2006 was a busy and productive year for the City. In addition to continuing the wide variety and high quality of services that have become customary from year to year, numerous additional accomplishments were achieved. Among these:

**Unpleasant PARTY**

Loveland police officers, along with doctors, nurses, technicians, insurance agents and even morticians participated in PARTY—Prevent Alcohol and Drug Use Today—Walk in Youth. Local ninth graders visited MVCure Medical Clinic at 49th and Broadway and learned about the possible consequences of poor decision making.

**New lift station**

Sewer service maintenance needs will decrease and end-user reliability increase thanks to a new, large wastewater lift station and 20-inch sanitary sewer serving the southeast portion of town. The 8.0 million dollar and sanitary sewer line replaces a temporary lift station and allows abandon- ment of an outdated, lowered capacity lift station.

**Greater capacity**

The City’s Rosewater Treatment plant’s capacity was increased by 25 percent to 10 million gallons per day. Construction costs were $2.3 million. These improvements also enable the City to meet the more stringent water quality requirements of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

**Wastewater Capacity increased**

**Outdoor art market**

The Olde Town Arts Festival was introduced during summer Thursday evenings to give local artists a chance to exhibit their work in an informal setting. The interaction between the artists and their work was enjoyed by customers and visitors.

**Lively Saturday nights**

The Chilton Recreation Center hosted the yearly “Kid’s Night Out” program Saturday nights for youth ages 10-14. Super- nani and social and recreational activities were enjoyed by some 300 youth each week.

**Taff Avenue Widened**

After twenty years of discussion and a design plan that was complete for the first phase of the Taff Avenue widening project. The 9 million dollar project has resulted in a safer, easier and more at- tractive roadway with a 80 foot lane, turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, water lines, storm sewers, curbs, and curbsides and landscaping. The intersection at 8th Street was greatly improved.

**Extensive Jam prevention**

The City of Loveland has implemented basketball for special events at The Ranch and opened and ready for use. The City’s Jam prevent basketball courts installed are at the Community Center and also school sports.

**High school law school**

Police officers and the Thompson School District 200 agreed to develop a webpage for their JAG Related Education Program. The officers sought to improve educational standards and increase knowledge and understanding of the law, and reducing delinquent behavior.

**Extreme makeover**

The City of Loveland has opened the City of Loveland’s first Pablo Picasso exhibition, “Best Dam Spillway.” The 75-piece, 2-month Pablo Picasso exhibition went on display at the Library, providing a larger opening, special exhibitions, and providing a unique opportunity for residents to view the work of one of the most influential artists of the 20th century.

**Library technology upgrade**

Nearly 50 computer systems for public use were replaced at the library, providing faster service, eliminating glitches, and making them friendlier to users’ fingers and eyes. The PCs are used for searching the library’s catalog, surfing the internet, emailing, services, and more. Software for word processing, presentations, spreadsheets, and other functions was also added to all the machines.

**DUI enforcement**

Loveland is on drunk drivers. The Loveland Police Department is 4th in Colorado in DUI arrests. The number of arrests is up more than 20 percent over 2004.

**Fast and easy**

Permits fees for building may now be estimated online at the City’s website. The service saves time, money, and prevents surprises.

**Helping neighbors**

The Human Services Office will provide a list of local agencies and organizations that assist needy Loveland residents with housing and other services.

**City Volunteers Help Out**

**Year of change**

Several changes have occurred within the city. The City gave the green light and a sizeable section of new affordable housing will be built in the Mirasol Community. The development will include 104 housing units and an activity center.

**Best dam spillway**

A new culvert and emergency spillway for the City of Loveland’s water dam improvements had to be completed first.

**On display**

Informational displays about the City budget, services to seniors, arts in Loveland and more were used to inform the thousands of residents to the library, recreation center and city hall.

**Food flood prevention**

The City of Loveland’s flood is a relief. The City has a water collection and delivery system that replaces an old, rusted out system and has a new洙 Wilson Avenue to connect stormwater that has flooded local residen- tial properties.

**Many more rides**

The City of Loveland’s transit (COLT) bus system provided more than 100,000 rides in 2006, 6,000 more than the previous year.

**Senior living**

The City of Loveland’s retirement community and assisted living facility, Willow Bend, has opened its doors to provide local residents with a safe, reliable transportation network.

**Update**

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**Old fairgrounds**

The old fairgrounds site along the Big Thompson River has received conceptual plans for renovation. The plans call for inclusion of a dog park, softball fields, picnic areas, and more.

**Windy savings**

Loveland’s residents and business purchased an additional 17,000 thousand cubic feet of wind energy this year, adding 17,400 kilowatts of wind energy to our consumption this year. Loveland’s wind energy purchases save coal and reduce carbon dioxide in the air.

**Command vehicle**

Thanks to a $600,000 grant through Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention, the Loveland Mobile Command Vehicle was delivered recently. It is designed to use in major situations and special events, and will be available to law enforcement agencies throughout northern Colorado.

**City of Loveland—www.cityofloveland.org**—underwent a major revision that has made it easier for the City and reduce carbon dioxide in the air.

**Better theater**

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**Futurefiltration**

The City has a new “gas station” for City vehicles, allowing bulk fuel purchases to save money. The Service Center Fuel Island was upgraded with today’s technology ensuring fuel service with proper environmental considerations for many years to come.

**Assistance provided**

The City’s Paratransit bus service provided rides to a client list of more than 700 elderly and disabled residents. For many residents included those in wheelchairs, this door-to-door service is their form of local transportation.

**Fitness for seniors**

The SilverBusters Fitness Program began in October, providing free-use of the Chilton Rec Center for seniors in partnership with SECO Kickers. The program is a special SilverBusters sponsored by City employees and the citizens we serve.

**Nearing completion**

Construction is nearly complete and the grass fields are maturing for the new 5-acre Loveland Sports Park in the eastern portion of the city adjacent to Boyd Lake Avenue. Opening day for the park will soon be here! The park will offer soccer, lacrosse, in-line skating, skateboarding, baseball, and more. Playgrounds and picnic shelters will also be available.

**Helps us help you**

Many technology infrastructure and software upgrades were made to ensure the reliability, security, and integrity of city data while allowing users to maintain their productivity. Responsible technology spending and reliable solutions benefit City employees and the citizens we serve.

**Loveland Sports Park**

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