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## Much ahead for Loveland in 2006

A healthy environment, strong employment, quality educational resources, safe neighborhoods, plentiful recreational opportunities and more have made Loveland and the northern Colorado region a fine place to live. It's no wonder that this high quality of life has brought continued growth to Loveland, averaging about 2.6 percent annually since 1990.

Providing a wide variety of quality services to the community has been the continuing practice of Loveland local government. During 2006, the City will continue to offer all its services at its consistent high level of quality, plus more.

As 2006 unrolls, there will be much to look forward to from Loveland's city government. The City will continue to provide a multitude of services to its

growing population within its expanding geographical city limits. A variety of further enhancements to City services and facilities are planned and budgeted for 2006, thanks in great part to the economic health of the community and City coffers.

Millions of dollars will be spent on city roads. Local athletes of all ages and skill levels can enjoy a new sports park. City utilities will be upgraded and expanded, continuing to provide quality, reliable electric, water, sewer and stormwater services. Loveland's renowned public sculpture collection will grow even larger. A variety of other new or improved services, facilities and equipment will offer other benefits for everyone who lives, works or visits here.

2006 is going to be another good year!



Opening this summer - The Loveland Sports Park

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Loveland Water and Power is upping the ante. We are adding an additional \$150 per kilowatt to PRPA's \$350, giving participants \$500 back on every kilowatt of average demand reduction, as measured

or estimated for the summer peak period from 3-7 p.m., June through August. Incentive caps may apply.

These additional funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For applications, instructions and supporting materials, visit [www.prpa.org](http://www.prpa.org).



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## Learn more about stormwater programs

Citizens are invited to learn more and offer comments about the City's Stormwater Quality Programs at the 2nd annual public meeting and citizen panel March 14. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams.

For more info and to view the agenda, visit the Stormwater section of the City website, [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org).

## Landscape Workshop

The third annual High Plains Landscape Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 4 at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Loveland homeowners and professionals will learn about high quality, sustainable landscapes that fit with the semi-arid climate in northern Colorado. Landscape professionals will present four sessions plus a keynote address regarding edible landscapes.

Registration is \$25 before Feb. 15, \$30 after. For a printed copy of the workshop brochure that includes a map, call 962-3566. The brochure and registration form is also available at [www.ci.loveland.co.us/wp/wpmain.htm](http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/wp/wpmain.htm).

Loveland Water and Power is one of the sponsors of the workshop.

# What's ahead for 2006

## **Parks & Recreation**

The new Loveland Sports Park will open to the public this summer. The 55-acres of this new park will offer two in-line skate rinks, a skate park, playground, picnic shelters, basketball court, sand volleyball, a championship synthetic turf field, and seven multi-purpose athletic fields.

More ball fields are planned at Barnes Park Softball Complex with construction commencing fall 2006 - Winter 2007. In addition, staff will continue to work with City Council on funding and the project scope for redevelopment of the old fairgrounds property.

After the pool closes at the end of the summer, the Winona Pool Bath House will be renovated and updated to provide improved locker rooms. The renovation will also address environmental issues associated with the pool's chemical storage.

City staff will continue to work with City Council on funding and the project scope for expansion of the Chilson Recreation Center and/or development of a new recreation center for Loveland

## **Commercial Customers**

In 2006, the Water and Power Department will be finalizing a program to support mid-market commercial customers throughout the City. The program will be built around needs identified through in-person interviews with a random selection of commercial customers throughout the City. The main focus will be on water-and-power-related issues, in coordination with other City departments to facilitate projects as needed.

## **Stormwater**

In order to eliminate existing flooding problems in the area, construction of the Wernimont Regional Detention Pond will begin this spring. The project goal is to construct a 60 acre-foot regional detention pond immediately southwest of Valency Drive.

Final engineering design begins in 2006 to solve flooding problems in the East 29th Street & Monroe Avenue area. This stormwater improvement project includes construction of a new storm sewer system from the existing Devers Detention Pond near 29th and Monroe to the existing Eagleview Park detention pond. The project is scheduled for construction in 2008.

Final engineering design of new inlets and storm sewer improvements are currently being finalized to more efficiently move stormwater from Dotsero Avenue into the Loch Lon Park detention pond. This summer, a new storm sewer system will be constructed from the detention pond, north in

Dotsero Avenue, to the existing Carlisle Drive storm sewer system.

This winter, a stormwater detention pond will be completed at the Police and Courts Building. This work will support the existing facility, as well as any future buildings on the campus.

## **Airport**

More than \$4 million from federal grants will be spent in 2006 for improvements to the Fort Collins/Loveland Airport. Work will begin for reconstruction of the commercial ramp area used by airliners and large charter aircraft, and a taxiway will be reconstructed including its lighting system. Revenue generated from passenger fees will pay for replacement of the airfield's lighting control system plus runway fog sealing and repainting of runway markings.

Leasing of airport ground for the construction of additional private aircraft hangars is likely. The new hangars will help meet demand by businesses and aircraft owners while providing additional revenue to the airport.

## **Current Planning**

Current Planning and members of the Development Review Team will continue to evaluate and make improvements to the development review process. This effort will include monthly evaluations plus surveying internal and external customers regarding experiences with the review process and the newly created Development Review Center.

Architectural standards for commercial and industrial building have been adopted and are being implemented. An evaluation of these standards by Current Planning will take place late in 2006, after the standards have been in use for a year. Current Planning also anticipates working with the Water/Wastewater divisions on the use of low-water landscape plants and defining what steps can be taken to encourage the use of these plants to help conserve water.

## **Library**

The library is placing an expanded emphasis on services for teens and is recruiting members for a teen advisory board that will help plan programs and services.

## **Open Space**

During 2006, the City will actively pursue acquisition of additional open space. The 2006 open space budget includes \$1.5 million, which is the City's share of the ongoing .25 cent Larimer County open space sales tax. Open space is acquired using a "willing seller-willing buyer" philosophy.

## **Water**

The City's Water Treatment Plant will receive \$2.3 million in improvements to meet service demand and comply with EPA/State mandated water quality and treatment regulations. The 2006 efforts are part of a total \$4.3 million in improvements planned during the upcoming five years.

Funding has been approved and construction will begin for a 2 million gallon elevated water storage tank and transmission lines. The tank will be located about one mile east of the intersection of I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard along the south side of Crossroads Boulevard and will support the development demands of the east side of Loveland.

## **Wastewater**

\$1.3 million in improvements and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant are planned for 2006, part of a total of \$11.2 million during the next five years. 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.

New, rehabilitated and replacement water and wastewater pipes and other infrastructure construction will occur at various locations around Loveland during 2006. 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.

## **Electric**

A new underground distribution feeder circuit will be constructed between two eastside electric substations. The circuit will transfer power loads between the two substations and provide a contingency electrical source if a problem occurs at either substation. A similar project will



## New bus routes to begin March 1

Loveland's buses will begin new routes March 1, aimed at providing easier and faster service throughout the City. The routing has been revised to better serve riders, particularly to provide more efficient transportation to popular destinations for employees and customers alike.

The current Jitterbus and Tango looping routes will be transformed into a cross-shaped "express" route and square-shaped "collector" route with four transfer points instead of the current single transfer point. For many riders, the changes will significantly reduce time between origin and destination. The new routes will be called simply Blue and Green.

The preliminary route plans have been fine tuned since they were originally proposed last fall. The changes were made in response to patrons' suggestions and survey results.

For the most part, the Blue express route will run on only two streets; in both directions on Hwy. 34 between Taft and the new Promenade Shops, and in both directions on Hwy. 287 between 8th Street and the Orchards Center. The Green route will run clockwise connecting Boise, 14th SW, Wilson and 29th. Passengers may transfer between buses at any of the four locations where the routes intersect.

The Foxtrot bus will continue to connect Loveland and Fort Collins, with the pickup/dropoff point relocated to the

Orchards Center for the convenience of riders and to keep the bus running on schedule.

The new routing is the first overhaul of the fixed route system since it began in 1999. The redesign will make the service more efficient for the riders and serve new high-demand areas such as Centerra. It will offer more stops in areas requested by patrons and eliminate some stops with very low ridership.

Major employment areas will be served including HP, Agilent, WaterPik, McKee, Wal-Mart, Lowes, the new Skyline medical center, grocery store shopping centers and the malls. Service will continue to all four high schools, where students make up 44 percent of the system's total ridership. The Medical Center of the Rockies will be added to the route when it opens.

On average, bus stops will be located about a quarter-mile apart along each route. The Monday-Friday service will continue from 6:38 a.m. to 6:38 p.m. Saturday service will change to 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Several changes in fares, both for the fixed route and Paratransit services, will also become effective March 1.

Brochures including route maps, fare rates and other details are available at the City of Loveland Transit (COLT) office, Fire and Administration Bldg., 410 E. 5th Street, 962-2700. Details are also on the City Website, [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org).



**March is  
Try  
Transit  
Free  
Month**  
March 1 - 31  
No charge to  
ride **Blue** or  
**Green** routes

**2006 Bus Routes**

New COLT Fares		
Fixed Route	Low Income	
Regular Fare	1.25	0.60
Adult (19-59) - 20 Punch Pass	22.50	12.50
Adult (19-59) - Monthly Pass	30.00	NA
Seniors & ADA - Regular Fare	0.60	NA
Seniors & ADA - Annual Pass	25.00	
Youth - Annual	25.00	12.50
Business Investment Pass (BIP) - Annual Pass (10% savings)	324.00	NA
Paratransit (Seniors & ADA only)		
Regular Fare	2.00	1.00
Adult (19-59) - 20 Punch Pass	37.50	18.75
Adult (19-59) - 40 Punch Pass	70.00	NA

1 Promenade Mall      6 Albertson's  
 2 Outlet Mall        7 K Mart  
 3 Wal-Mart            8 King Soopers  
 4 McKee Hospital    9 Chilson Center  
 5 Orchard's Center    ● Transfers

begin in 2006 between two westside substations. This project is expected to be completed in 2007.

An underground distribution circuit will be installed along Rocky Mountain Avenue. This circuit will provide an alternative electric source for the Medical Center of the Rockies now under construction.

In order to save money during electrical load peaks, a new generator will be installed at the Water Treatment Plant and a second generator installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Smaller electric projects are planned for 2006. These include installing additional roadway lights, relocating some facilities while some Public Works projects are under construction and replacing some older electrical switchgear.

### New Streets

This year, the City will spend more than \$7 million on new road construction, design and traffic control. The two largest projects involve right-of-way acquisition for Centerra Parkway and improvements to the intersection at Hwy. 287 and 57th Street. Funding for these and similar projects comes primarily from fees paid by developers of the adjacent projects.

The intersections of 287/19th SE and Madison/1st will get new traffic signals and/or turn lanes. In 2006, engineering design for improvements to 37th Street and Madison Avenue are also planned. Another significant project involves the extension of N. Boise Avenue to Larimer County Road 11C.

### Existing Streets

In addition to the \$7 million budgeted for new streets, another \$2.8 million will be spent on keeping our existing roadways in good condition. The Street Rehabilitation Program will repair and resurface about 30 miles of Loveland's streets ranging from arterials to residential.

### Police

The employee section of the now 5-year-old police building parking lot will be enlarged this year. Use by additional employees, volunteers and personnel from other enforcement agencies during multi-jurisdictional operations has brought about the \$35,000 expansion need.

### Cultural Services

Loveland's Visual Arts Commission has commissioned large, outdoor sculptures by three widely known local artists. Linda Prokop will create "The Gathering," made up of five abstract figures to be

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## Celebrate Children's Day downtown on March 1

Loveland will once again celebrate its young residents with the City's 3rd Children's Day March 1. As proclaimed by the State of Colorado, the first Wednesday in March is Children's Day, once again to be held 1-4 p.m., downtown at City facilities.

Last year, almost 1,000 children and their parents enjoyed the many activities at the Rialto Theater, Fire Station #1, library and Chilson Rec Center. Even more activities will be offered this year:

- See police cars, fire engines, trash trucks, road graders and more at Fire Station #1, 410 E. 5th St.
- Enjoy free cartoons at the Rialto Theater, 2-5 p.m., 228 E. 4th St.
- Swim, run, shoot hoops and more all day at the Chilson Rec Center, 700 E. 4th St.

- Ride in a horse-drawn wagon in the field just east of the Chilson Senior Center. \$1.
- Enjoy Dr. Seuss activities and storytimes at the Library, 300 N. Adams St.
- Win prizes by collecting stamps on a Children's Day passport
- Meet Miss Valentine at the Museum/Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln.
- Design a creation at the arts & crafts table at Loveland Museum/Gallery
- Learn about critters at the Humane Society exhibit and 4-H exhibits

Children's Day helps Loveland residents reflect on the special value that children bring to our lives and our future. Primary sponsors for the event are the City of Loveland, Thompson School District, and Golden K Kiwanis of Loveland.



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located along the recreation trail. Three figures will compose "The Triangle" by Kirsten Kokkin planned for installation along First Street, and George Lundeen's "Home Town" will be located near the Loveland homestead that inspired the work.

A one-of-a-kind art feature will be a part of the new Loveland Sports Park when it opens this summer. Loveland's Art in Public Places program will fund the work.

#### Information Technology

The City's Information Technology Department is replacing 12 computer servers this year to help ensure productivity through system performance and reliability. In addition, the storage area network will be upgraded to increase the storage capacity for individual and departmental data.

#### Conservation

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### Activity Brochure

- Mailed to any household that has participated in a City activity in the past two years.
- View it online at: [www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org)
- Get one at The Chilson Recreation Center, the Parks & Rec Admin. Office, the Loveland Public Library, Loveland Museum Gallery, Loveland Police & Courts Building, Cattail Creek Golf Course, Marianna Butte Golf Course, the Olde Course at Loveland, McKee Medical Center, or the Chamber of Commerce.

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