

July is a great month to 'two-wheel it'

USA Pro Challenge race here in August

If ever there was a summer to don the bike helmet and take a ride, this is the summer. Loveland is a great place to bike with more than 17 miles of bike trails offering beautiful scenery, traffic-free riding, and convenient commuter routes. Cycling on Loveland roadways is also receiving some attention with the recent introduction of Loveland's pilot sharrows program, which encourages cyclists and motorists to safely share the road.

But the biggest incentive to get out there and ride this summer is to get in shape in time to ride downtown to witness a never-before-seen spectacle in Loveland—the 2013 USA Pro Challenge bike race.

On August 24 hundreds of professional cyclists from all over the world will ride through downtown Loveland for the sixth leg of the race. Cyclists will



start out at the Ranch and then go through downtown as they make their way west into the foothills and up into Big Thompson Canyon.

To top it all off, Loveland's famous annual Corn Roast Festival takes place that same weekend in downtown Loveland to coincide with the race, making for one fun, full and fast weekend.

[More about the USA Pro Challenge inside](#)

Beware: Loveland seniors, others may be targeted by scammers

The Loveland Police Department continues to take reports from victims of scams in the area. The scammers are becoming more and more believable and deceptive.

One specific scam that is popular in Loveland is the Grandparent Scam. This scam typically begins with an urgent phone call or email to an unsuspecting senior citizen. The caller may claim to be the victim's grandchild, a police officer, a lawyer or really anyone.

The message is always the same: your grandchild is hurt, in jail, or otherwise in trouble and needs hundreds of dollars immediately. Some scammers even say if you contact police or family members they will hurt your relative.

Those who fall victim later learn their grandchild never was in trouble. Instead, their money was wired to a thief and may never be seen again.

The Grandparent Scam and other

impostor scams come in many varieties. Most scams have common factors that include:

- Typically asking the victim to send funds via a money order or other transfer service. Once money has been transferred and picked up by a recipient with a phony ID, it may be impossible to trace and retrieve.
- Using marketing lists with names and phone numbers or email addresses, to target victims.
- Telling their story using specific details, which include the names of the grandchild's relatives or friends. Scammers can often find this information online, such as on social networking websites.
- Hacking into consumers' email accounts, then sending emergency emails to the consumers' friends.
- Trying to prevent the victim from checking whether their story is true. They will insist, "Don't tell mom," or, "You must act immediately."

The Loveland Police Department and the Consumer Federation of America offer the following very simple tips to prevent senior citizens and others from being victimized:

- If you receive an emergency call

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The City of Loveland's 2012 annual water quality Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be available on the city website by June 30th 2013. Please visit our website at www.cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality to see the 2012 Water Quality Report. If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the CCR sent to you, please call 970-962-3000.

YOU'RE INVITED


Join Loveland Water and Power and Drive Electric Northern Colorado (DENC) as they host an electric vehicle "Ride and Drive" event. The event provides participants a "hands on" experience to test drive an electric vehicle and learn about electric vehicles in Loveland.

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More information at:
www.cityofloveland.org/LWP
or call: (970)-962-3000



The USA Pro Challenge rolls (quickly!) through Loveland August 24

The City of Loveland will be one of eight cities to host the USA Pro Challenge bike race. Cyclists from around the world will be participating in this seven day stage race that will take them through communities including Loveland, Fort Collins, Aspen and Denver as well as over some of the highest mountain passes these athletes have ever ridden. This challenging race combines a rigorous 599-mile course with some of the most spectacular scenery in the country.

For Loveland the day will start off at the Ranch at I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard with a Start Village that will enable cycling enthusiasts and spectators an opportunity to be up close and personal with the riders as they prepare to embark on the sixth stage of the race. Attendees will be able to get autographs and interact with racers while they get warmed up. The Start Village is a family-friendly event highlighting everything local with live music, local 'NoCo-style' food, Loveland artists, vendors, kids activities and much more.

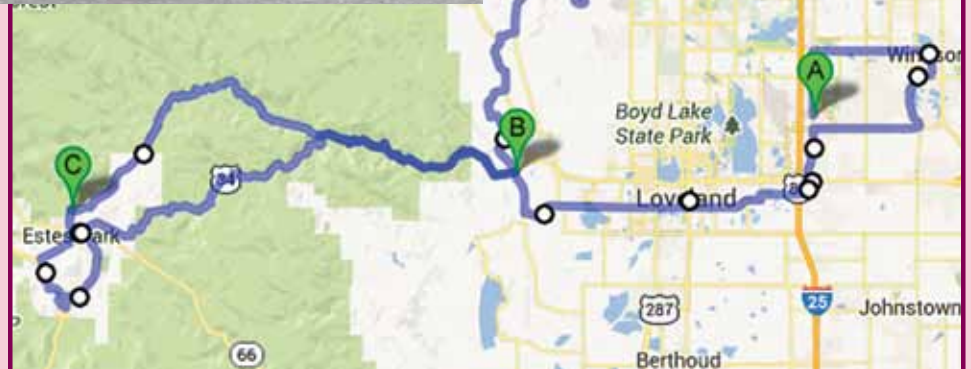
Then it's off to the races and the sixth leg is expected to be very competitive. This will be the racers' last opportunity to make points for the leader jersey before the following stage in Denver, which will take place on flat roadway.


When the racers depart the Ranch they will make their way to Windsor through Centerra and then to downtown Loveland before heading up the Big Thompson Canyon. Racers will split north onto Devil's Gulch, then into Estes Park and back down the Big Thompson Canyon. They then ride along Horsetooth Reservoir before descending into Old Town Fort Collins for the finish.

Spectators can get information on suggested viewing areas, road closure information and an updated schedule of events at www.nococycling.com, and go to [@nococycling](https://twitter.com/nococycling) for Twitter updates.



Photo by Doug Pensinger





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AUGUST 24, 2013

The Pro Challenge will include 128 of the world's top cyclists from 25 different countries and feature 16 of the world's top professional cycling teams including Sky Procycling, which includes 2012 Tour de France overall winner Bradley Wiggins and second place finisher Chris Froome. Known as America's Race, the Pro Challenge attracted more than 1 million spectators last year, making it one of the largest cycling events in U.S. history and the largest spectator event in the history of Colorado. It is expected that this year will attract an even larger crowd.

Loveland is a wonderful place to bike

Loveland residents are fortunate to live in a bike-friendly community that offers cyclists beautiful scenery and pleasant and safe places to bike.

Trails

Loveland is home to a series of recreation trails that run through many scenic areas including along the Big Thompson River, irrigation canals, through fields and through natural wetlands. And there are plans to add more trails. Approximately twenty miles of paved trail are planned with the goal of developing off-street trails that will encompass the perimeter of the city.

This summer City crews will also be working on the Front Range Trail to Fort Collins. This new trail will connect the City's recreation trail at the north end of Boyd Lake to County Road 30. County staff will

continue the trail north to Fort Collins and County Road 32 (Carpenter Road). This new trail will provide a more direct connection between Loveland and Fort Collins and provide a more convenient route for bike commuting between cities. It is expected to be ready for use in summer of 2014.

Sharrows pilot program

As part of the City's effort to make Loveland an even more bike-friendly community, it recently instituted a pilot program using sharrows. Shared-lane markings or 'sharrows,' encourage motorists and cyclists to follow the rules of the road and cooperate to increase safety for everyone.

New sharrows were painted on Garfield Avenue between 7th Street and Eisenhower Avenue last spring.



The pilot study, which tracks how motorists are yielding to cyclists and/or passing safely, will continue through the summer.

Get involved with biking

There are many organizations devoted to biking safety and education. There are even volunteer opportunities for those who prefer to keep their feet planted firmly on the ground.

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2013 Corn Roast Festival celebrates corn, community and cycling

Loveland's famous Corn Roast Festival—known this year as the 'Tour de Corn,' will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on August 23-24 in downtown Loveland to coincide with the USA Pro Challenge bike race.

The festival will feature its standard crowd-pleasing favorites including the parade, corn shucking competition, corn eating contest, delicious sweet corn cooked in every way imaginable, and "Sweetie," the Corn Roast's official new mascot will make its debut.

In addition to all things corn, attendees will enjoy a variety of entertainment on two downtown stages. Performances will include the Loveland's Got Talent competition, live music by an 80's band – New Sensation, plus additional musical performances by the Elders and the Kory Brunson band. There will also be a KidZone activity area, more than 100 vendor booths, and a beer garden showcasing some of Loveland's finest microbrews.

The festival will take place on Fourth Street from Railroad Avenue east to Washington Avenue.

Fourth Street will be blocked from about



noon Friday through approximately 10 p.m. on Saturday. Lincoln and Cleveland Avenues will be blocked for a period of time late Saturday morning to accommodate the Pro Challenge racers riding through downtown.

Event organizers expect as many as 30,000 spectators along the downtown Loveland stretch of the course, which will include a sprint line near Fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue. To avoid traffic and parking issues, Pro Challenge spectators and Tour de Corn attendees are encouraged to ride bikes into downtown. Extra bicycle parking will be provided downtown and frequent

shuttles will be provided for those who park in designated outlying parking areas.

The Tour de Corn is free and open to the public. For more information and updates on activities and scheduling, go to www.loveland.org/TheCornRoastFestival.



Calendar of events

Fri., August 23:

- Corn shucking contest – 5:30 p.m.
- New Sensations (80's band) – 8 p.m.

Sat., August 24:

- Annual Corn Roast Parade – 8:30 a.m.
- Corn eating contest – time TBD
- Pro Challenge cyclists ride through downtown – between approximately 11:45 a.m. and noon
- Elders band – 12 p.m.
- Kory Brunson band – 6 p.m.

Bike safety is pre-requisite to bike fun

Observing bicycle safety can make or 'break' a day out on the bike. To help ensure that bicycle outings are enjoyable and safe, cyclists should follow these important safety tips.

- Always ride with traffic. This makes cyclists more visible, especially at intersections and driveways. Use hand signals when turning and stopping. Obey traffic signs, signals and lane markings, and yield to traffic when appropriate, including to pedestrians.
- Bike in the correct place. Ride on a trail, paved shoulder or in a marked bike lane. Ride to the right of traffic.
- Be predictable and visible. Make sure everyone can see you and understands where you are going. At night use headlights, taillights and reflectors.
- Be alert. Do not wear headphones or talk on a cell phone while bicycling.

- Watch out for obstacles in the road. Rocks, trash, storm grates, wet leaves, potholes, gravel, railroad tracks and wet pavement markings can all send a biker flying. Navigate through these areas with care and also watch for parked cars, doors opening and cars pulling in and out of driveways.
- Be especially careful at intersections. Most car/bike collisions happen at intersections. Be watchful for motorists turning in front of you and motorists turning left across your path. If motorists are focused on oncoming traffic, they may not see you.
- Maintain your bike. Maintaining your bicycle helps prevent mechanical failure, which can cause accidents.

Source: Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center



City of Loveland 'Pre-Pro' Bike Carnival August 22

In honor of the USA Pro Challenge bike race coming to Loveland, the City has some fun, 'get-in-gear' activities planned for the whole family, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, August 22 at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, Peters Park and the Rialto Theater.

Plans include a bike rodeo, a display of antique bikes, talks on the history of bikes, helmet safety instruction, bike and helmet decorating contests, a bike-themed movie, plus food, games and more. Partnering sponsors include PEDAL, BPEC, Safe Kids, CanDo and the Healthier Communities Coalition.

For more information and updates on the Pre-Pro Bike Carnival go to lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

Public Works Day was packed with info and fun

Right: A young attendee gets a lift down from the Eurocopter AS 350, owned and operated by TransAero Helicopters—a company that educates young people about aviation and was a Diamond level sponsor of Public Works Day.

Below: Joe Chaplin, stormwater quality specialist, explains to attendees how important it is to keep our waterways clean.



Above: Justin Buxbaum and Jeremi Nobl, linemen with Loveland Water and Power, explain the importance of being safe around power lines.

Left: Gretchen Stanford, customer relations manager with Loveland Water and Power, explains that the City's electric Nissan Leaf can go 130 miles on a charge and plug into a normal home outlet for recharging.



Checked batteries lately in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms?

Last March, the majority of the United States sprung forward to Daylight Savings time. The Loveland Fire and Rescue Authority (LFRA) recommends that residents use this annual occurrence as a reminder to change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in the home. For those who missed the reminder, LFRA urges residents to check their smoke and CO alarms now. It's important to replace smoke and CO alarm batteries at least once a

year, unless they're ten-year lithium batteries. Even if smoke alarms are hardwired, residents should replace the batteries if the unit emits a chirping sound or if there is a power outage.

For the best protection smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside every sleeping area and in every bedroom. They should be mounted high on walls or ceilings and tested monthly.

CO alarms should be placed in or near (within 15 feet) of all bedrooms. The maximum effective life span of smoke alarms is only about ten years, even if the alarms are hardwired into the home. Carbon monoxide sensors are usually only effective for about six to seven years. After that time the entire unit should be replaced because the sensors lose effectiveness. If smoke and CO alarms do not respond properly when tested, they should be replaced immediately.

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asking for money, always check with a family member to find out whether your loved one really needs help.

Contact police if you cannot reach the family member.

- Take the time now to talk with your family about this and similar scams. Consider creating a code word or

phrase – one only the family would know – in case it becomes necessary to make an emergency call for help.

- Make it a personal policy and a family policy to never wire money without being sure the story you're being told is true. More information including a

video and other tips regarding the Grandparent Scam and other crime prevention tips can be found on the City's website, www.cityofloveland.org, on the police department and crime prevention pages. You can also contact the Loveland Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer at 962-2229.

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The City of Loveland's Bicycle Ambassador Program is a group of enthusiastic volunteers who are trained and equipped to share rules of the road, bike trail etiquette, route location and basic bike maintenance with others who are interested in biking.

Bicycle Ambassadors also provide

educational programs to children, teens, families, adults in the workplace, seniors and motorists through:

- 'lunch-n-learn' presentations
- bike skill/safety rodeos
- community events
- neighborhood open garage events

- community patrol

To learn more about the Bicycle Ambassador Program, volunteer as an ambassador, or request a presentation or bike rodeo for an event, email info@bpeclarimer.org or call 495-7503.

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