

Business as usual—and more—for 2008

2008 will see the continuation of the quality and quantity of the many services provided by the City of Loveland. In addition, many new, enhanced or completed additional services and projects will occur this year.

These new efforts for 2008 include projects for fundamental services like water, power, streets, and public safety, plus lifestyle enhancements for golf, the library, parks and other departments.

On the next pages, readers can preview some of the highlights planned for 2008 including the City's continued focus on

revitalizing downtown, an expansion to the Chilson Recreation Center, more roadway improvements and continued focus on natural resource preservation.



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Celebrate 5th Annual Children's Day



Loveland youngsters can again enjoy a day of fun and activities dedicated entirely to them. The annual City of Loveland Children's Day will be held 1-4 p.m., Wed., March 5, at designated City facilities downtown.

Activities include:

- "Touch-a-truck"- police cars, fire engines, trash trucks, road graders and more at Fire Station #1 (410 E. 5th St.)
- Free cartoons at the Rialto Theater (228 E. 4th St.)
- Horse-drawn wagon rides, north side of Civic Center. \$1/ride (500 E. 3rd St.)
- Dr. Seuss story time and other activities at the Loveland Public Library (300 N. Adams St.)

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Loveland "LEEDs" sustainable building

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a system of design and construction standards for building environmentally friendly and sustainable buildings. This innovative system has grown to include more than 14,000 building projects in the U.S., some of which are right here in Loveland.

LEED certification consists of six building benchmarks including sustainability (long-term efficiency and ease of maintenance), water efficiency, energy performance and refrigerant management, use of sustainable (and regional) building materials and efficient use of natural resources, a healthy indoor environment that promotes occupants' wellbeing, and transparency in the design process. To earn the LEED certification, buildings



must meet specified standards in all of the above categories.

Loveland's Medical Center of the Rockies (MCR) provides a local example of a LEED-certified building. During its design and construction careful attention was paid to incorporating sustainable materials and implementing design practices that optimized efficiency while

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Rethinking Retirement -
March 10-14

The Loveland Public Library is presenting a special week-long series of noontime programs on retirement, March 10-14.



As Baby-boomers approach retirement they are rethinking how to prepare and what retirement means.

They know they can't totally rely on social security.

Rethinking Retirement programs are:

- How to Thrive in Retirement, with Steve Nelson – **Mon., March 10**
- Money Talks: Financial Planning for Retirement, with Bill Brandt – **Tues., March 11**
- The Retirement Workforce, with Larimer County Workforce staff – **Wed., March 12**
- Healthy Living, with Christie O'Hanlon from Banner Health – **Thurs., March 13**
- Housing Options for the Rest of Your Life, with Lynn Beedle – **Fri., March 14**

All programs are from noon to 1:30 in the Gertrude B. Scott room at the Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams. Attendees are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Beverages are provided.

What's Ahead for 2008

Downtown garage?

On tap for downtown in 2008 is a parking study leading to possible purchase of land for construction of a multi-level parking garage. Revitalization of downtown Loveland continues to be a major City priority.

Lights and flashers

As they do every year, traffic flow and safety will get plenty of attention this year. New and improved traffic signal lights will be installed in a few locations around the city. Also, two new school flasher zones will be created. Design and construction of an improved Traffic Operations Center is planned for 2008.

Two, not fore

About \$2 million will be spent in 2008 for City golf course improvements, equipment replacement and preliminary design of a new clubhouse at the Mariana Butte course. The current "temporary" clubhouse made from a double-wide mobile home frame has served the course since it opened in 1992.



Another level

Loveland's fire investigation team expertise continues to expand, with personnel having already received basic certifications and taking more advanced training this year. Fire safety and education programs remain a high priority, with special attention to school programs and Safe Kids events.

Too much load

Replacement will begin this year of overloaded electric power transformers

throughout the city. This three-year project will help prevent outages during the high electric power demands of summer months.

Español para la policia

Some Loveland police officers will spend 10 days in Estes Park at a Spanish language immersion course. The officers will live 24 hours a day in a Spanish speaking environment. Upon return to duty, the officers will be able to utilize their bilingual skills in their daily duties.

More for free

Even more free programs from the Loveland Public Library will be available to residents during 2008. Opportunities will include preschoolers' literacy programs, activities for teens, family together time, retirement planning for baby boomers, lifelong learning and the summer reading program.

Working together

The Business Development office will continue to work with local organizations to promote economic sustainability. Support will continue for the Rocky Mountain Innovation Initiative to establish a "virtual" incubation network. Also, the Loveland Business Assistance Network serves as a business development roundtable and "think tank" to address issues such as underemployment and regionalism.

When help is needed

Whenever new residential or commercial developments are proposed, Loveland's Fire Prevention Bureau reviews the blueprints to make sure that fire safety precautions are properly addressed. If the bureau becomes overloaded, a private firm is brought into the process to ensure that all plans are reviewed in a timely fashion.

Lots of asphalt

Every year, the City spends a great deal of

time, energy and money in keeping Loveland's streets in good repair. 2008 will be no exception, with more than \$3 million budgeted for rehabilitating about 30 center-line miles of roadway.



Worst planning

Loveland continues to plan for the worst-case scenario through its emergency management efforts. This year's efforts will include seeking additional funding through grants, proactive planning for sustaining business operations during emergencies and working with the Citizen Corps to ensure a disaster resistant community.

Keyword search

To better connect citizens with the person or office that can best respond to their needs, a new online contact list with keyword search capability is under development. Users can search by function rather than terminology. For example, entering "trash," "garbage," "refuse," or "recycle" will result in contact information for the Solid Waste Division.

Greater acceptance

The Loveland Recycling Center continues to serve the community through its broad-based acceptance program. The center now accepts additional items including milk and juice cartons and #2 and #5 plastics. These items are in addition to the long-established drop off of metal, paper, yard waste, motor oil, tires and more.

Drainage control

Stormwater projects totaling more than \$2 million in various areas of the city—including downtown—are planned for

Become a partner in reducing summertime energy costs

During the cold winter months, it's easy to forget about the heat of the summer. But Loveland Water and Power is always working hard to reduce the expenses associated with summer power purchases. Partnering With Power (PWP) was developed to address Loveland's peak power demand during the summer.

In 1998, Loveland's peak summer demand was 78 megawatts (MW). In 2007, it was 137 MW. Peak power costs more.

In 2006 and 2007, more than 50 percent of the summer budget to purchase power was spent to meet the community's peak demand. The main reason peak demand has increased so much over the years is the prevalence of central air conditioning in homes. More than 75 percent of the

peak demand is due to residential use of these air conditioners.

PWP specifically targets this type of demand. It allows residents to make a difference without feeling a difference.

When residents enroll in the program, Loveland Water and Power will install a small, radio controlled cycling unit on the home's air conditioning compressor. It does not affect the system's warranty.

During a maximum of 20 days between noon and 7 p.m. from May through September, the unit activates and turns off the compressor for a small percentage of the time it would normally run. Most participants don't notice any change in temperature because the fan continues to

operate, circulating cool air through the home.

PWP is a free and voluntary program. The Loveland community saved more than \$25,000 last summer thanks to PWP participants.

Dave Schneider, member of the Loveland Utility Commission and long-time resident, is a participant. He said, "Partnering With Power is a community effort that combines enlightened self-interest, community cooperation and technology in a painless way. I like that."

Residents with central air conditioning can join 1400 other participating PWP members and enroll by calling 962-3000 or online at www.cityofloveland.org/pwp.

2008. These efforts include new and continued construction, engineering design for upcoming projects and equipment replacement.

Improvements continue

Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and its infrastructure will total more than \$5.4 million during the year. The specific projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant include influent pumping, headworks and odor control improvements, and installation of a second standby generator for emergency power and peak shaving. The work allows the facility to keep pace with growth, comply with federal and state regulation, control odor and replace aging pipeline and equipment where needed.

Down by the river

By autumn 2008, Loveland will be enjoying Fairgrounds Park. The park, alongside the Big Thompson River, will offer many amenities for enjoyment of this beautiful area. The park will offer river access, large group areas, a water playground, basketball courts, a dog park, a skate park and four new baseball/softball fields for community use.

Another dozen

New staff and facilities will make Loveland safer from fire in 2008. Twelve new volunteer firefighters will join the team beginning with firefighter academy training next month. And also next month, the "burn building" will be ready for use at the training facility.

Water

Work continues on the construction of a \$4.3 million, 4 million gallon treated water storage tank at the water treatment plant that will be completed in late spring. Staff hopes to initiate a two-year design on the Windy Gap FIRMing project that will allow the City to firm a total of 3700 acre-feet of water at an estimated design cost of \$1.2 million. Several

projects are underway that will meet federal and state regulations to keep pace with system growth and rehabilitate or replace portions of Loveland's aging water infrastructure.



Improving Taft

Right of way acquisition and roadway design for further improvements to Taft Avenue are planned for this year. Efforts will be focused on the Hwy. 34 intersection and to the south.

SWAT support

A new state-of-the-art SWAT van will become part of the Loveland Police Department fleet this year. Loveland SWAT officers and vehicle maintenance personnel helped with the design. A Wisconsin specialty firm is building the vehicle.

Increasing reductions

In 2008, the Loveland Water and Power department seeks to double participation in its Partnering With Power (PWP) program. PWP places cycling devices on home central air conditioning units to reduce peak electrical demands during the summer. Last year's inaugural program saved more than \$25,000 in electric charges. Information is available at 962-3000 and at www.cityofloveland.org/pwp.



Partnering with Power

On target

Firearms training is a critical component of law enforcement. Major upgrades to the 30-year-old shooting range near the Green Ridge Glade Reservoir will become a reality this year. The changes will greatly improve training capacity while also reducing noise.

History focus

Consolidating resources dealing with Loveland's history will be a special focus for the Loveland Public Library this year. The effort will include a dedication of local historian Zethyl Gates' collection of notes, papers, newspaper clippings, photos and interviews with Loveland pioneers. A project to digitize early Loveland newspapers and make them available through the Colorado State Library will also begin this year.

Rec center expansion

The planning process for expansion of the Chilson Recreation Center will begin this year. Expansion plans will address key areas including locker rooms, parking, class space and new amenities.



Smoother flow

The intersection of Hwy. 34 and Madison Avenue sometimes experiences a traffic bottleneck. More than \$1 million is budgeted in 2008 for preliminary designs to unclog the intersection.

Heading to Quantico

For the first time in more than a decade, a Loveland Police Department supervisor will attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The prestigious command school runs 11 weeks and is

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Call center established for emergencies, special situations

To better provide information to the community and beyond, the City has established a telephone call center for use during emergencies or special situations. When needed, the City's existing computer training room with 10 workstations equipped with telephones and online computer systems would be put into operation.

Personnel would be brought in as soon as possible to staff the workstations and disseminate out information by answering the phones and posting information to the City's website, e-mail, cable TV channel 16 and 1610AM radio station. A City phone line, 962-2020, has been established as the call-in number for persons seeking information. The 911

number should still be used for emergency assistance.

As circumstances dictate, a recording would be placed on the 962-2020 phone line with basic or updated information plus the option to press a key to speak directly to someone in the call center. At full operation, 10 incoming calls could be received simultaneously before a caller receives a busy signal.

"Even with 10 phones being answered, it could be difficult to keep up with the incoming call volume during an emergency or special situation," explained Public Information Officer Andy Hiller. "It is important that only people affected by the situation use the call line, not people simply curious about what's going on."

If needed, the call center will be put into operation as quickly as possible, Hiller said, but it will take a while to get staff members to the center, gather accurate information about the situation and get all staff people fully informed about the situation before they can pass along that information.

An emergency or unexpected situation in the middle of the night or on a weekend would certainly lengthen response time.

While most likely to be used in the case of an emergency, the call center could also be used to provide information for pleasant special situations, "like a surprise visit by a major celebrity or next year's celebration and parade when the Rockies win the World Series," Hiller said.

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minimizing environmental impact.

The resulting structure is a state-of-the-art specialty hospital that makes best use of natural light, is comfortable for patients and staff, has reduced impact on the natural environment and, due to how it was constructed, will continue to provide these amenities for many years to come. MCR is one of only two LEED-certified medical facilities in the entire nation.

When Dr. Ted Mioduski, a local dentist, decided to build a new office for his growing practice he chose to use sustainable, environmentally-friendly materials. The new building, which he and his partner Dr. Nicole Ferrara have been in since July, was built using a high percentage of recycled materials, non or low-polluting materials, lights that automatically shut off when rooms are not in use and good use of natural light.

"We wanted to create a healthy, comfortable space for our staff and patients," Mioduski said. "It just made sense to make the investment up front in order to reap the benefits sustainable building provides over the long term."

According to Mioduski, feedback from patients has been very positive and the

business is already enjoying reduced utility bills. Mioduski's office building, the Sundance Professional Center, is expected to be awarded LEED Gold certification this spring.

Porter Industries was awarded LEED certification in 2006. Unlike the two facilities discussed above, Porter redesigned an existing building on Hwy. 287 to earn its LEED accreditation.

Emphasis was placed on improving operational systems for increased efficiency. The company invested \$60,000 to reduce energy and water consumption and to update the lighting and HVAC system.

Porter also developed a robust recycling program to reduce the amount of solid waste produced. The results of Porter's efforts are lower utility bills, a dramatic reduction in refuse production and an improved working environment for employees.

All of these LEED-certified buildings benefit the entire Loveland community by helping to preserve natural resources, making best use of sustainable design and materials and creating structures that pollute less and are more comfortable for occupants.

5th Annual Children's Day

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- Arts and crafts at the Museum/Gallery (503 N. Lincoln Ave.)
- Learn about the outdoors and pet live animals at booths at the Civic Center (500 E. 3rd St.)
- Kids can swim, run & shoot hoops all day free with their paying adult or create free crafts at the Chilson Recreation Center (700 E 4th St.)
- Coloring contest and Disney on Ice prize pack giveaways at the Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald (201 E. 5th St.)

The City of Loveland, with the help of the Thompson School District, has been celebrating Colorado Children's Day since 2002. Children's Day is the result of the long-time dream of Loveland resident Annie Hall. Through her efforts the day is now celebrated in other cities throughout Colorado. Hall is working to make Children's Day a nationally recognized holiday.

2008 Children's Day is sponsored by the City of Loveland, Thompson School District, Loveland Daily-Reporter Herald, Tri-102 Radio, Chick-fil-A and Kiwanis Golden K.

For more information call 962-2410 or visit www.cityofloveland.org.

Senior Center St. Patrick's Day events

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
Mon., March 17,
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate St Patrick's Day at the Senior Center with a delicious meal of corned beef and cabbage, shamrock cake, and lively Irish entertainment. Bring a canned food donation for the House of Neighborly Service. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance, 472-9630. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for the VOA meal program.

Fado's Irish Pub
Wed., March 19,
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Travel to Denver to Fado's Irish pub for our post St. Patrick's Day celebration. Fado's celebrates Ireland's rich



pub culture. Join us for good food, good drink and friendly conversation. Attendees pay for own lunch. Age 21+. Cost: \$23 (\$19 w/SAC).

St Patrick's Day Potluck
Wed., March 19,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bring a green salad, green beans, or green eggs & ham to the next 'green-themed' fitness social at the Senior Center. If your last name starts with A-I bring a main dish; J-P a side dish; Q-Z a dessert. Open to all ages. Free.

For more information on any St. Patrick's Day event, call 962-2783.

Sculpture depicts man's best friends

Molly, Deeter and Susie, a sculpture of three playful basset hounds leaning against each other, has recently been installed on the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Fifth Street. The sculpture, by Pat Kennedy, was donated to the City of Loveland by the Loveland Sculpture Group in 2007.



Kennedy's creations reflect his love of the world around him as well as his keen eye for detail. As a boy growing up in Loveland he was fascinated by birds and raised ducks and pheasants as well as an owl and a hawk.

Years of observation of nature and wild life combined with sketching and painting laid the foundation for Kennedy's true-to-life sculptures.

For information about the City of Loveland's Art in Public Places Program, call 962-2411.

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designed to hone leadership skills and create an environment for networking among law enforcement managers.

Reliability continues

Loveland's electric power division is actively responding to the city's growth

by extending existing power lines and adding new switchgear to provide continued reliability. Areas receiving these improvements will include those near the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, the McKee Medical Center and the Promenade Shops at Centerra.

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