



LOVELAND

2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ring in 2006

2005 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, lawyers, insurance agents and even morticians participated in PARTY-- Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth. Local ninth graders visited McKee Medical Center for in-depth presentations about 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 30-inch sanitary sewer serving the southeast portion of town. The \$2.6 million station and sanitary sewer line replaces a temporary lift station and allows abandonment of an outdated, lower capacity lift station.

Greater capacity

The City's Wastewater Treatment plant's capacity was increased by 25 percent to 10 million gallons per day. Construction costs were approximately \$7.1 million. The improvements also enable the City to meet the more stringent effluent water quality discharge requirements of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.



Wastewater Capacity Increased

Outdoor art market

The 5th Street Art Market was introduced during summer Thursday evenings to give local artists an opportunity to show and sell their work in an informal setting. The interaction and commerce was enjoyed by buyers, sellers and passers-by near the Museum/Gallery.

Lively Saturday nights

The Chilson Recreation Center hosted the very successful "Kids Nite Out" program" Saturday nights for youth ages 10-14. Supervised social and recreational activities were enjoyed by some 300 youth each week.

Taft Avenue

After twenty years of discussion and a decade of preparation, construction is complete for the first phase of the Taft Avenue widening project. The \$6.9 million project has resulted in a safer, easier and more attractive roadway with a fifth lane, turn lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, water lines, storm water pipes, underground electrical lines and landscaping. The intersection at 8th Street was greatly improved, too.



Taft Avenue Widened

Play ball

The Centennial Park Ball Field Renovation Project resulted in major improvements to the fields and central plaza area. The players and spectators at the 30-year-old facility enjoyed improvements to dugouts, turf, backstops, bleachers, restrooms and concession area.

Sculpture city

Loveland's international reputation for its large, excellent public art collection—especially sculpture—was reinforced again in 2005 with the addition of more than a dozen new pieces. The new works can be found at Benson Park and other City sites throughout Loveland.



'Entranced'

Jam prevention

Traffic flow design plans for large special events at The Ranch were created and ready for use if needed. The plans help prevent traffic jams in and around the Centerra area for events such as the motorcycle rally.

High school law school

Police officers and the Thompson School District worked together to revitalize the Law Related Education Program. The officers taught more than 100 classes at Loveland high schools aimed at expanding knowledge and understanding of the law, and reducing delinquent behavior.

Extreme makeover

The city's website—www.cityofloveland.org—underwent a major revision that has improved ease of use and appearance. Additional online services and hundreds of pages of additional information were also added.

Among the best

Thanks to the Fleet Maintenance Division that keeps all the City's cars, trucks and special equipment on the job, Loveland was named to the "The 100 Best Fleets in North America" list for the second consecutive year.

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 collection, surfing the Internet, emailing and more. Software for word processing, presentations, publishing, spreadsheet and other functions was also added to all the machines.

DUI enforcement

Loveland is tough 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

Permit fees for new buildings may now be estimated online at the City's website. The service saves time and money, and prevents surprises.

Helping neighbors

The Human Services Office granted \$665,000 to 35 not-for-profit local agencies who assist needy Loveland residents with housing and many other services.



City Volunteers Help Out

Year of change

Several changes have occurred within Loveland Fire and Rescue. The department has a new fire chief, has reorganized internal services and combined operational crews to create the Special Operations Team.

Let there be light

Residents can now report Loveland streetlights that are not working properly by accessing the City of Loveland's Internet site. This online function provides a fast and easy way to notify the City and accelerate the repair process.

Best dam spillway

A new culvert and emergency spillway for the Esterdoll Lake dam was designed and constructed by the City Stormwater Division. In order to construct the new Boise Avenue roadway, the dam improvements had to be completed first.

On display

Informative displays about the City budget, services to seniors, arts in Loveland and more were viewed by thousands of visitors to the library, recreation center and city hall.

Flood prevention

The Stormwater Division designed and constructed a large concrete culvert to replace an old, failing metal culvert along Wilson Avenue. A sink hole was forming in Wilson Avenue as a result of the failing culvert and additional capacity was necessary under Wilson Avenue to convey stormwater that otherwise would have flooded local residential properties.

Many more rides

The City of Loveland Transit (COLT) bus system provided more than 100,000 rides in 2005, a 29 percent increase. COLT provides safe, reliable transportation throughout Loveland.

Senior living

The City gave the green light and a sizeable financial contribution for the construction of the Mirasol Community. The development will include 104 housing units and an activities building for mixed income residents age 55 and older.

Popular Picasso

The 75-piece, 2-month Pablo Picasso ceramics and prints exhibit at the Museum/Gallery was a hit. The accompanying exhibit, More Than One Picasso, which featured 40 regional artists' renditions of Picasso-like work, was equally successful.

Windy savings

Loveland's residents and business purchased an additional 174 blocks of wind energy this year, adding 17,400 kw 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 \$280,000 grant through Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention, the Loveland Mobile Command Vehicle was delivered recently. It is designed for use in major situations and special events, and will be available to law enforcement agencies throughout northern Colorado.



Police Command Vehicle

Center established

The Development Review Center was created to provide collaborative staff reviews on applications for new developments; from a single building to an entire subdivision. Staff and developers work shoulder-to-shoulder to iron out the many interconnected facets of new developments.

Then and now

The Rialto Theater celebrated its 85th anniversary in May with a weekend of activities. The downtown theater, reopened after renovation in 1996, continues its popularity. Attendance increased another 10 percent in 2005 and the Rialto was voted Loveland's best theater by local newspaper readers.

Info via video

The public information office began producing Two Minutes Max videos shown on cable TV channel 16 and the City website. The brief videos provide information on a variety of City services and issues.

Online jobline

Considering a job with the City? The Human Resources Department has simplified the process with improvements to online descriptions, hiring status and applying. And BTW, the City was named the best employer in Loveland by local newspaper readers.

Looking ahead

Financial planning projections through the year 2015 are detailed in the recently-released 2006 Financial Master Plan. In addition to looking ahead ten years, the plan includes five years of financial history used for future strategic planning and decision making.

Parking permitted

In the heart of downtown, creativity and utility have been combined with the placement of several artistic bike racks.



Downtown Bike Rack

Traffic lights

Traffic flow and safety benefit from new traffic signals installed in the Centerra area, plus at the Taft/8th St. Intersection. Children also benefit from the creation of two new school zone areas, complete with flashing lights.

Do it yourself

Like the self-checkout lanes at the supermarket, the library has added an automated self-checkout system. It's quick and easy to use for patrons, and also helps free up circulation staff for other duties.

'Update' updated

"City Update" is the result of merging the two newsletters previously included with utility bills. This larger, full-color, professionally designed newsletter goes to 31,000 Loveland addresses and costs less to produce than the newsletters it replaced.

Old fairgrounds

The old county fairgrounds site along the Big Thompson River has received conceptual plans approval for renovation. The plans call for inclusion of a dog park, softball fields, concert venue, picnic shelters, inline skating, disc golf, river interaction and a plaza area.

2005 by the Numbers

- 62,000+ Loveland residents receiving City services
- 3.9 billion gallons of water treated
- \$404 million Permit valuations for new buildings
- \$141 million in City finances administered
- 675,000 Library check-outs
- 628,995 water and electric meter readings
- 442,000 attendance in recreation and athletic programs
- 344,353 Utility bill payments processed
- 310,000 visits to Chilson Rec Center
- 169,000 items in library
- 149,500 calls to public safety dispatchers
- 130,000 rounds of golf played
- 7,368 bus route loops completed
- 5,100 responses by Loveland Fire & Rescue
- 3,065 potholes filed
- 690 regular full and part-time City employees
- 323 miles of operational sewer line
- 302 Center-line miles of City streets maintained
- 287 acres of parks, plus 3 golf courses
- 220 indoor and outdoor public artworks
- 80 intersections controlled by traffic signals
- 31 square miles within Loveland city limits
- 21 years since any City sales tax increase
- 0 homicides; police officers seriously injured

(Numbers may include approximations for totals thru December 31)

Helps us help you
Many technology infrastructure and software upgrades occurred to ensure the reliability, security, and integrity of city data while allowing users to maximize their productivity. Responsible technology spending and reliable solutions benefit both City employees and the citizens we serve.

Future fillups

The City has its own "gas station" for City vehicles, allowing bulk fuel purchases that 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 including those in wheelchairs, this door-to-door service is their only form of local transportation.

Fitness for seniors

The SilverSneakers Fitness Program began in October, providing free use of the Chilson Rec Center for seniors in partnership with seniors' private health plans. A special SilverSneakers strength and conditioning class was offered, too.

Nearing completion

Construction is nearly complete and the grass fields are maturing for the new 55-acre Loveland Sports Park in the eastern portion of the city adjacent to Boyd Lake Avenue. Opening this summer, visitors can enjoy soccer, football, lacrosse, in-line skating, skate boarding and basketball facilities. Playgrounds and picnic shelters will also be available.



Loveland Sports Park