

City Council, department directors establish goals for 2013



Making progress on those New Year's resolutions? While the Loveland city government doesn't make resolutions, at the beginning of every year, Loveland City Council and the City's department directors spend a day together to set goals for the coming year.

For 2013, the goals focus on three areas:

Public Safety—City Council views the safety of the public as the highest priority and function for the City.

Economic Vitality—Economic vitality is critical to the entire city government operation; Loveland's economy must generate enough revenue for the city government to provide quality services to Loveland's residents and businesses.

Infrastructure—The city's streets, water, sewer and power – the foundations of government services – are important to the community's quality of life.

There is much work ahead in all three of the goal areas. Here are some of the projects and efforts for 2013 that will be most visible to the community:

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Celebrate kids at Loveland's annual Children's Day, April 24

Families can enjoy a day of fun and activities at the annual City of Loveland Children's Day. The event will run from 1:30-4:30 p.m., April 24 at designated City facilities in downtown Loveland.

Activities include:

- 'Touch-a-truck'— police cars, fire engines, trash trucks, road graders and more at Fire Station #1 (410 E. 5th St.).
- Cartoons will be shown in the Rialto Theater Center Community Room (228 E. 4th St.).
- Free arts and crafts at the Chilson Recreation Center (700 E. 4th St.).
- Bike Rodeo at the Civic Center Plaza.
- Kids can swim, run and shoot hoops all day for free with their paying adult (one child free per paying adult) at the Chilson Recreation Center (700 E. 4th St.).
- SNAG golf activity for ages 5 and up.
- Story time, R2J puppet show and other activities at the Loveland Public Library (300 N. Adams).
- Vendor and sponsor booths and activities at Fire Station #1 and Foote Lagoon.
- Visit the interactive Water and Power booth at the Foote Lagoon.
- Win prizes by collecting stamps on a Children's Day passport.



The City of Loveland, with the help of the Thompson School District, has been celebrating Colorado Children's Day since 2002. Children's Day is the result of the long-time dream of Loveland resident Annie Hall. The day is now celebrated in other cities throughout Colorado and Hall is working to make Children's Day a nationally recognized holiday. For more information on the Loveland event, please call 962-2738 or visit www.cityofloveland.org.



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Apply now for rebates on food, utility sales tax

Loveland families may be eligible to receive a rebate of sales taxes paid on local grocery purchases and utility costs.

The 2013 program issues rebates on a first-come basis 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.

The House of Neighborly Service (HNS) will accept completed rebate applications on behalf of the City, 9 a.m.-noon, Mon.-Thurs., April 1-May 31 at 565 N. Cleveland Ave. in Loveland.

Applications are available from the City website, www.cityofloveland.org; the Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave.; the City of Loveland Utility Billing Office or the City Clerk's Office, 500 E. Third St.; and at HNS, 565 N. Cleveland.

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Public Safety

- Develop the concept for a police firing range and training facility. The general concept will become part of the City's 10-Year Capital Plan that identifies long-term construction needs.
- Finish the long-range Loveland Police Department staffing and resource plan.
- Construction will begin on a new, relocated Fire Station #2, replacing the current facility adjacent to North Lake Park.

Economic Vitality

- Develop the Accelerator project with local business leaders in conjunction with the development of the Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology (the former HP/Agilent buildings).

- Review and re-establish City Council policies and priorities for downtown Loveland projects.
- Continue key downtown catalyst projects.
- Complete the City's tasks for the Artspace project.
- Re-evaluate the downtown Urban Renewal Area (URA) towards greater effectiveness.
- Look at new ways to fund Museum/Gallery operations to foster expansion.
- Create a long-term plan for development along the Hwy 402 Corridor, including a new agreement with Johnstown on how to approach growth in that area.

Infrastructure

- Work with the Centerra Metro District to re-prioritize some major road projects in that area, including a special emphasis on extending Kendall Parkway under I-25 to provide a route to the north end of the shopping mall.
- At the Fort Collins-Loveland Airport, move forward with recruiting a new airline, develop a path-breaking air traffic control



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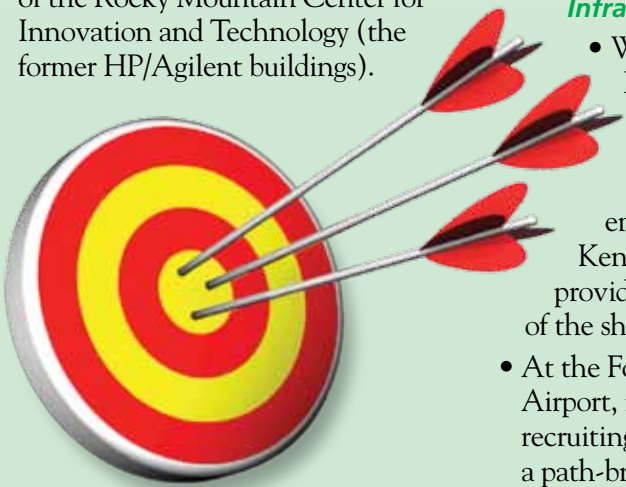


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- system called "blended airspace," and develop more of the land around the airport for industrial and commercial purposes.
- Completely review and re-cast Loveland's Capital Expansion Fees – the fees paid by developers when new projects are constructed.

In addition to these items, City Council and staff will discuss possible new budgetary methods and direction. Also planned for discussion is the possibility of more funding for local nonprofit assistance organizations that help with community needs.

The results of planning and hard work by City Council and City staff in past years have made the community strong and stable. Loveland's current vitality enables the goals for 2013 to focus on further improvements for the community rather than problem solving.



Yard debris pickup service begins April 1

Curbside pickup of yard debris in City yard debris carts begins April 1 for the 2013 growing season.

Subscribers can set out their yard debris carts for weekly collection on their regular collection day. The price of this optional service is \$7.50 per month, which runs through the final week of November.

Residents are asked to observe the following guidelines for acceptable/unacceptable materials in the carts:

Acceptable Yard Debris:

- grass clippings, leaves, garden trimmings and small branches (cut to fit in the cart)

- loaded cart must weigh less than 250 pounds
- cart lid must close

Unacceptable Yard Wastes:

- soil
- food wastes
- pet wastes
- plastic bags
- trash, rocks or metal
- ashes (hot or cold)
- oversized branches, stumps or lumber

For further information or to subscribe to yard debris cart service, please call the Solid Waste Division at 962-2529.

Wade on in and help clean our waterways

The City's Stormwater Division is once again sponsoring its Annual Spring Waterway Clean-up event. This yearly event gives citizens the opportunity to participate in actively improving the water quality of area waterways, beautifying our natural areas and being good stewards of our environment.

Volunteers will meet at designated locations at 9 a.m. rain or shine. To sign-up go to www.cityofloveland.org/index.aspx?page=917, or e-mail joe.chaplin@cityofloveland.org, or call 962-2772.



In just a flash... A flood can change your life

Flash floods can occur in a flash and change your life right before your eyes. In Loveland, flash flooding is a very real risk and threat due to our location at the base of the Big Thompson Canyon and our proximity to the Big Thompson River and numerous creeks and ditches.

Knowing what to do and how to be prepared for a flash flood could save your life and the lives of those around you.

Flood Safety

Be ready for an emergency

Have a plan of where you and your family will meet in an emergency. Make sure your children know where to go when they are away from home and make sure they know phone numbers of an emergency contact other than yourself.

Every home needs an accessible emergency kit

Create an emergency kit that includes a battery powered radio, extra batteries, flashlights, matches, candles, lighter, boots, warm clothes, first-aid supplies, necessary medications, sealed water, food that does not need to be heated or refrigerated and a list of emergency contacts. Would you know the phone numbers of those people you may need to contact if your cell phone and internet were inoperable?

Know what to do in a flood

Move to higher ground immediately. This could mean climbing a hill, moving to the top story of your house or going to the roof of your business complex.

Stay out of the flooded water. The current in flooded waters can be quite deceptive and you never know what may be lurking in the water. Remember you are not the only thing that is being displaced. Animals, insects, chemicals, sharp objects, bacteria, etc. can all be hidden in flood waters.

Turn around, don't drown

Avoid driving through flooded areas. A car can float in as little as 18 inches of water. Many times cars provide a false sense of security; half of all flood deaths are auto-related.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrical current will travel through water and this poses a very serious risk during flood events.

**Remember:
Turn around, don't drown!**



Never cross a road that is covered by water



Flood warnings

Being aware that severe flooding could occur is just as important as being prepared. When severe weather occurs the City releases information to keep residents informed and safe in emergencies. Information outlets include AM Radio 1610, Cable TV Channel 16, the City's website, www.cityofloveland.org, and the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA).

**Sign up for free
emergency alerts at
www.leta911.org**

Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) has implemented an enhanced emergency notification system. This system allows them to call you to alert you to an emergency in your area. There is no cost to you for this service and the information you enter is protected.

With their new system you can enter your cell phone number, a text device, email address, fax number, and work phone number. In addition, you can sign up to receive an alert at multiple addresses within our county. If you would like to sign up for alerts at your home address but also at your work address, our system will allow you to do that. You pick where, you pick how.

The Emergency Notification System may be utilized in emergency situations such as floods, fires and other severe weather threats.

Loveland's real-time Flood Warning System



The City of Loveland has an automated flood detection and notification system that:

- Continuously monitors rainfall and water level of the Big Thompson River at both US 34/Glade Road and at Rossum Drive.
- Notifies key personnel when water levels begin to rise in response to heavy rain in the area.
- Operates 24/7 from April 1 to October 1 every year.
- Transmits data from the field to the office in real-time, using a radio telemetry protocol called Automated Local Evaluation in Real-Time (ALERT) that was developed by the National Weather Service to meet the real-time needs of emergency responders.
- Allows for a greater lead-time to respond to a flood of the Big Thompson River.

New Loveland Water and Power rebates offset cost of efficiency upgrades

Loveland Water and Power is pleased to announce that additional rebate dollars have been added to the Home Energy Audit Program, making rebates available on a per upgrade basis. With these additional rebate dollars, participants are able to apply for rebates for multiple energy efficiency upgrades with the ability to get more rebate money.

"Participants in the Home Energy Audit Program can get a rebate for attic insulation and a separate rebate for an air conditioner. It's a great addition to the program," said Lindsey Bashline, customer relations specialist for Loveland Water and Power.

Since October, 2011, more than 300 Loveland residents have participated in the pilot Home Energy Audit Program. The program aims to help customers identify improvement opportunities, get quality installations and make energy efficient upgrades more affordable. Participants in the Home Energy Audit Program who make qualifying improvements are eligible for rebates in the areas of insulation, air sealing, windows and HVAC.

To learn more about the Home Energy Audit Program, visit www.cityofloveland.org/audits or call 1-866-973-9268.

Residents encouraged to attend Loveland Community Health Fair

The City of Loveland is again proud to co-sponsor the 33rd Loveland Community Health Fair, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., April 13 at the McKee Conference and Wellness Center.

Residents who want to have blood drawn in advance should go to the McKee Conference and Wellness Center, March 18-23, or March 25-27 from 6:30-9:30 a.m. each day. A 12-hour fast is required for the blood chemistry screening. Results will be available for pick up during the health fair on April 13.

Participants have the options of a blood chemistry screening for \$30, complete blood count (CBC) blood screening for \$15, prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood screening for \$30, a take-home colorectal kit for \$5, and a Hemoglobin A1c blood screening for \$25.

During the health fair participants may pick up their lab results, check out educational booths, receive

health counseling and referrals, and participate in a number of health-related screenings including, but not limited to screenings for asthma, foot/ankle, hearing/vision, glaucoma, lung function and skin cancer.

The Health Fair is not a substitute for a thorough physical examination and assessment by a physician. Individuals who plan to attend the Health Fair should work with their personal physicians to reduce modifiable risk factors identified during the event. Also, medications should not be altered before or after the health fair unless participants have been advised to do so by their physicians.

Sponsors of the Health fair include City of Loveland, Larimer County Medical Society, Loveland Chamber of Commerce, Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald and McKee Medical Center.

For more information, visit www.bannerhealth.com/lovelandhealthfair.

Assist with wildlife program

Outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy working with kids can participate in the 2013 Spring Wildlife Programs. These programs are offered to primarily 4th and 5th grade students.

Adult volunteers will be trained to give short presentations at outdoor learning stations in Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park in the Big Thompson Canyon. Volunteers will also be trained to give a short slide show about area wildlife, followed by an on-site hike searching for signs of wildlife including scat, tracks, food remains, dens and burrows.

Volunteers should be in good physical condition and capable of a 1-mile hike. No experience or knowledge of Colorado natural history is required. All training and materials are provided at no cost.

Call 217-3173 or email michele.vanhare@cityofloveland.org for more information or to schedule a training.



Properly dispose of unneeded drugs

The Loveland Police Department (LPD) will again partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency for Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Sat. April 27 in the parking lot of the Loveland Police Department located at 810 E. Tenth St.

This event aims to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

The LPD will only accept medications during this scheduled event. Needles/sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters or illicit drugs will not be accepted.

Breakfast and plants for all, entertainment, too, at fundraiser

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, ham, juice and coffee, and then browse for the perfect piece of greenery to enhance a home, landscape, or office, 8-11 a.m., April 20 at the Chilson Senior Center.

Entertainment and good food will make this a great morning for the entire family.

Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the Senior Center front

desk in advance or at the door on the day of the event.

This fundraising event is sponsored by the Chilson Senior Advisory Committee.

\$4 - adult in advance

\$5 - adult at door

\$2.50 - child, 12 & under, in advance

\$3 - child, 12 & under, at door

Call 962-2783 for more information.

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