. Citizens visited the rec center more than 300,000 times last year, and that doesn’t include visits to the adjacent Loveland Senior Center. The Senior Center, too, will receive

some renovations.

By Christmas the center will grow from 67,000 to 85,000 sq. ft. with many new features and equipment to get Loveland residents sweating and smiling. In addition, 40,000 sq. ft. of the existing building will get a makeover, providing additional opportunities, services and efficiencies for patrons.

Because a bigger, better facility will bring more patrons, a new 140-car parking lot will be built to the east of the facility.

The additions and improvements ahead are the result of a process of inquiry and needs analysis that began in 2004 from Chilson Center patrons, City staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission of Loveland citizens. City Council approved the \$7.9 million project, with most of the funding from existing revenues derived from local development fees.

December will bring the Chilson Recreation Center’s biggest celebration in the biggest Chilson Recreation Center.



More about Chilson Recreation Center inside

Fire hydrant flushing begins April 12

Loveland Water & Power will begin fire hydrant flushing April 12.

Hydrant flushing helps keep the interior of the pipes clean, helps maintain excellent water quality, and ensures hydrants are operating properly.

Flushing can cause water discoloration. Although it is not recommended to use for laundry due to possible staining of clothes, the water is safe to drink.

Flushing will start on the west side of Loveland and work eastward.

2010 Flushing Schedule:

- April 12-16 – NW Loveland - north of Hwy. 34 and west of Colorado Ave.
- April 19-23 – SW Loveland - south of Hwy. 34 and west of Colorado Ave.



- April 26-30 – NE Loveland - north of Hwy. 34 and east of Colorado Ave.
- May 3-7 – SE Loveland - south of Hwy. 34 and east of Colorado Ave. (this includes downtown; flushing occurs over night)
- May 10-14 – East Loveland - Denver Ave. east to Centerra

Reminders for areas of town due to undergo flushing will be posted in the *Loveland-Reporter Herald*. For questions call 962-3720.

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Tourney assists with youth rec

Youngsters will again be the winners in the annual “Loveland Tee Off for Kids” golf tournament, Fri., June 11. The event raises money to provide recreational scholarships for children of families who cannot afford to participate in recreational activities offered through the Loveland Parks and Recreation Department.



Organized in a two-person scramble format, the tournament will consist of friendly competition in three divisions of play; men’s, women’s and mixed. Teams from all varieties of organizations are encouraged to join in the fun and compete for a great cause.

Cost is \$180 per two-person team and includes range balls, cart, 18-hole round of golf, awards and dinner. The Loveland Parks and Recreation Foundation and its community sponsors support the event. Efforts of the foundation and other sponsors benefit hundreds of local children every year.

For more information or to make a donation, call 962-2443.

Chilson Center: Here's what's ahead

Loveland will celebrate Christmas and the Chilson Recreation Center's 23rd birthday almost simultaneously this year with the planned completion of the rec center's major expansion and renovation.

The facility will grow by 18,000 sq. ft. and another 40,000 sq. ft. will receive significant improvements, all part of the \$7.9 million project. Here's what's ahead:

New Indoor Leisure Pool

- Similar in size to existing lap pool with emphasis on fun activities
- Zero-depth easy entry with bubblers, spray cannons, water buckets and more
- 220-foot 'Lazy River' with water sprays, rapids, a vortex and an action channel
- Activity space for smaller aqua aerobics classes, water basketball and volleyball
- A new speed slide and a children's slide

Remodeled Lap Pool

- 8-lanes for lap swimming and water walking at a slightly cooler temperature
- Backstroke flags
- New indoor spa for swimmers of all ages and an outdoor spa for 14 and older

- Replacement of all pool operating systems

New Family Locker Rooms

- 3 separate family cabanas for parents with small children and adults who need a helping hand
- Each cabana will include a separate rest room and shower facilities
- Extra large lockers for the whole family

New Party Room

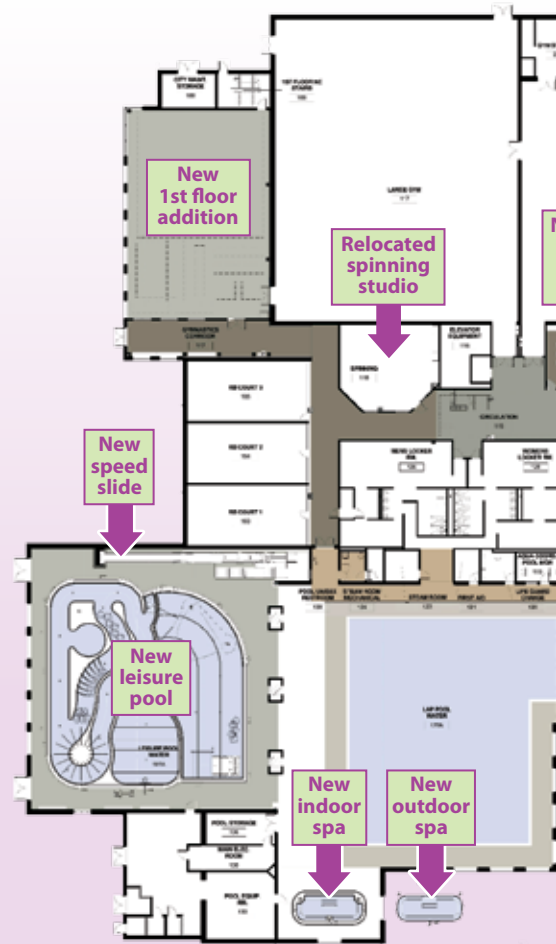
- Rentable space with mini-kitchen and refrigerator/freezer
- Table seating for 24 and direct access to the pools

New Multi-purpose Gymnastics Room

- New space enables equipment to remain available at all times
- Frees up the small gym for many activities such as increased drop-in basketball and volleyball
- Spectator area adjacent to room

New Larger Free Weight Area

- Almost twice the current space for free weights and circuit weight equipment
- Separate sound system that allows several music options
- Special rubberized flooring to reduce sound of dropped weights



- All weights and cardio equipment will be located on the 2nd floor

Fitness Dance Room

- Almost twice the current space for aerobics, fitness, step & dance classes
- Special floating wood fitness floor system to reduce impact
- Ballet bars and mirrors

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LPD: not just blue anymore

It used to be so much simpler. In days gone by, the police were just "the boys in blue." That's hardly the case these days.



First, they are not boys.

But some are—sort of—and a few girls, too. They are men and women. And they don't always wear blue. Sometimes it's white or black. And sometimes those folks in blue are from the fire department, not the police.

Confused? Well, read on and you'll learn more about these adults, teens, seniors, males and females in shirts of various colors.

Currently the Loveland Police Department (LPD) has 93 sworn officers. Sworn officers have taken an oath to uphold the United States Constitution, the laws of the state of Colorado and the policies of the Loveland Police Department.

Once sworn in, these personnel are singularly endowed with the power to make arrests. Police work is the only job in which people can impact, impair or completely appropriate another person's liberties.

Dark blue...usually

Sworn officers typically wear a dark blue uniform, are armed, may be male or female and are at least 21 years old. Sometimes, however, they may wear a blue, black or white polo shirt with "Police" displayed big and bold.

These uniformed officers respond to calls where crime is occurring or where criminal investigation may require arrest or enforcement action. They respond to motor vehicle accidents, disturbances, assaults and calls where officers can help with the preservation of peace.

Officers often respond to calls where they mediate with people or help address quality-of-life issues that may not actually be criminal. They assist citizens to reduce crime or the fear of crime.

Then, of course, there are non-uniformed sworn officers; undercover

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"Money Talks"

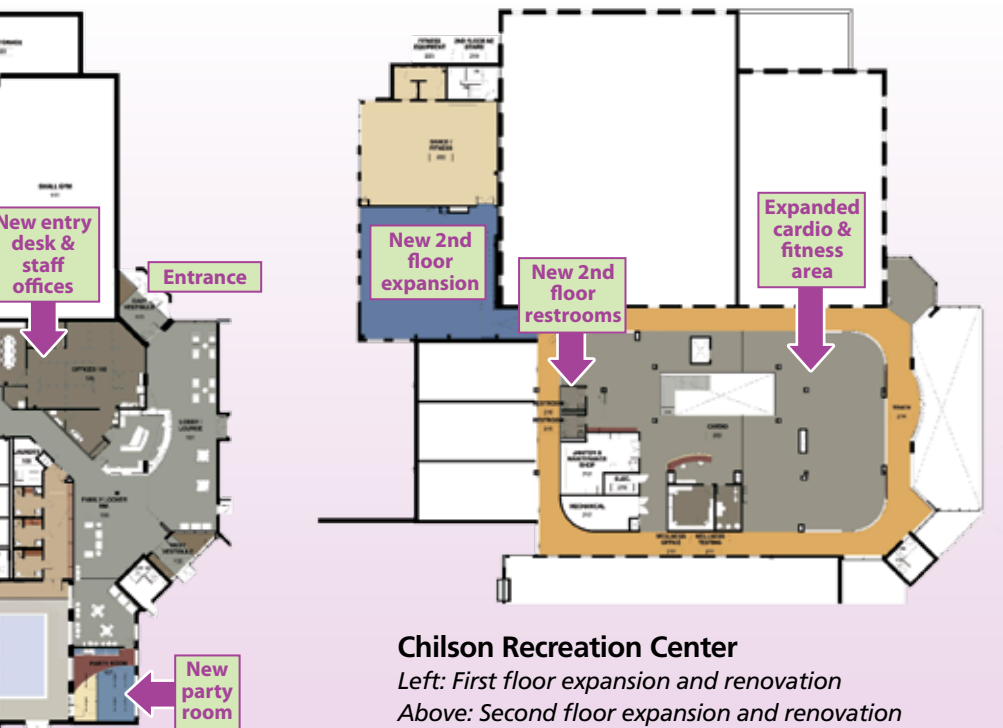
It can take a village to build a financial portfolio

Reaching your financial goals can require a whole team of people to get the job done. Common players include bankers, tax preparers, insurance agents, employee benefits counselors, financial planners and many others. But how do you choose these experts? What's the difference between a CPA and a CFP?

Jacque Miller, Larimer County Extension family and consumer science educator will discuss the steps to take in choosing your team of financial professionals so you can make the best decisions to reach your financial goals.

Money Talks is free and presented at noon on Tues., May 11 and at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., May 12. Money Talks is funded by a *Smart Investing @ your library* grant. Snacks and beverages provided. For more information call 962-2402.





Chilson Recreation Center

Left: First floor expansion and renovation

Above: Second floor expansion and renovation

The facility will grow by 18,000 sq. ft. and another 40,000 sq. ft. will receive significant improvements.

Renovated Upstairs Cardio Area

- More than twice the current space for cardio equipment
- Integrated televisions on most new equipment
- Two new 2nd floor rest rooms
- A new fitness testing lab

Remodeled and Renovated Check-in Area

- Streamlined check-in
- Improved customer service with 1st floor access to all facility & programs

- Kiosks for computerized class and activity registrations
- Improved lighting and work stations

More Parking

- A new 140-car parking lot east of Chilson Center
- Pedestrian bridge over ditch for easy access
- Entry into parking lot from First Street

Developers fund Chilson expansion

Where is the Chilson expansion money coming from? \$7.9 million is a lot of money.

Most of the money—more than 80 percent—is already in the City's bank account and was collected from developers of residential properties as Loveland has grown. Whenever new development occurs, the City collects Capital Expansion Fees to offset the need for more police, fire, streets and other services including recreation.

The remaining 10 percent comes from the City's general fund, primarily from improvements that have been put on hold the past few years in anticipation of this major project.

Drahota Commercial, a northern Colorado construction firm has been hired as the primary building contractor for the project.

Will Chilson users experience a fee increase due to the expansion? Yes and no. Chilson fees haven't changed since 2006 and a needed increase has been postponed due both to the sluggish local economy and some inconveniences expected during the construction. After the project's completion, a fee increase of about ten percent is likely in 2011.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration – May 2

Loveland's Eighth Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held Sunday, May 2. The alcohol and tobacco-free, family-friendly event goes from noon to 5 p.m. at the Foote Lagoon, 500 E. Third in Civic Center Park—rain or shine.

Food and craft vendors, kids' activities and games, resource booths and live entertainment will be in abundance and fun for the whole family.

Loveland Mayor Cecil Gutierrez and Thompson School District Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ron Cabrera will host the opening ceremonies of this celebration of culture and diversity in Loveland.

For questions or sponsorship, call 613-5775.



Loveland Water & Power's 2010 Renewable Energy Prospective

Renewable energy is harnessed from the natural power of the wind, sun and earth to create an energy source that's useful in our everyday lives. It comes from solar, wind turbines, geothermal, biomass generation or small hydroelectric systems. Currently, Loveland receives its renewable energy from wind and biomass gas. Loveland Water & Power purchases this renewable energy from Platte River Power Authority, Loveland's wholesale energy provider. The renewables are also the energy sources for Loveland Water & Power's GreenSwitch program.

GreenSwitch provides Loveland power customers the option to purchase electricity that's been generated from clean, renewable energy sources. GreenSwitch is sold in 100 kilowatt-hour blocks for an additional \$2.20, each. You can purchase as many GreenSwitch energy blocks as needed for your specific energy requirement. Anyone can participate. Whether you're a resident, small business or large corporation, all customers that



purchase electricity from the City of Loveland can make the switch to clean, renewable energy.

To join GreenSwitch, simply go to www.cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch, call 962-2111, or get an application at the City's Utility Billing office at First and Washington.

The 2009 and 2010 product content tables (shown on page 4) list the content mixes for Loveland's renewable electricity last year and the prospective content mix for the current year. Both are included here for purpose of comparison. The 'Renewable Mix' in the table contains the product mix that GreenSwitch customers receive. The 'Default Mix' shows the product mix that non-participating customers receive.

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LPD: not just blue anymore (continued from page 2)

and detectives. Plain clothes officers may take on covert or undercover roles to further criminal investigation. Cases can vary from drug investigations to white collar crime cases and anything in between.

Any sworn officer—in uniform or out of uniform, on duty or off duty—has arrest authority and may conduct traffic stops. Officers not in uniform or off duty will always provide identification showing a badge and photograph when asked or when appropriate.

Shirt and tie?

Detectives, too, do not wear uniforms but usually identify themselves as police officers as they investigate both felony and misdemeanor offenses. Detectives also network with regional investigative groups or crime labs and often provide support to other officers during the various stages of an investigation. Detectives can be called out at any hour to provide investigative support for uniformed officers, especially for serious felony cases.

Light blue

Community Service Officers can be a sworn officer's right-hand man... or woman. Wearing a light blue shirt and usually driving a police van with only yellow roof lights, they assist sworn officers in a number of ways including follow-up after motor vehicle accidents, *traffic control*, parking enforcement, prisoner booking and transport, minor thefts, bike and animal calls and more. They are not sworn officers and therefore are not armed and cannot make arrests.

Blue shirt; gray hair?

Also attired in light blue shirts are the Loveland Senior Police Volunteers. These well-over-21 trained volunteers—often grandparents—assist the police department in a variety of ways, both in the office and on the street. They volunteer their time helping with data entry, paperwork, home checks for vacationing residents, education programs with children and

adults, traffic complaint assessments, special event assistance and many other programs in support of the department. They carry no badge, no firearm and cannot make arrests.

Novice in white

Last and not least, age-wise, are the Explorer Cadets. Clad in white shirts with blue police arm patches, these 14-20 year-olds are often the officers of the future. The LPD Explorer Program enables youngsters to become familiar with and participate in law enforcement activities in non-hazardous capacities. Explorers assist in directing traffic, gate security, parking and other tasks at special events. Cadets also ride along with certified police officers in an observation role to further their knowledge and receive training first hand.

So that's the color scheme for LPD. Loveland Fire and Rescue men and women also wear blue...and white and yellow and green and orange. But that's another story.

Hazardous waste pick-up for seniors & disabled

Loveland seniors and disabled can sign up for a door-to-door pick up of household hazardous waste products such as 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.

Call 1-800-HHW-PKUP (449-7587) to sign up. Leave a brief message including name, address and phone number.

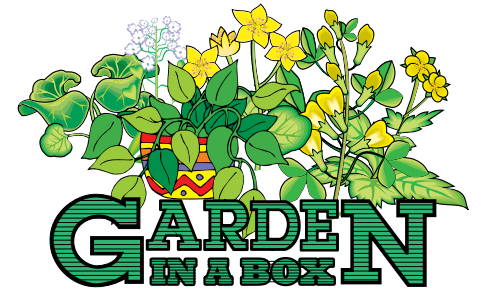
Items will be picked up Mon., May 3 & Tues., May 4. For more info call 962-2772.

Xeriscape with Garden-in-a-Box

To help Loveland residents plant low-maintenance xeriscapes, the City of Loveland has again partnered with the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) to present Garden-in-a-Box.

Garden-in-a-Box is a professionally designed garden that includes plants, design layout and planting instructions. Three designs are available and each has between 32 and 40 plants in 2 or 4 inch pots. The gardens cost from \$65 to \$110 and cover 90-100 square feet.

New this year is an 'edible garden' of herbs and vegetables. This personal farmers' market is anchored with perennial and biennial herbs that provide both beauty and food.



Reservations are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis. Gardens must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Gardens must be picked up from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat., May 22, at Loveland Water and Power, 200 N. Wilson. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions.

All orders, requests and questions should be directed to CRC, (303) 999-3820 ext. 217 or visit CRC's website at www.conservacioncenter.org.

Loveland Water & Power's 2010 Renewable Energy Prospective (continued from page 3)

2009 - Historical Product Content Label

Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables ¹ : Wind (Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming) Landfill Gas (Idaho)	81% 19%	0.0% 0.0%
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.0%
Coal		79.3%
Hydro		20.0%
Gas		0.3%
Other ²		0.4%
TOTALS	100%	100%

¹ Eligible renewable include wind, solar, small hydro, biomass and geothermal generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 1997.

² Other sources include purchases and power sharing agreements from various resources.

The Green-e Energy Program certifies that Loveland's GreenSwitch Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call (888) 63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.



2010 - Prospective Product Content Label

Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables ¹ : Wind (Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming) Landfill Gas (Idaho)	96% 4%	0.0% 0.0%
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.0%
Coal		76.2%
Hydro		19.8%
Gas		1.8%
Other ²		2.3%
TOTALS	100%	100%

¹ Eligible renewable include wind, solar, small hydro, biomass and geothermal generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 1997.

² Other sources include purchases and power sharing agreements from various resources.

For specific information about this electricity product, contact Loveland Water and Power at 962-2111 or 962-3000 or www.cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch.

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