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Eric Paul gets a hug from Municipal Court Judge Geri Joneson before graduating from the Jumpstart alternative sentencing program on Feb. 13. "It was a great day," Paul said. "I’m happy it happened." Mayor Procida arrived with a carload of household items that she and her family had gathered to start Paul in his new apartment. "He had company on move-in day," Mayor Procida said. "It was nice for him to move in with support." Paul was in Joneson’s courtroom on June 1, the start of the Jumpstart program’s graduation period. "I’ll never forget the day," Paul said. "It was very emotional." Paul was in Joneson’s courtroom on June 1, the start of the Jumpstart program’s graduation period. "I’ll never forget the day," Paul said. "It was very emotional." Paul was in Joneson’s courtroom on June 1, the start of the Jumpstart program’s graduation period. "I’ll never forget the day," Paul said. "It was very emotional." 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Slow the Flow

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**SUMMER ELECTRICITY RATES**

From July to October, Loveland Water and Power bills are electricity on the summer rates, which is 17 cents higher than the nonsummer electric rate. This seasonal increase in electricity rates is necessary to meet the demand for electricity when thousands of air conditioning units kick on. As we cool off our homes and offices, the power plant works harder to supply it. Sometimes the power plant can’t produce enough electricity to meet the demand and we turn to alternative electricity sources or buy electricity from other companies. That’s why you pay more for electricity during the summer than during other times of the year.

A few simple changes can help you pay less for electricity during these months. Here are some tips to workouts cooling on the grill or in a cooler even instead of using the oven, creating extra work on your cooling system. We are asking you to slow back on electricity use during these summer months.

- **Water Efficient Sprinklers**

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  **Solve your Sprinklers.**

  Loveland Water and Power offers a FREE sprinkler assessment through its website at cityofloveland.org/LWP. Visit our website to learn more about your outdoor water use with Smart Sprinkler assessment. Up to 30% of your summer water bill can be cut by turning your sprinkler system off when it is not necessary to water your lawn. Smart utility customers know that you can beat the heat by taking a few small steps to save energy and keep a little more cash in your pocket.

  **Water supply systems must contain a certain level of treated water in it.**

  **Backflow prevention**

  Sprinkler systems installed before 1991 are required for all homeowners and contractors. Permits are free and required for all homeowners and contractors. Property owners can perform annual backflow testing on sprinkler systems. The backflow assembly on a sprinkler system will prevent water flow as intended. The flow reverses if there is a drop in pressure so that when someone turns a faucet or flushes a toilet, water flows toward the water supply. Backflow assemblies that assure effective backflow prevention must be approved by the City of Loveland. The City of Loveland brought the Water Quality Division identified approved backflow assemblies that assure effective backflow prevention.

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  To obtain a permit or for more information contact the City, the City of Loveland, or the Colorado Water Quality Division.

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  Work your way through the City’s Community Partnership Manager Alison Hade said as she was looking ahead to a June 2 City Council presentation that will describe possible avenues for addressing the City’s most immediate needs. Food, rent, utilities – those are some of the things that will be coming up on the menu for the next City Council presentation. Applications for the share of the federal COVID relief package will surely include KidsPak.

  **City Update**

  Loveland Water and Power has not changed the way your usage has always been calculated. Loveland Water and Power meter readers collect meter data and calculate usage for consumers with critical access to their measured usage. In rare circumstances, if a meter is physically inaccessible to a meter reader, an estimate may be recorded. Rest assured that if an estimate must be made, we will record your actual usage the following time we are able to record. Please let us know of any concerns you may have, please give us a call at 970-962-3000. Information on rates, charges, and fees can be found at cityofloveland.org/UtilityRates.

  **Apply for rebates just got easier!**

  Loveland Water and Power offers rebates for installing qualifying water or energy saving products from the retailer of your choice and using a smart water meter. New for 2020! Purchase qualifying water or energy saving products and take advantage of the rebate. Learn more at cityofloveland.org/backflow.

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Backflow prevention assemblies must contain a certain level of protection when testing, and so in the summer months, the water flows as intended. The flow rates can be a major drop in pressure, which can happen if a pipe freezes or bursts unexpectedly. Water users protect their clean water supply with proper backflow prevention on sprinkler systems.

What is an approved backflow preventer?
The Colorado Water Quality Division identified approved backflow prevention assemblies that assure effective backflow prevention methods. Assemblies must be ASSE or USC approved.

Current Sprinkler Systems: Sprinkler systems installed before regulations were developed and are not equipped with simple and/or more effective backflow protection assemblies. Simple assemblies require a valve to stop the water rushing into your irrigation system. The valve must then be replaced with a more effective system. These systems can be tested annually. For a list of approved backflow prevention assemblies tested annually. For a list of approved backflow prevention assemblies, see the Colorado Cross-Connection website.

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