### Happy Holidays from Loveland Water and Power!

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**FREE HOME ASSESSMENT!** Assessments will begin in January 2020, but you can get on the list now! Visit cityofloveland.org/Efficiency or call 970-962-3000 to learn more.

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Through Larimer County Conservation Corps!

**HOLIDAY ENERGY TIPS**

Temperatures are dropping but before you crank that thermostat, here are some tips to stay warm and festive without breaking the bank!

**LET THE SUNSHINE IN**

Open up the drapes during the day to take advantage of the sun’s natural heat. By doing this, you can lower your heating bill by up to 25%.

**TURN DOWN THE HEAT**

At night, turning the thermostat to 68 degrees can save 5-20% on your bill.

**TURN DOWN THE WATER HEATER**

Turn down your water heater to 120 degrees or less to save energy, time, and hassle avoiding scalding your hands.

**CLEAN OR REPLACE YOUR FURNACE FILTER**

Dirty filters restrict air flow, causing your furnace to work harder. Clean or replace filters to save money and keep your family comfortable.

### Non-Carbon Resources

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Approximately 35% of projected energy deliveries will come from onshore renewable resources. By 2030, approximately 55% of energy delivered to the owner communities will come from noncarbon sources with the addition of up to 250 MW of solar capacity from the Roundhouse Renewable Energy Project, and 20 MW of solar plus a MW of battery storage capacity from the RapidFire Solar project. Platte River is currently working proposals for up to 150 MW of additional solar generation capacity.

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In 2019, Platte River’s Board of Directors passed a resource diversification policy calling for the pursuit of 100% noncarbon energy by 2030. While several milestones must be achieved to realize this goal, including advancement of new solar capacity, participation in an organized regional energy market, Platte River has already made significant progress.

### Utility News

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970-962-3000 cityofloveland.org/LWP

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970-962-2111

### Visit PPA.org for Study Details

**Detailed Participation Requirements and to Learn More About the Study**

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**City of Loveland**

**Loveland Fire Rescue Authority's new western outpost**

**City Update**

**Volume 1**

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The Loveland Fire Rescue Authority for many years has targeted Loveland’s western edge as the chosen location for its seventh station.

The site that LFRAD found is on County Road 27, just north of U.S. 34, adjacent to the River Ridge Elementary School, and squarely within the WUI – or “wildland urban interface” – as wildfires proliferate. The WUI, which is the area surrounding a home or business that is within 100 feet of wildland or infrastructure, is a zone where new developments and wildfires meet and overlap. It’s the very reason Station 7, which is also known as Station 22 of the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority, was built in the first place.
Pulse in progress - network construction underway

Pulse has been a busy time for Pulse, the City’s communications utility that is connecting the Loveland community by offering affordable, reliable and fast internet and voice service through a fiber optic network. Pulse was approved by city council in November 2017 to ensure that all residents and businesses across the city have access to affordable, reliable, fast internet and voice service through a fiber optic network. They are installing homes and businesses to the rest of the network. They are only installing homes and businesses to the rest of the network. The Pulse network will be a station that will have a role to play as an association, road maintenance cooperatives or parent groups beyond. It is a way to maximize the space.”

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WHAT’S IN A NETWORK

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CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS SELECTED

Pulse has selected Fort Collins-based Colorado Boring as its construction contractor and is proud to work with this experienced local business. "Colorado Boring adds exceptional value to our team at a significant time for Pulse, bringing innovation, knowledge and a commitment to our community as well as professionalism and expertise that will drive this project forward,” said Brian Reeds-Hamel, municipal fiber manager for the City of Loveland.

Colorado Boring, along with GE Construction and Bacheau Fiber Systems, LLC, will install Pulse’s fiber network and upgrade the Pulse and center in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information, please contact the City’s ADA Coordinator at 962-3319.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2020

Monday, January 27, 4-5P

City Hall

Registration is not available online. Questions?
970.962.2467

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 23, 4-5P

Chilson Recreation Center

City of Loveland opens new fire station in northern Colorado

PHOTO: TIMOTHY HURST, CITY OF LOVELAND

A Colorado State Forest Service map shows the location of the fire station within the Northern Colorado Fire Management Area, which consists of Colorado forest and grasslands, and State lands within the State of Colorado.

Pulse in progress - network construction underway

For more than a century, Pulse has been America’s fiber internet provider. If your area isn’t covered, please call 970-962-2010.

Construction on Station No. 7

A progression toward an expected opening date in mid-2020, the new fire station during a tour of the project, the rugged landscape behind it caught the attention. "When we first came out here, our team was on the fence," Miller said. "But then we spent a few days looking around and felt it was a great location." The building’s design includes three stories and a three-story tower. That includes the three-story tower that Patti Watkins said was intended to evoke an image of the old-fashioned telephone booth. "We can talk about living in this zone, and some of the strategies that are available to reduce its risks." Cerovski said. "In guiding a tour of the station while construction workers swarmed throughout the site, pointed out some of the features that make No. 7 unique to any fire station in Colorado.

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A Colorado State Forest Service map shows the location of the fire station within the city's limits. Garber said the fire station is a way to show the community that the city is taking steps to ensure that all residents and businesses across the city are accessible to affordable, fast internet and voice service through the Pulse network.

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Cerovski said the tower is purposeful, rather than just an afterthought. He said the Pulse network has more potential than just carrying data and is something that could be built into the city’s infrastructure. He said the Pulse network could be used for anything from public safety to smart city initiatives.

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While Platte River is committed to achieving the goal of 50% noncarbon energy delivery to its owner communities by 2030, the Authority’s management continues to grow in importance as Platte River and its owner communities seek to meet energy demand with greater amounts of intermittent resources. Platte River and its owner communities have united their efficiency offerings under one program called Efficiency Works. Platte River has long been a pioneer in the development of noncarbon energy in northern Colorado.

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