

## LWP needs residents' help to keep streetlights working

Roughly 6,000 streetlights throughout the City are installed, operated and maintained by Loveland Water and Power (LWP). In order to maintain these streetlights the electric department repairs on average more than 80 streetlights each month. LWP would like your help to make sure Loveland's lights are turned on to promote safety for drivers and pedestrians.

- The street address and closest major cross streets to the pole – example: 1234 Taft, Northwest corner of Taft & Hwy 34
  - The problem such as burned-out light, on during daytime, cycling on and off, damaged pole (leaning, tipped over), broken glass, etc.
- There are two ways to report a malfunctioning streetlight. You can report them electronically

using the Streetlight Trouble Report Form located on the City's website at [cityofloveland.org/StreetLightOutage](http://cityofloveland.org/StreetLightOutage) or by calling 962-3581 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Once the streetlight problem has been reported, LWP works to repair it within two business days. Thank you for helping LWP keep Loveland safe and illuminated.



When reporting a streetlight in need of repair LWP needs the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- The pole number – yellow number located roughly eye level in the middle of the pole (see above)

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## Avoid a pain in the drain over the holidays and every day

Before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. During this time most families prepare large meals that include roasted or fried meats, which can result in excess grease that needs to be disposed of.

It is important to remember that any fats, oil and grease, or 'FOG' put down the drain can potentially cause homeowners a very big problem.



Clogs due to FOG can cause sewer back-ups and create costly repairs for homeowners.

FOG can build up in a home's pipes, clogging interior sewer lines and resulting in big messes and even bigger repair bills and when the clog is in the home's sewer lines, the clog is the homeowner's responsibility.

When put down the drain, fats, oils and grease cling to the sewer pipe and accumulate potentially causing a sewer backup. The buildup clogs the pipes in the sewer system just like cholesterol clogs people's arteries.

Oil and grease are incapable of dissolving in water. These common ingredients are some of the primary FOG culprits:

- Butter
- Mayonnaise
- Cooking oil
- Meats
- Lard/shortening
- Oily sauces
- Salad dressing
- Table scraps



Clogged pipes in residences are the homeowner's financial responsibility.

FOG can do even more damage if it spreads to the sewer lines in the streets. The result can be a serious overflow leading to regulatory fines, or a backup of sewage which could pose a health hazard as well as potentially increasing citywide costs for sewer service due to greater cost for maintenance and repairs.

### How to avoid FOG buildup

The amount of FOG going into the sewer can be greatly decreased

by taking a few fairly simple but important preventative measures:

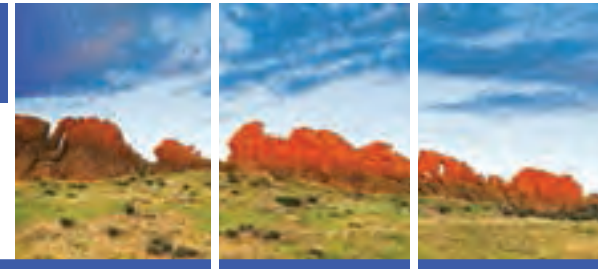
- Scrape all food waste into a lined garbage can.
- Use a paper towel to wipe remaining oil and grease from pots and pans.
- Place waste oil and grease into a container - let cool and throw in the trash.
- Avoid using the garbage disposal – keep a strainer near the sink to capture solids.
- Take liquid oil and grease (e.g.,



Hard chunks of compacted FOG arrive at the wastewater treatment plant.

from turkey fryer) to be disposed of at the City's Recycling Center.

Keeping damaging FOG out of the sewer is every resident's responsibility. Not only will it help homeowners save money, but it also benefits the natural environment.



## Public works divisions come together with \$15M service center expansion

Loveland's growth over the past few decades has been matched, in terms of scale and pattern, by the growth of its Public Works Department.

Just as the City has spread out, with new residents and businesses pushing its limits north, south, west and east, the 140-plus employees in Loveland's fastest growing and most diverse City department have found workplaces scattered

all over town.

The time for consolidation of the scattered pieces of Public Works arrives in October with the opening of the \$15 million Service Center. The new main building is a two-story hub that will bring City engineers, solid waste specialists, stormwater systems managers and department administrators together under one roof.

There they join fellow Public

Above, workers for Golden Triangle Construction Inc. put some finishing touches on the roof of the new Service Center expansion during the last days of project construction in September.

Works employees who manage and maintain the City's fleet of more than 700 vehicles at the campus just off First Street east of Wilson Avenue.

"This creates opportunities for increased communication within our department, by putting people who work closely together in one place," Public Works business services coordinator Jodi Lessman said.

"The efficiency we gain in (continued on page 2)





The south-facing main entry of the new service center, designed by the Denver office of global architectural firm RNL Design, features an unusual roofline that provides both shade and light.

some of our field operations will be tremendous.”

Energy-saving features of the new building are intended to earn it LEED Gold rating from the national Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program.

The architectural firm RNL Design, a global company with a busy Denver office, and Longmont-based Golden Triangle Construction Inc.

collaborated on the project.

“This had the potential to be a troublesome project, but it absolutely was not,” Loveland Facilities Manager Ken Cooper said.


“Since we transitioned from design into the actual construction piece, the spirit of cooperation has been

outstanding. Every effort was made to minimize the impact to the people who live and work out there.”

As this edition of City Update was press-bound, Public Works employees were preparing for an Oct. 6 moving day and an Oct. 10 grand opening of the new center.



The broad, main floor corridor, empty in this photo, will be filled with open, day-lit work stations by the time Public Works Department employees move in during early October.



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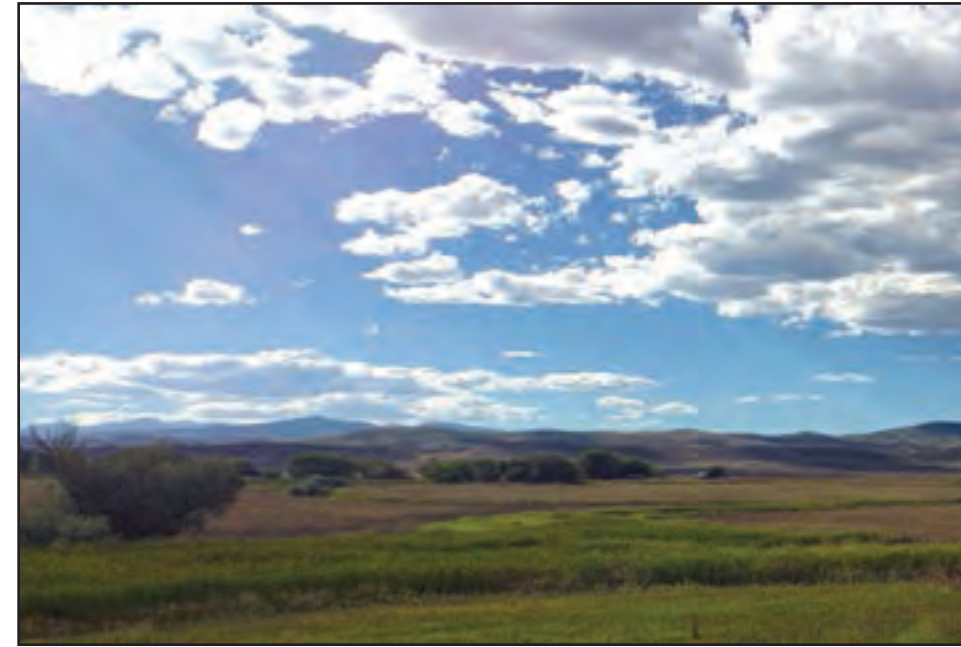
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## Beautiful new open space in need of fitting name

The City of Loveland recently added 87 acres to its open space holdings, preserving a scenic tract of land on the northeast quadrant of Taft Avenue and 57th Street. The property will open new connections for the Loveland Recreation Trail and other regional trails as well as provide habitat for wildlife and native flora.

This acquisition adds to protected open lands in the ‘community separator’ between Loveland and Fort Collins. The 3,500-acre separator includes Fort Collins’ adjacent McKee Farm, Larimer County’s nearby Long View Farm, and Loveland’s Prairie Ridge Natural Area at Wilson Avenue and 57th Street. The purchase also secures needed land for two potential off-street trail connections including the Loveland Recreation Trail loop and a regional trail linking Loveland and Fort Collins.



The City’s newest acquisition of open space at Taft Avenue and 57th Street provides recreation opportunities plus natural habitat for a host of native flora and fauna.

The \$1.5 million purchase price was funded primarily by Loveland’s share of the voter-approved ¼-cent open space sales tax collected throughout Larimer County, and a \$200,000 contribution from Larimer County Open Lands.

The new open space provides a sanctuary for wildlife such as songbirds, raptors, amphibians, coyote, red fox, and deer. Wetland drainages, a section of Loudon Ditch, and agricultural lands provide wildlife habitat, cover and movement corridors for these species. Wetlands support common cattail, reed canary grass, Emory and Nebraska sedge, coyote willow and



plains cottonwood. The property also offers sweeping views of the foothills and mountains.

The Open Lands Division of Parks and Recreation invites community members to help name this new open space. Priority consideration will be given to names that reflect habitat types or natural features such as plants or wildlife native to the area. Proposed names should not create confusion with existing parks, streets, or subdivisions.

To submit name suggestions email: [opens@cityofloveland.org](mailto:opens@cityofloveland.org) or fill out a form online at: [cityofloveland.org/openlands](http://cityofloveland.org/openlands), or send mail or deliver to:

City of Loveland  
Parks & Recreation, Open Lands Division  
500 E. Third St., Suite 200  
Loveland, CO 80537

The deadline to submit nominations is November 15.

## Access through Prospector greatly expands library’s collection

A local writer needs some information for a novel she is writing, a high school student needs certain data for his online class, and a mother wants her son to read the same sci-fi novels she loved at his age, but the Loveland Library doesn’t have any these sources of information in its collection.

That’s where Prospector comes in. Prospector is a central catalog of more than 41 other Colorado libraries that enables Loveland library patrons to access almost



## Texting to 911 now possible through LETA

Loveland and Larimer County now offer residents a new emergency communication tool, “Text-to-9-1-1.”

The new service, launched by the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority, or LETA, the county-wide 9-1-1 emergency communication coordinator, enables cell phone users to text messages to local 9-1-1 dispatchers. This texting option

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anything they need. After placing an item on hold patrons can pick it up from the library’s hold shelf usually in just a few days.

When the Loveland Public Library joined Prospector last May, the library’s collection instantly grew from 160,000 items to over 12 million books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and more. In July Prospector teamed up with a similar consortium of 70 libraries called Mobius. Now Loveland residents have access to an additional 27 million items.

Now everything from scholarly texts to best-selling DVDs is shared between libraries. And quite a few CDs from the Loveland library’s rich music collection have been requested by people in other communities.

Library cardholders can access Prospector by going to the library catalog at [lovelandpubliclibrary.org](http://lovelandpubliclibrary.org) and then clicking on the

should only be used when making a regular voice call to 9-1-1 is not possible.

This service is ideal for those in a domestic abuse situation who might endanger themselves by making a call, as well as those who are injured, cannot speak for other reasons, or for the hard-of-hearing, deaf, or speech-impaired.

For more information go to [leta911.org](http://leta911.org).

Prospector button if the title they want is not in the library’s local collection. A search in Mobius begins at [prospectorhome.coalition.org](http://prospectorhome.coalition.org). A wide world of information and entertainment can be found at your library.

More information at 962-2665.



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[www.CityofLoveland.org/SkiSwap](http://www.CityofLoveland.org/SkiSwap)

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