



Continued progress, slower pace for 2007

A number of new efforts for Loveland from your city government are ahead in 2007, but nothing unusually large or unexpected. As you may remember, the 2007 budget was characterized as a "maintenance" budget; basically continuing existing services and following through on long-term plans for facilities and infrastructure in support of Loveland's growth and quality of life.

As Loveland grows toward a population of 65,000, so do City efforts and staffing to serve the community with the quality and quantity of services we've come to enjoy.

By turning the page, readers can preview some of the highlights planned for 2007. Several that will become highly visible or require expenditure of significant funds have been in the works for some time;



redevelopment of the old fairgrounds site is probably the best example of this.

As 2007 begins, continued progress at a slower pace is expected, without the large undertakings from both government and the private sector that have occurred in Loveland during the past few years.

Turn the page to learn What's Ahead for 2007

Report street light outages

Let's keep Loveland lit.

Street lights serve an important role in our community. Here in Loveland, your local Water and Power Department owns and maintains the street lights. Our crews install the poles and lamps and respond to outages.



They are always on the lookout for broken, flickering or burned out street lights but it is difficult for the crews to spot all of them. Street light outages may occur for many reasons including electrical storms or traffic accidents but most of the time, it's burnt out bulbs. You can help us keep your neighborhood or local streets lit by reporting a malfunctioning light.

To report an outage, call 962-3720 or go to the Water and Power section of the City web site at www.cityofloveland.org. Please provide as much information as possible to locate the pole such as the nearest street address, cross streets, direction of the pole and the pole number.

Celebrate kids at 4th annual Children's Day

Once again, Loveland youngsters will be able to enjoy a day of fun and activities totally dedicated to them. The annual Children's Day will be held 1-4 p.m., March 7 at 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.
- Cartoons at the Rialto Theater, 2-5 p.m., 228 E. 4th St. (free admission).
- Story time and other activities at the Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams St.
- Meet Miss Loveland Valentine and do arts and crafts at the Museum/ Gallery,



503 N. Lincoln Ave.

- Learn about animals and the outdoors at the 4-H and Department of Wildlife exhibits on Civic Center grounds.

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Enjoy students' art from near and far

Celebrate National Youth Art Month with the annual ArtSteps student art show. The show runs Feb. 24-April 8 at the Loveland Museum/Gallery.

The "Water and Sky" art show by Loveland and Berthoud students in grades 1-12 features two and three-dimensional works of art from the areas of photography, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, collage, painting and drawing.

Rialto tickets available online

The Rialto Theater has traveled from Charlie Chaplin to the Internet. Tickets for all shows at the Rialto may now be purchased online.

Patrons can select a show and seat location with just a few clicks and use their credit card to complete the purchase. Simply visit the Rialto page on the City web site www.cityofloveland.org.

Tickets can be claimed at the will-call window at show time or can be mailed if purchased at least 10 days before the show.

A convenience charge of \$1.50 -3.50 is added, depending on the ticket price.

Tickets may still be purchased at the box office or by calling 962-2120.

What's Ahead for 2007

Two dozen defibs

About a dozen heart defibrillators will be installed in the City's public buildings such as the library, recreation center, Rialto, etc. The devices are used to restore heart rhythm in case of an electric shock, heart attack or other causes of heart rhythm interruption. Another dozen defibrillators will ride in City power maintenance vehicles for use by City electrical workers.

Course Improvements

Ahead for 2007 are improvements at Mariana Butte Golf Course. An electronic ball dispenser and other features will be added to the driving range. Efforts to prevent flooding to the course from runoff into the course's dry creek area and from the Big Thompson River are also planned.

Excess H2O

Final design engineering is under way for stormwater projects dealing with local flooding problems. Actual construction for the projects at East 29th/Monroe and Phase 4 of the downtown project will begin in 2008 or beyond.

Clipping the peak

This summer, the Power Division will be partnering with Loveland residents to "clip the power peak." Partnering With Power involves a device installed by the City's electric metering crew that will cycle a resident's air conditioning compressor on high demand days, impacting the resident's comfort very little but relieving stress on the power system significantly. Info at 962-3720.

Upgraded software

The City's Development Services Department is looking forward to having significant upgrades made to the computer software used to track and

manage development applications, building permits, and code administration cases. These improvements in 2007 will allow the department to provide better customer service to the development community and for the citizens of Loveland.

Be sure to smile

You'll be on TV in 2007 on Hwy. 34 at the I-25 and Centerra interchanges when traffic flow cameras are installed. However, mom and Aunt Sarah won't be able to see you, only the folks at Loveland's Traffic Operations Center will monitor the cameras' display.

Millions spent

In 2007 the City's Water Treatment Plant will complete \$7.3 million in improvements to meet service demands and comply with EPA/state mandated water quality and treatment regulations. An additional \$2.5 million in improvements is planned during the upcoming five years.

Not light reading

The City's lengthy, detailed Emergency Operations Plan will become available for anyone to read. A pdf copy will be placed in the fire department section of the City web site, www.cityofloveland.org.

Fresh stripes

All Loveland's major streets—arterials—will be restriped twice during the year. Other parts of the annual traffic maintenance plan include traffic signal upkeep, some school crossing rebuilds, inspection and possible replacement of instructional street signs and street name signs, and replacement of the right-foot-lifting "Your Speed Is" trailer.

Talk and technology

Ahead for the Loveland Public Library is

a monthly lunchtime "Money Talk" presentation series for adults. Techno offerings for '07 include expansion of the library's wireless Internet access system, additional subscription databases available to the public, and downloadable audiobooks and music.

\$3 million and change

Almost \$3.1 million will be spent this year to keep our streets smooth and healthy. The annual Street Rehabilitation Program will include overlays, chip sealing, hot-in-place repaving, ramp and crosswalk work plus a widening project at Madison and 1st Street.

More blue

Responding to their latest citizen survey, there will be a greater Loveland police presence downtown and at the Civic Center. Loveland's finest may patrol on foot, bikes or on horseback. Patrol times will vary, and of course, officers must first handle their existing call load.

Highly visible

For 2007, the most obvious traffic improvement project will be the repaving of Hwy. 34 from Monroe east to I-25. While the City will be involved, this is primarily a state highway department project. Watch for a new variable message sign along with the project.

Power and savings

A new electrical generator will be installed this year at the City's wastewater plant. The large-capacity generator will be able to handle all the plant's operations if necessary, providing greater functionality than the current equipment. And because of its capacity, the plant will be able to switch to the generator during electric peak load situations, reducing online power demands and saving the City money.

Set up and save: Programmable thermostats

Are you paying to heat an empty house? Is your thermostat turned up at night, even when you're snuggled in bed?

Install and use a programmable thermostat to cut energy bills. A programmable thermostat allows you to automatically adjust your home's temperature for times when you are away or need less heat.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, turning back the thermostat 10 to 15 degrees for eight hours each day can save you approximately 10 percent per year on heating and cooling bills.

And forget that myth about the furnace having to work harder to warm the house back up to a comfortable temperature. Years of research show that's untrue.

The fuel it takes to re-warm a house is roughly equal to the fuel saved when the temperature is lowered. The longer your

house remains at a lower temperature, the more you'll save.

If there is a time of day when the house will be empty for four hours or more, it makes sense to adjust the temperature.

When selecting a programmable thermostat, you'll choose from digital, electromechanical or some combination of the two. Typically, digital models have the most features. However these can be more complicated to program. Electromechanical systems offer fewer options but are simpler to set up.

To program, figure out when you usually go to sleep and wake up in the morning, when you go to work and return home. Set the thermostat to begin cooling the house ahead of the time you normally go to bed. Set it to begin warming the house ahead of the time when you rise. Use the



same strategy for heating and cooling the house while it is unoccupied during the day.

Programmable thermostats with the government's Energy Star rating have pre-programmed default settings designed to maximize energy savings. For best results, avoid over-riding these settings to manage day to day comfort. Use the hold or vacation setting override features to turn down the temperature when you'll be away from the house for an extended period.

Focus continues

Business Development efforts will continue to focus on partnerships and collaboration with other area, state and national commercial development and economic health agencies. Special attention will be given to the Fort Collins/Loveland Airport, downtown redevelopment, business retention and expansion plus a possible new business incubation program.

Tanked

A 2-million-gallon elevated water storage tank and supporting water transmission lines should be completed in 2007. The tank is located about one mile east of the intersection of I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard and will support the development demands of the east side of Loveland.

End-running problems

Two additional electrical feeder circuits will be installed this year, enabling the transfer of power from one circuit to another if a problem arises. The ability to reroute power provides even greater reliability to Loveland's electrical system.

Makeover ahead

The 30-year-old bath house at Winona Swimming Pool will have had a facelift when it opens in May. The building will undergo improvement of entryway and landscaping, installation of a family rest room and changing area, enhanced shower and rest rooms, replacement of floor surfaces, updating of check-in and entry areas, and general improvements to its appearance.

Replacements needed

New, rehabilitated and replacement water and wastewater pipes and other infrastructure construction are scheduled

for 2007 at various locations around Loveland. The work is required due to the age and condition of existing infrastructure in some parts of the city's water and wastewater service territories.

Safe training

Practice makes perfect when training for fire fighting and the City's new "burn building" will allow that practice to occur safely and without actually burning down buildings. The concrete structure with fire resistant materials lining the inside to resist the effects of fire will be constructed at the fire training facility. This structure will allow Loveland's firefighters to receive realistic and environmentally friendly fire training that results in greater fire safety service to the entire community.

No dam ice

An air bubbling system at the dam of the Idlewild Reservoir above the City's water treatment plant will help prevent ice from forming and then flowing over the dam. Large chunks of ice flowing downstream can damage structures and wildlife.

Heading toward II

You won't see cone zones for a couple more years yet, but work is progressing on Phase II of the Taft Avenue widening project. Right-of-way negotiations and design efforts are in progress for widening Taft from where Phase 1 left off at Gard Place to about 3 blocks north of Eisenhower Blvd. The project also includes improvements to the Taft/Eisenhower intersection.

Go east, young man

Women, children and older men, too, will be able to travel to Greeley by bus this summer from Loveland. The two

cities and the transportation Metropolitan Planning Organization are collaborating to establish an express route.

Old becomes new

The transformation of the Old Fairgrounds site adjacent to the Big Thompson River will occur in 2007. The \$8.5 million revitalization of the property and adjacent Barnes Park will create softball/baseball fields, a skate park, dog park, river access areas, picnic shelters, playground and special event areas.

Plant improvements

In 2007 construction should be completed on \$3.1 million in improvements and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The improvements will help keep pace with anticipated growth as well as EPA and State of Colorado mandated regulations. Funding has also been approved for continued odor control projects.

Fresh technology

The City's Information Technology Department will be upgrading a significant portion of the computer network infrastructure servers to provide better performance and reliability. Replacing equipment maintains supportability, performance and reliability. IT will also be implementing several new large software products used by a variety of City division offices.

Got our number?

If you need a place for a meeting, movie, wedding, picnic or other event, consider renting a City facility. Details are on the web site at www.cityofloveland.org. To make a reservation, call our new number at 962-2907.

Save your time and your fingertips – dial the right agency first

The City does 'I Do' and a whole lot more!

Perform a marriage ceremony? Yes, we do that – call 962-2482

Trim a tree branch near a power line? Yes, we do that – 962-3579

Unclog a storm sewer? Yes, we do that – 962-2529

Take reports of abandoned vehicles? Yes, we do that too – 962-2506

But many services are provided by other agencies, governmental bodies or businesses...

Here's our "No, I'm sorry, but we don't do that" list:

- **License plates & Vehicle registration:** Contact the Larimer County Motor Vehicle Department – 679-4521.
- **Marriage licenses:** Contact the Larimer County Clerk & Recorder – 679-4526.
- **Restraining Orders & Divorce Information:** Contact Larimer County Court – 679-4417.
- **Natural gas utility:** Contact Xcel Energy, 1-(800) 895-4999. The City provides electric, water and sewer – 962-3000.
- **Pest problems:** For help with insects, rodents and other household pests contact a professional exterminator.
- **Lost pets or wildlife issues:** To report a lost pet, a stray animal or 'road kill' contact Larimer Humane Society – 226-3647. They also provide licenses for pets.
- **Passports:** Contact the United States Postal Service – 1-(800) 275-8777 or the National Passport Information Center – 1-(877) 487-2778, or go to www.state.gov.
- **Cable TV:** Comcast is the local cable TV provider – 1 888 824-8010.
- **Driver's licenses:** Contact the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles – 494-9809.
- **Property ownership & Property taxes:** Ownership – contact the Larimer County Assessor – 498-7050. For property tax information contact the Larimer County Treasurer – 498-7020.



The City of Loveland is an active participant in the ongoing Larimer County Pandemic Flu Planning effort. February is Pandemic Awareness month.

There is currently no pandemic flu threat

The awareness effort is simply to help the public learn the basics, separate fact from rumor and become better prepared now while there is no immediate threat or associated panic.

Pandemic Flu: the basics

Pandemic is an outbreak of severe disease that affects many people all over the world at the same time. Flu pandemics happen about three times per century.

We don't know when the next flu pandemic will happen, but there are things you can do now to prepare.

- **Be informed**
- **Be prepared**
- **Make a plan**

Be Informed

Know the Differences

Seasonal Flu

- A common viral illness occurring each winter. It causes cough, fever, and body aches.
- Usually not severe, except in the very young or old, or those with other medical problems.
- People usually have some immunity to it from having had flu before or from getting flu shots.

Bird (avian) Flu

- Mainly a disease of birds. One type found in Asia is called H5N1. Rarely, it can infect humans who have been in close contact with infected birds.
- It can be severe or fatal.

Bird flu is *not* the same as pandemic flu!

Pandemic Flu

- Is a human disease that appears about every twenty to forty years.
- Happens when an animal flu virus changes so that it can infect people, and then spreads easily from person to person.
- Causes serious illness and many deaths.
- It would take months for a vaccine to be developed.

Be Prepared

Prepare your household: During a pandemic you may have to stay at home for many days or several weeks. Now is

the time to store enough household and medical supplies, food, and water for at least two weeks.

Prepare your family: Create a family response plan and contact list.

Prepare your neighborhood: Work with neighbors to create a plan to communicate with each other during a pandemic or any community emergency.

Practice healthy habits

- **Wash** your hands frequently with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Avoid** putting your hands to your mouth, nose and eyes.
- **Clean** frequently-touched surfaces (telephone, faucets, doorknobs, etc.).
- **Get** a flu shot.
- **Cover** your coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue, not your hands.
- **Stay home** when you are sick.
- **Teach** these steps to your children.

Make a Plan

Have a solid plan and know how to access resources in case of an emergency. The crisis could be a snowstorm, flood, pandemic flu or other situation.

Start to put aside now:

- Food, water, medical supplies.
- Phone numbers, financial paperwork, e-mail addresses, web sites.

Our county will not be ready until you are ready!

You can do more to protect yourself during a flu pandemic than your federal, state or local government can do for you. A pandemic can be worldwide. Help from elsewhere would not be available.

www.LarimerFlu.org

498-PFLU (7358) – Larimer County Pandemic Flu Info Line

Celebrate kids at 4th Annual Children's Day

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- Swim, run, shoot hoops and more all day at the Chilson Recreation Center, 700 E. 4th 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.



Attend the Stormwater Quality meeting

The third annual Stormwater Quality Public Meeting will be held 5:15-6:30 p.m., March 13 at the Loveland Public Library.

The meeting is to inform the public on what the City is doing and find out from citizens what could be improved. The City will both share information and hear citizens' concerns regarding water quality. The meeting is also an opportunity to learn about floodplains, adopting area waterways and what is permitted in storm drains.