

Invest in clean, renewable energy with GreenSwitch

Renewable energy refers to energy that comes from natural resources, like solar, wind, geothermal, biomass generation or small hydroelectric systems.

Currently, Loveland receives its renewable energy from wind turbines. Loveland Water and Power (LWP) purchases this clean energy from Platte River Power Authority, Loveland's wholesale energy provider, for LWP's GreenSwitch program.

GreenSwitch provides Loveland power

customers the ability to purchase electricity that's been generated from clean, renewable sources. GreenSwitch is sold in 100 kilowatt-hours blocks for an additional \$2.70 each. Many or just a few blocks can be purchased to meet specific energy requirements. Residents, small businesses or large corporations can make the switch to clean, renewable energy.

The 2013 and 2014 product content labels list the content mixes for Loveland's renewable electricity last

year and the prospective content mix for the current year. The Renewable Mix contains the product mix that GreenSwitch customers receive. The Default Mix shows the product mix that non-participating customers receive.

To join GreenSwitch and support clean renewable energy, go to cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch, call 962-2111, or pick up an application at the City's Utility Billing office, 500 E. Third St.

LWP encourages residents to bring it back to the tap

Loveland Water and Power (LWP) works hard to provide Loveland residents with water that is healthy, delicious and affordable. That's why they are encouraging Loveland to bring it back to the tap.

Why drink Loveland tap water? Safety:

LWP monitors the drinking water multiple times per day and tests for more than 90 contaminants. LWP is one of many municipal water providers that willingly complies with the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure that Loveland's water is in compliance.

Cost:

A resident who drinks the daily recommended eight glasses of water per day from a Loveland tap will spend approximately 37 cents per year. A resident who opts to drink only bottled water will spend up to \$1,400 per year.

Sustainability:

Not only is drinking tap water supporting a local product, it

According to the (EPA), More than 25% of bottled water comes from a municipal water supply

reduces the number of water bottles that end up in Colorado landfills. Reducing the number of plastic water bottles shrinks Loveland's carbon footprint by reducing emissions from refrigeration of bottled water, hauling trash and the recycling process.

Taste it for yourself at upcoming City events:

Be on the lookout for two Loveland water tables to be used at upcoming City events. Patrons can drink from one of the six water

fountains or fill their own water bottles from two taps at the end of the table. The tables are intended to provide drinking water to residents and guests when they are away from home.

Get to know your water provider:

LWP encourages residents to get to know their local Loveland water provider by visiting cityofloveland.org/LWP. Here residents can check out LWP's blog that looks at how population, economic growth, energy, climate and pollution affect water usage and critical infrastructure. It also discusses what LWP is doing now to be ready for the future.



COOL FACT:
Old refrigerators and freezers can use 200-300% more energy than new high-efficiency models.

Recycle your inefficient unit with Loveland Water and Power during June and July to receive a double rebate!

Visit cityofloveland.org/rebates to sign up or call 970-962-3000

\$70
(normally \$35)

Water Quality Report 2013
CITY OF LOVELAND, COLORADO

The City of Loveland's 2013 annual water quality Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be available on the city website by June 30. Please visit our website at cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality to see the 2013 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.



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Open for Pleasure

Loveland's parks, trails rebound from flood for summertime use

Rising fast and swelling with runoff from melting snow and late-May rain, the Big Thompson River rushed by the Loveland Recreation Trail where it flanks the Centennial Park ball fields.

This stretch of the trail eight months ago was buried under several feet of silt and a dense tangle of debris, left when the river gushed at a rate more than 500 times its usual fall flow during the mid-September flood.

Friends Julie Wilson and Jaci Engel spent the sunny early morning of May 22, when most of their neighbors were in morning traffic, walking the trail with Labrador mix Buck.

"It's a beautiful place," Engel said. "One of the best things about Loveland. We live just outside the

City, but we come here to walk."

The trail is also just one piece of a flood-raked public parks landscape that had been reconstructed in just over eight months, and just in time for Memorial Day.

"It's been a long drink from the fire hose," Loveland Parks Manager Larry Callihan had said a few days earlier during a tour of riverfront parks, where crews were scurrying to nail down details to meet the summer opening schedule.

"But there have been lots of silver linings. Our department, the City organization – and the whole community – really came together during this time. I'm really proud of the way we all stepped up. We have a dream team."

Jaci Engel, left, and Julie Wilson walk their Labrador mix Buck along a section of the Loveland Recreation Trail flanking the Centennial Park ballfields, a stretch that was closed for months following last September's flood.

By the time summer officially arrives June 21, many Loveland residents will have viewed the evidence. Here are some of the highlights of what they saw, and what later visitors can expect:

- The rebound of **Fairgrounds Park**, one of the City's newest community parks and the one most devastated by the flood, is nearly complete.

The park's spacious event pavilions are receiving a torrent of bookings. The dog park, one of the most asked-about features during the flood's aftermath, is alive again. The spray park that was a hit with children, and their parents, from the day it opened five years ago, is wet again.

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2013 Historical Product Content Label		
Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables¹:		
Wind - Medicine Bow Energy (WY)	17%	
Wind - Silver Sage Energy (WY)	32%	
Wind RECs ⁴ (CO, OK)	51%	
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.6%
Coal		78.3%
Hydro		19.0%
Gas		0.8%
Other ³		1.3%
TOTALS	100%	100%

2014 Prospective Product Content Label		
Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables²:		
Wind - Medicine Bow Energy (WY)	14%	
Wind - Silver Sage Energy (WY)	38%	
Wind RECs ⁴ (OK)	48%	
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.6%
Coal		77.8%
Hydro		18.8%
Gas		0.8%
Other ³		2.0%
TOTALS	100%	100%

1 Eligible 2013 renewables are generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 1999. Green-e Energy also has agreed to certify the renewable energy supply from the Medicine Bow Wind Project, which includes some turbines that began operation in 1998.

2 Eligible 2014 renewables are generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 2000. Green-e Energy also has agreed to certify the renewable energy supply from the Medicine Bow Wind Project, which includes some turbines that began operation in 1998 and 1999.

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

4 Your purchase of renewable energy certificates (RECs) is supporting electricity production in Colorado and Oklahoma. For every unit of renewable electricity generated, an equivalent amount of RECs is produced. The purchase of RECs helps offset conventional electricity generation in the region where the renewable electricity generator is located. The purchase also helps build a market for renewable electricity and may have other local and global environmental benefits such as reducing global climate change and regional air pollution. For more information about RECs, please visit www.green-e.org.

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

The average home in Loveland uses 730 kWh per month. [Source: LWP annual fact sheet]

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.



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The only park features not open by Memorial Day, but expected to open in June, were the playgrounds on the park's south end, including the shaded, soft-surface play area under a pavilion roof.

- Regraded and partially resodded ball fields, 10 of them, at **Centennial** and **Barnes** parks.

"The flood gave us a chance to do some things differently," Callihan said. For example, the baseball/softball fields have been laser-graded, using technology not available to the city when they first were constructed.

- The Recreation Trail's underpass that takes walkers, runners and cyclists safely under South Lincoln Avenue, is open again after being ripped apart by flood waters.

"It's continuous now, from Southeast Eighth Street to Wilson Avenue," Callihan said. "We've brought it back to near-normal."

Parks director Havener ends 35-year career



Gary Havener speaks at an employee recognition event in 2002.

Thirty-five years after arriving to direct Loveland's Parks and Recreation Department, where he presided over a building program that made the park system the nation's best, Gary Havener has set a date to retire.

Havener will head the department through July 11, having directed most of the work required to prepare the City's flood-damaged parks and recreation facilities for

summer openings. During his tenure, Loveland built the City's most-used and favored park and recreation facilities, including:

- The Chilson Recreation Center.
- The Recreation Trail that encircles the City.
- The McWhinney-Hahn Sculpture Park.
- Kroh Park, Fairgrounds Park, Loveland Sports Park and the under-construction Mahaffey Park, among a longer list of park developments.
- The North Lake Park amphitheater.
- Mariana Butte Golf Course, designated Colorado's best public course when it opened.

The National Recreation and Parks Association in 1989 gave Loveland its Gold Medal Award in the City's population category, designated for the nation's top park systems. Other cities receiving the award that year were Minneapolis, Santa Barbara, Calif., and Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Save on landscaping supplies with Stormwater's coupon

Loveland residents can get 20 percent off landscaping materials at participating garden centers by going to the Stormwater Division's website and clipping out the coupon.



A well-planned landscape can help homeowners save water and decrease the amount of contaminants from stormwater runoff that reach area rivers and lakes.

For more information on how to keep waterways clean and to get the coupon, go to cityofloveland.org/stormwater and click on Stormwater quality.

Food, fun and fireworks on July 4th

Once again, the annual Independence Day celebration at North Lake Park will include food, fun, fireworks and music by the Loveland Concert Band. The Veteran Motor Car Club show will be back this year with over 25 vintage cars spanning decades from the 1920's-70's.

The Lions Club will be running the North Lake Park train all day for rides and a flag raising ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Lone Tree School.

Certain areas will be off-limits for the safety of spectators. The Swim Beach, playground and basketball courts will be closed July 3-4. In addition, this year pedestrian access to the amphitheater and ball fields south of Loveland High School (LHS) will be from the walkway that runs north around the fishing pond along W. 29th St. The rear of the amphitheater will be reserved for public safety personnel

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Variety of musical genres featured at 2014 Foote Lagoon concerts

Haunted Windchimes – June 26
Americana

Drawing sounds from traditional folk and American roots music, the Haunted Windchimes have a vintage quality laced into their contemporary Americana repertoire.

Mary Louise Lee – July 3
Soul

As a proud native of Denver and the capitol city's First Lady, Mary Louise Lee has built an impressive international career as a soul and rhythm 'n' blues vocalist.

Queen City Jazz Band – July 10
Jazz

For over 50 years, the Queen City Jazz Band has been delighting audiences with gospel, early jazz, ragtime, swing, blues and spirituals.

Runaway Express – July 17
Rock/Folk

With a repertoire of over 2,000 songs, Runaway Express displays uncommon versatility with folk, country, bluegrass, and classic rock and roll performances.

Chris Daniels and the Kings – July 24
Rock 'n' Roll

An all-out "horn band" known for R&B, funk, jump blues, and rock and roll, Chris Daniels & the Kings have toured Europe and the U.S. for 30 years.

Sons and Brothers – July 31
Country

Sons and Brothers combine the best elements of western, bluegrass, gospel and country music into a unique combination of music and stories.

All concerts take place at the Civic Center & Foote Lagoon Amphitheater, 500 E. Third Street, from 7-9 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Schedule is subject to change. For weather cancellations, call 962-2770 after 5 p.m. or check the Loveland Museum/Gallery Facebook page.



The six-part concert series is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente.

Safety should never take the day off

The Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA), the Loveland Police department and Safe Kids of Larimer County are just some of

the organizations that will be at the Loveland Home Depot's Annual Safety Day event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 19 in the parking lot of Home Depot at 1100 Nickel Dr.

This event gives area families an opportunity to interact one-on-one with Loveland's first responders in an atmosphere that promotes education, communication and fun.

LFRA will again bring their trailer for kids to experience a smoke filled environment. Colorado Operation Lifesaver will bring their exhibit vehicle that was destroyed at a train crossing (a powerful visual display). And this year there will also be a petting zoo and free root beer floats.

The Loveland Home Depot holds this event annually to promote safety in Loveland. For more information call 461-9406.



Food, fun and fireworks

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Parking will be available on 29th Street from Duffield to the golf course with handicap parking from Taft Avenue to Beech Drive. Additional parking for a fee will be available in the LHS lot plus some additional free handicap parking at LHS.

To ease traffic congestion, attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the park.

Personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages, pets (except for service dogs) and overnight camping in North Lake Park are prohibited.

For more 4th of July information and maps, go to www.CityofLoveland.org/July4th or call 962-2519.

Need some art and some cherry pie? You've come to the right place

Cast and Crew: The sculpture and film of Jerry Barrish
June 28 through September 14

Main Gallery Exhibit Admission: \$5, free for Museum members (includes admission to the Foundations exhibition)

This exhibit shows how Barrish seamlessly merges his two passions—sculpture and film. His art is composed of discarded materials, most of which he gathered himself from recycling centers, scrap yards and the beach near his home. Barrish's films offer a contemporary comment on society and popular culture. Taken together, they uncover a level of artistic creativity that heightens the communicative potential of sculpture and film and make one question their preconceived versions of reality.

Foundations: A Journey through American Sculpture
Preview Exhibition

June 28 through September 14
Public Exhibit Celebration:
6-8 p.m., Friday, July 11
Free Event

Main Gallery Exhibit Admission: \$5, free for Museum members (includes admission to the Jerry Barrish: Cast and Crew exhibition)

Foundations: A Journey through American Sculpture, is a project of the Loveland Visual Arts Commission to collect, display and interpret icons of American sculpture that will reflect the multiplicity of cultures and influences that define this country's creative legacy. This exhibit examines Loveland's artistic heritage, enhances

community pride, educates and provides visitors a unique, creative experience.

Figure and Form: Loveland Wildlife Sessions

May 31-July 27
Green Room Gallery
Free event

This exhibit explores time-honored techniques of artistic training and celebrates the beauty of the human form.

Cherry Pie Festival 2014

5-8 p.m., Saturday, July 19
Peters Park, 5th & Lincoln (in front of Museum)
Free event

Pie by the slice, ice cream and drinks available for purchase

Sponsored by Historic Johnson's Corner

Celebrate Loveland's longstanding connection with the cherry industry with pie and ice cream while listening to live music and browsing vendor booths. Children's activities, historical displays and a cherry pie contest



make this an evening to remember. Featured bands include The Joe O'Bryan Band and Papa Juke.

Cherry Industry in Loveland

3:30 p.m., Saturday, July 19
Foote Gallery
Free event

Come early to the Cherry Pie Celebration and learn about the Colorado cherry industry with a presentation by Sharon Danhauer from the Loveland Historical Society.

Art of the Tart Contest

Two categories – Adult and Student (under 18)

Pies must be received at the contest table by 4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m. Pies will be judged on crust, filling texture, taste and overall appearance. Commercially baked pies are not allowed. All pies must be prepared within 24 hours of the 4:30 p.m. deadline.

For more information on these exhibits and events call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

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