How the City keeps you informed

Keeping the Loveland community informed about the goings-on of their local government is accomplished with a wide variety of methods.

Several different resources and media are used to keep citizens up-to-date on City issues, projects, programs, opportunities and events. Information is provided by individual departments, divisions and offices as well as through the City’s Public Information office.

Communication avenues may include current technology channels such as websites and e-mails; good old newsletters, newspapers, telephone or TV; or face-to-face discussions at classes, public meetings and open house gatherings.

The subject of the information offered can also be very different because the City provides such a wide variety of different services. Repairing a pothole or building a new interchange, major utilities including water and electricity, leisure services from the library, Rialto or recreation center, or special or emergency situations can each be the subject of information from the City.

This month’s City Update— itself a popular source of City information— offers a glimpse of many of the communications efforts provided by the City to keep its residents well informed.

Water & Power always one step ahead for future water needs

Developing future water resource projects is a job that’s never done. Though it’s only been a few short years since Loveland completed the expansion of the Green Ridge Glade Reservoir, planners are already hard at work on Loveland’s next big, municipal water-storage project.

In fact, plans for the Windy Gap Firming Project (WGFP), projected to be located at the Chimney Hollow site west of Loveland, have been in the works since the late 90s, according to Larry Howard, senior water resources engineer with the City.

“Not only do we do our best to ensure that the Loveland community has the water they need right now and in the near future, but we are constantly looking ahead and trying to anticipate, as accurately as possible, what the water needs will be for our community in ten, twenty, even forty years into the future,” said Howard.

The WGFP is projected to be a 90,000 acre-foot water storage facility located in the valley just west of Carter Lake. This proposed reservoir would provide firming storage for water from the existing Windy Gap Project, completed in 1986, which diverts water from the confluence of the Fraser and Colorado Rivers near Granby, Colorado.

The water will be transported from the Western Slope through the Colorado Big Thompson Project (CBT). This new WGFP water will supplement water Loveland already receives through the CBT system.

Thirteen entities, including the City of Loveland, are slated to jointly construct this new reservoir. Loveland’s share would be approximately 7,000 to 8,400 acre-feet (to be decided). Though planning is underway, nothing has been finalized and permits have not yet been issued.

Loveland’s participation in this venture is partly a result of Loveland’s Raw Water Master Plan that was completed (continued on page 4)
Light your home with a Twist

One of the simplest and least expensive ways to reduce energy use and “green” a home is to switch out standard incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). To help Loveland residents make the switch, Loveland Water and Power, in cooperation with Platte River Power Authority, is presenting the annual Lighting with a Twist promotion. CFLs offer a number of benefits including reliable lighting, energy and cost savings, longevity and convenience. Through Lighting with a Twist, Loveland residents can purchase select CFLs at reduced prices at participating area retailers including: Albertsons, Bed Bath & Beyond, Jax Ranch & Home, Lighting Designs, Lowe’s, Orchard’s Ace Hardware, Sam’s Club, The Home Depot, and Wal-Mart. Retailers participating in Lighting with a Twist will indicate which bulbs will be included in the promotion. No paperwork or coupon is required. Standard incandescent bulbs generally last less than 1,000 hours while CFLs can last up to 10,000 hours (based on one year of use at three hours per day). That extended life means real cost and environmental savings.

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are all sources of information and are updated as needed.

**Public Meetings**

Numerous formal and informal meetings are open to the public to stay informed and provide their opinions and recommendations. These include official public hearings at City Council meetings and the like, plus informational meetings, open houses and neighborhood gatherings hosted by City staff or elected officials.

**Community Survey**

Every year, a community survey containing a wide variety of questions about City services is mailed to Loveland residents. Results of this statistically-reliable survey are presented to the community. In addition, citizens are provided other opportunities to provide feedback and opinions through online and mailed questionnaires regarding specific City issues.

**Display Boards**

Table-top displays are often erected in City buildings offering information on a variety of subjects. Displays can be seen by visitors to the lobby areas of the Municipal Building, library and/or Chilson Recreation Center.

**In-depth Reports**

Major reports from almost every City department regarding budgets, long range plans, special projects and more can be found on the departments’ web pages. From a general overview to specific costs and design drawings, detailed information is easily available.

**City Update Newsletter**

And, of course, you’re reading City Update, delivered to 34,000 Loveland residences and businesses monthly. It is also viewable on the City’s website. It is cited by citizens as the most-often-read communication tool from the City.

**Other Newsletters**

Some City departments send newsletters to households and businesses interested in or having participated in events specific to that department’s services. Examples include the Rialto Theater, Museum/Gallery, Parks and Recreation and others.

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**Emergency Information Sources**

**Be Informed**

Some or all of these sources may be utilized during an emergency or special situation. The nature of the situation will dictate what sources will be utilized. Set-up and staffing for some resources will not occur immediately.

**City of Loveland Info Sources:**

- [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org) ........ Official City website
- 1610 AM ...................... City’s AM radio station
- Channel 16 cable TV ........ City cable TV channel
- Phone 962-2020 .............. Info line/call center
- Phone 911 ...................... Emergency police/fire
- Emergency Notification ........ Phone calls, e-mails
- Signup at [www.LETA911.org](http://www.LETA911.org)
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) .... Emergency messages on TV & radio

**Other sources:**

- [www.larimer.org](http://www.larimer.org) .......... Larimer County
- Phone 211 ...................... Community Resource line
- [www.firstcall211.org](http://www.firstcall211.org) .... 211 website

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**Loveland Community Night Out strengthens neighborhoods**

The sixth annual Loveland Community Night Out block parties are 6-10 p.m., Wed., June 17. Once again, neighbors will get to know each other better and meet Loveland police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, city council members, city staff and volunteers who work to keep Loveland a healthy and safe place to live.

To host or attend a block party in your neighborhood or for more information, call 962-2229.

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**Sign up kids for summer day camp**

Adventure Bound Day Camp is a state-licensed childcare program for children ages 6 to 12. Activities include arts & crafts, games, swimming (including lessons), music, painting, sports, field trips, science, drama and nature activities. Children are divided into age-appropriate groups.

The camp runs June 1-August 14. Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri. The cost for three days per week is $110, $140 for four or five days a week.

Pre-registration is required. Registration must be done in person at the Chilson Recreation Center, 700 E. 4th St., Registration Desk. For more information, call 962-2467.
in 2005. Per the master plan, city council directed Water & Power to project, plan for and provide 99 percent assurance that Loveland will have all the water it needs annually for the foreseeable future.

“One of the most positive aspects of this particular project is that it lends itself to reusing the water we capture,” said Greg Dewey, water resources engineer with the City. “That enables us to stretch our water supply even further, which is beneficial since we live in a semi-arid climate.”

In addition to this new water storage, Chimney Hollow Reservoir would provide non-motorized boating, fishing, and hiking opportunities in a beautiful foothills setting under Larimer County management, with 50,000 visitors estimated annually.

According to Howard, permits for the project are expected to be issued by the end of 2009 and construction would likely begin sometime in 2012. “We feel confident that this project is the most logical next step in securing a reliable and affordable water supply for the future,” Howard added.

For more information on Loveland Water & Power go to www.cityofloveland.org. For information on the Windy Gap Firming Project, go to www.chimneyhollow.org or call 962-3703.

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The 34 Xpress is a commuter-friendly bus route that runs along the US 34 corridor from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.- Fri. and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sat. The service began last August as a 1-3 year pilot bus route.

In an effort to increase ridership, SmartTrips is scheduling meetings with employers along the corridor to promote the route. Buses can also be scheduled for on-site demonstrations at businesses or office parks.

For more information about the 34 Xpress, call Greeley-Evans Transit at (970) 350-9287.

Light your home with a Twist (continued from page 2)

energy savings for homeowners because CFLs use much less electricity—approximately 75 to 80 percent less than standard bulbs.

Because CFLs do contain a small amount of mercury they must be disposed of properly. Ace Hardware, Lighting Designs, and The Home Depot accept CFLs for recycling at no charge. CFLs can also be recycled at the Larimer County landfill.

For more information on Lighting with a Twist, call Loveland Water and Power, 962-3000.

Try the 34 Xpress bus

Summer fun through Parks & Recreation

• The Barnes Park Batting Cages are open for the season, M-F evenings and weekends.
• Register for Adult Athletics programs including; Coed & Women’s Soccer, Sand Volleyball, and Indoor Volleyball.
• Register beginning May 4 via WebTrac & TeleTrac for summer Youth Athletics programs including; Tennis, Gymnastics, Pre/K Soccer, T-ball, Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse.
• Winona Pool opens May 30 and offers swimming lessons for all abilities.
• Lake Loveland opens for the season May 23.

For more information on Parks & Recreation activities, call 962-2440.

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