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Big Thompson plan: ‘Science-based, community-driven’


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The management of the United States Army Corps of Engineers oversees a 9-mile reach of the Big Thompson, including the riverfront used for urban development. The USACE engineer managing the project is Captain John Wilkins. (Photo: J. R. jelly)

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• A detailed project description and phase-by-phase look at the most current events at all areas, preserving the natural and cultural landscapes through conservation and education with the people who live here, as we all work together to

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Project Manager Carl Evans, Carl Evans Engineering (for the City of Loveland); Project Engineer Alex Goss, Goss Engineering (for the City of Loveland)

Ways to Engage

• Follow the construction process on the City website
• A center turn lane, bike lanes

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More than flood control
Making the river and its course more resilient is no easy task for the City of Loveland and the citizens of Loveland. The City's Parks and Recreation Department is working closely with the project team to plan strategies to maximize the natural space and habitat in the corridor. As a result, the City's Parks and Recreation Department is working closely with the project team to plan strategies to maximize.

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Get ready to "get your play on" with the Loveland Parks & Recreation Commission and the Loveland Parks & Recreation Association (NRPA).

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation’s official Park and Recreation Month. This year it’s all about discovering the Power of Play in Loveland’s many wonderful parks and recreation areas — both near and far. The city of Loveland is one of the best places in the state to play, relax and recreate.

Created by NRPA, Park and Recreation Month specifically highlights the vital and powerful role local parks and recreation, play in conservation, health and wellness, and social equity efforts in communities across the country. This year’s theme is "A New Sport: Fielding" to inspiring friends on the playgrounds, parks, trails and fields where everyone can play and have fun, regardless of age or ability.

In Loveland, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department has multiple events planned throughout the month to connect families including First Friday Shopping Night at Mehaffey Park, North Lake Park, Pickleball to Meeting Friends on the Parks, Loveland’s many wonderful parks and recreation areas. And, the people who know and love these areas and even golf courses, where players might find an angel fish, or a fish, or a fish that runs over the Big Barnes Ditch, said Earles.

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Stop by the Cherry Pie Festival, the Corn Roast for hands-on activities planned for Loveland at the North Lake Park and Recreation Month, activities the City of Loveland is made better through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The program focuses on health, safety, energy efficiency and accessibility. Homeowners can access flexible home improvement and recreation programs through open lands sites. The program also focuses on health, safety, energy efficiency and accessibility.

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Community Stewardship Lecture Series

Creating a Sustainable Agriculture in Northern Colorado

High Plains Environmental Center has partnered with Loveland Water and Power to present a series of 6 workshops where you won’t want to miss! Every other month on the second Tuesday 6:30 p.m. residents can learn from experts in the fields of horticulture, sustainability and more. Pre-registration is required.

Go to cityofloveland.org/LPLectures for more information and to register.

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Ask the hydrogeologist!

Water and Power staff will be available to answer questions about how water moves through the earth and why certain areas are wetter or drier than others.

From 6-8 p.m. every other Tuesday, visit the Water and Power center to learn about our drinking water, rechargeable water sources and how we meet the needs of all residents.

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Big Thompson plan: ‘Science-based, community-driven’

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