

Loveland grows through annexation

Loveland and all of northern Colorado must be doing something right; population has grown and continues to grow. Far more people are moving here or remain here than are moving away. Since 1980, Loveland's population has more than doubled—from about 30,000 to the current 65,000.

Over the years, the nature and character of Loveland and its neighboring areas have changed markedly. The town of Loveland has become the City of Loveland, both figuratively and legally. Technology and health care have many roots here now, more so than agriculture.

As the population and lifestyle of the area have grown, so has the physical land size of the City of Loveland as measured within its legal city limits. Currently, the city limits enclose 32.5 square miles. That number was 11.3 in 1980.

The physical growth has occurred through the process of annexation, whereby the



city limits include more land, bringing the annexed land within the official jurisdiction of the City of Loveland with its services, requirements and associated monetary and quality of life values.

This month's City Update offers an overview of the concept, considerations and process of annexation; sort of an Annexation 101. We hope readers will find it of interest and value.

[More annexation info inside](#)

Using water wisely important year-round

Gone are the days when leaving a faucet running or allowing the sprinkler water to run into the gutter is okay. Water conservation is more important than ever, and with summer coming, residents need to be especially mindful that every drop counts.

According to the public information officer of the Northern Colorado Water District Brian Werner, northern Colorado is still officially in a drought. "We're currently at 110 percent above our average snow pack which is better than recent years, but we're still 15 percent below normal in water storage, meaning our reservoirs are 15 percent lower than normal."

Werner stressed that in this high, arid desert climate that's supporting a rapidly-growing population as well as a longstanding agricultural industry, good daily conservation practices must become part of our collective consciousness. For many of us that means learning more about water conservation and consistently incorporating these practices into our daily routines, as well as demonstrating these practices with our kids. Werner says it's all about awareness, education and implementation.

Water-saving tips:

- Water the lawn in the early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Do only full loads of laundry and use cold water whenever possible.



- Check your toilet, faucets and showerheads for leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day. A faucet dripping at the rate of one drop per second can waste 3,000 gallons of water per year. To further reduce water use for the toilet put a water-filled plastic jug in the water tank.
- Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Reuse water when you can – water used for cleaning vegetables can be used to water plants or poured into the flower garden.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash – you'll use less water than at home.
- Take the kids to the swimming pool rather than letting them run through the sprinkler.

For more ideas on water conservation or to receive free dye tabs to check for toilet leaks, call Loveland Water and Power, 962-3000.

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"Money Talks"

Long-term care insurance discussed

Numerous ads and commercials stress the importance of buying long-term care insurance, but how important is it?

On June 10, the Loveland Public Library's monthly Money Talks series presents a program on long-term care insurance.

The presenter will provide a variety of information for attendees who want to know their options. Additional information on companies, agents, and the right kind of coverage for different situations will also be covered.

This lunchtime program will be in the Gertrude B. Scott room at the library and begins at noon. Sack lunches are welcome and beverages are provided. For more information call 962-2402.

Annexation: A rural-to-urban evolution

The dictionary defines the word annex as “to add on or attach;” “to incorporate into a country, state, city, etc...” Closer to home, City of Loveland staff have described annexation as making land part of the city; providing services enabling the land to become more urbanized, and moving from rural to urban in its character and lifestyle.

Around Loveland, if land isn't an official part of the city—within the city limits—it's instead under the jurisdiction of Larimer County. Larimer County's 2,600+ square miles extend from Berthoud to Wyoming, from Timnath to Estes Park and the Continental Divide. County property owners look to the county government (or other special districts and private firms) to provide services for safety, roads, land use, snow removal, weed control and more.

Annexation is a legal agreement between the property owner and the City. It encourages and enables the highest and best use of the land as it changes from rural to urban. It's a natural progression of the community's growth.

Owner, City benefit

Annexation is usually a major benefit to the property owner as it raises the value of the property and its future marketability. As part of the City of Loveland, property receives more services and achieves a higher level of standards, increasing the property's value.

City services Loveland residents rely on include police and fire protection, utilities, street maintenance, sidewalks, snow removal, trash service availability,

landscaping, land-use controls and more. While residents in unincorporated areas can benefit from Loveland's parks, recreational facilities, library and numerous cultural opportunities, they do not directly contribute to their maintenance. After an unincorporated area is annexed, however, the reciprocal relationship that marks inclusion within city limits is established and thrives.

The land value increase and increased services typically cause a small increase in property tax for the land owner, usually less than 10 percent. Those monies go to help pay for those services and assets provided directly to the property owner or shared by the entire community.

Jobs and revenue

When annexation results in new property that's used for commercial or industrial purposes, a broader financial effect occurs. Sales and use taxes generated by the firms now within city limits help pay for services and facilities citywide. The firms provide jobs with wages spent in numerous ways that support numerous other businesses in the community.

Annexation in a high-standards city such as Loveland can bring a greater quality of life to the immediate area and the city in general. Services, features and aesthetics of land annexed into Loveland are more conducive to the greater density of urban living. Stricter standards often exist on issues regarding appearance, noise, smell, roads, traffic, etc.

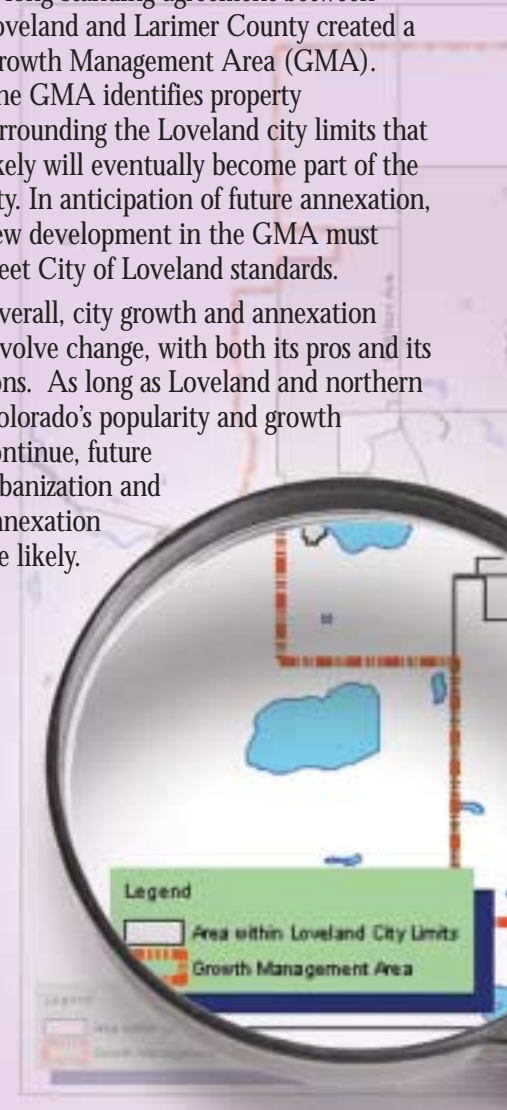
Property rights issues sometimes occur, especially when existing uses of formerly

rural, outlying property become incompatible as growth takes place and urbanized development nears. Examples of such urban-meets-rural conflicts can include dairies, feedlots, mining, poultry farms and others uses.

Eventual annexation

A long-standing agreement between Loveland and Larimer County created a Growth Management Area (GMA). The GMA identifies property surrounding the Loveland city limits that likely will eventually become part of the city. In anticipation of future annexation, new development in the GMA must meet City of Loveland standards.

Overall, city growth and annexation involve change, with both its pros and its cons. As long as Loveland and northern Colorado's popularity and growth continue, future urbanization and annexation are likely.



Annual Fishing Derby June 7-8

Do your kids, grandchildren, nieces or nephews want to improve their fishing skills? Bring your burgeoning fishing enthusiasts to the 22nd Annual Loveland Fishing Derby June 7-8 at North Lake Park.

The Derby, which is sponsored by the Loveland Police Department and made possible through generous donations from local businesses, gives kids and families an opportunity to learn more about fishing and activities associated with fishing.

Members of Colorado Youth Outdoors will teach kids how to clean and cook their fish. The Loveland Fishing Club will be on-hand for event registration, tackle, competition measurement and fishing tips.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife will provide the fish and explain Colorado law and fishing ethics. The Loveland Kiwanis Club will be selling food - proceeds benefit local Kiwanis youth programs.

The Loveland Fishing Derby will be 7 a.m.-5 p.m., June 7, and 7 a.m.-noon, June 8, at the Duck Pond in North Lake Park. The event is for children under the



age of fifteen. All ages are welcome to fish after noon on Sunday.

Last year's Fishing Derby will be broadcast on Mountain States Fishing on the Altitude network, Comcast channel 5 in May.

Attendees can park in the west parking lot of Loveland High School. For more information call 962-2277.

Loveland Community Night Out strengthens neighborhoods

The fifth annual Loveland Community Night Out (LCNO) evening of block parties will be 6-10 p.m., Wed., June 18.

LCNO gives residents and their neighbors the opportunity to get to know each other better, as well as 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, contact Officer Dave Sloat, Loveland Police department, 962-2229.

Annexation: Many steps, many people

The annexation process has several steps and involves many people including the property owner, City staff, Loveland Planning Commission, Loveland City Council and Loveland citizens. Typically, annexation is a 3-7 month process, depending on complexity or any special issues involved.

The process normally begins with the property owner or City making contact with each other and expressing interest in annexation. Informal discussions usually follow.

The property and its future use must correspond with the Loveland Comprehensive Master Plan. The plan

looks ahead to 2030. The property must also lie within the Growth Management Area, the land surrounding the city limits that both the City and Larimer County have agreed is likely for future incorporation within the City of Loveland.

The official process would then begin. The basic steps are described below:

- Official application is created
- Information about the property is gathered and assessed
- Future land use and zoning is determined
- Neighborhood meetings are held

- Annexation agreement is drafted including any special terms or conditions
- Public hearing held with Loveland Planning Commission
- Planning Commission votes
- Public hearing held with Loveland City Council
- Loveland City Council first approval vote
- Loveland City Council final vote

At any point during the process, the annexation application could be amended, sent back for further work, detail or negotiation, suspended or denied.

Enclaves: Islands of Larimer County inside Loveland

Within Loveland's city limits, about a dozen enclaves exist. An enclave is a piece of property not part of the incorporated City but entirely surrounded by the City for at least three years. Enclaves remain under county jurisdiction.

Enclaves can be problematic and definitely inefficient for both the City and County, as well as the property owner. For example, in a non-emergency situation, a Larimer County Sheriff's Department officer must respond to a call within an enclave instead of a

Loveland police officer. And City of Loveland rules and regulations regarding items like landscaping, sidewalks, land use and more don't apply within an enclave.

During the past four years, almost two dozen enclaves have been annexed into the City of Loveland. The annexations have resulted from very cooperative efforts by both the property owners and the City.

For a number of years, it has been City Council's philosophy to encourage enclave annexation with the understanding that little would change for the current occupants' lifestyle. Uses, activities and current standards—such as farm

animals, roadways, driveways, landscaping, etc.—would continue as long as redevelopment isn't proposed or property ownership doesn't change. Efforts toward annexation of the remaining enclaves continue.



Chilson Senior Center Summer Activities

The Chilson Senior Center offers a wide variety of activities for all interests this summer.

- Free breast and cervical cancer screenings – must meet eligibility guidelines, 1-2 p.m., Tues. June 3.
- Visit a wild animal sanctuary near Denver – see rescued wild animals from an overhead observation system, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tues. June 7.
- Reiki certification with Jaqui Gee – learn to use your hands to heal, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. June 14.
- Summer Solstice Festival & aerial tramway ride – celebrate the longest day of the year in Estes Park, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sat. June 28.
- Experience an evening in China... in Longmont and Fort Collins – includes a Chinese meal and entertainment by a dragon dance troupe, 4-9 p.m., Tues. June 10.

Top 10 ways to improve stormwater runoff quality

Stormwater runoff and materials picked up by stormwater do not flow to the Loveland Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment before being returned to local waterways. Instead, untreated polluted and contaminated runoff is directed through the stormwater system into storm drains, detention ponds and waterways, and then eventually discharged into the Big Thompson River.

Residents who follow a few simple steps can help improve the quality of stormwater runoff before it reaches the Big Thompson River.

How can you help?

Number 10: Pick-up pet waste, then flush it or place it in the trash.

Number 9: Make sure the water in pools, spas and/or hot tubs has been properly de-chlorinated before draining.

Number 8: Follow package instructions before applying lawn chemicals, and don't apply prior to heavy storms.

Number 7: Properly dispose of all trash and landscape materials.



Number 6: Always pick-up grass clippings and/or leaves that have blown onto paved surfaces and into the street.

Number 5: Wash vehicles at commercial car washes.

Number 4: Always properly dispose of hazardous waste materials.

Number 3: Prevent vehicles from leaking fluids onto pavement.

Number 2: Anticipate and contain spills before they leave private property.

and Number 1: Report any minor illicit discharges to the City's Stormwater Hot Line, 962-2761.

For more information call 962-2772 or e-mail chaplj@ci.loveland.co.us.

Where does our renewable energy come from?

In Loveland, we purchase all our renewable energy from Platte River Power Authority, our wholesale energy provider. "Platte River operates under an organic contract with the municipalities of Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont and Loveland on whose behalf Platte River acts as a wholesale electric utility, acquiring, constructing and operating generation capacity and supplying electric energy on a requirements basis." - *Platte River Power Authority website*. As our supplier, they also provide all the renewables for Loveland Water and Power's GreenSwitch program.

The table below shows all sources, in 2007, for Loveland's renewable electricity.

Please note that the "Renewable Mix" in the table illustrates the product mix that a GreenSwitch customer receives. The "Default Mix" shows the product mix that a customer who does not participate in the GreenSwitch program receives. If you would like to join the GreenSwitch

program, please go online to www.cityofloveland.org and select the Water and Power home page. Click on "Power" and scroll down on the left side to the link for the GreenSwitch program. You may also sign up at the Utility Billing office at 1st and Washington.

Generation Type	Product Content Label	
	Renewable Mix	Default Mix
Renewables: Wind (Wyoming, Oklahoma, Idaho)	87%	0.0%
Renewables: Landfill Gas (Idaho)	13%	0.0%
Total renewables	100%	0.0%
Coal		75.5%
Hydro		19.6%
Gas		2.5%
Other		2.4%
TOTALS	100%	100%

The Summer Side of Loveland

Foote Lagoon Concerts 500 E. 3rd Street

7 to 9 p.m. Admission is Free

June 19 Tempa & the Tantrums (Blues)

June 26 Wendy Woo (Rock)

July 3 Queen City Jazz Band
 (Dixieland Jazz)

July 10 The Elders (Celtic Rock)

July 17 Chris Daniels & the Kings
 (Jump/Swing/Rock)

July 24 Buckets & Tap Shoes
 (Jazz/Funk/Swing)

July 31 Southern Exposure (Bluegrass)

Aug 7 Cool Shooz (A Cappella)

Foote Lagoon Concerts are supported by Best Western Crossroads Inn & Convention Center and Audiology & Hearing Aid Center.

Missoula Children's Theatre Rumpelstiltskin

Auditions: June 23, 10 a.m. to noon,
 Chilson Recreation Center 700 E. 4th

Open to all students entering grades 1-12.

Rialto Theater Performances: June 28 at
 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$5

Tuesday Theater for Kids

June 17 Emperor's New Clothes & Other Ugly Ducks
 (Manitou Art Theatre)

July 8 Johnny Johnston
 (Train Songs & Stories)

July 22 Mary Sue & Cari
 (Fun, Interactive Music)

August 5 Zak Morgan
 (Music, Magic & Comedy)

All Shows at the Rialto Theater -
 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 adult, \$3 child

Tunes At Noon

Peters Park - 503 N. Lincoln Ave

Noon to 1 p.m.

July 9 Sally Sheffield Trio
 (Americana)

July 16 Tim Hanauer (Acoustic)

July 23 Pairadeux (Classic Rock)

July 30 Folk by Association (Folk)

In case of rain, concerts will be moved to
 the Loveland Museum/Gallery.

Schedule is subject to change.

4th of July Celebration - Hammond Amphitheater

North Lake Park, 29th & Taft Ave

5:15-7:15 p.m. North 40 (Country)

7:15-7:45 p.m. Cowboy Craig
 (Trick Roping)

8-9:15 p.m. Loveland Concert Band

At dark Fireworks Show

Cherry Pie Celebration & Street Dance

with **Just Jazz Quintet** and

The Bluegrass Patriots

Friday, July
 11, 6 to 9

p.m.
 Admission
 is Free

Pie and
 ice cream
 will be
 for sale.

SummerFest in the Rockies -

Civic Center Park/Foote Lagoon

July 11-13

Events include wine tasting, live jazz, arts
 and crafts, a car show, and a great
 fireworks show.

For more info go to
 www.engaginglovelandinc.org.

Teen Battle of the Bands - Hammond Amphitheater

North Lake Park, 29th & Taft

July 30, 3 to 9 p.m.

Free live music featuring young,
 local talent.

Call 962-2562 for entry information.

Corn Roast Festival - Downtown Loveland, 5th and Cleveland

August 22-23

Events include a corn shucking contest,
 live music, a beer garden, street dance
 and great food.

For more info go to www.loveland.org.

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