

LFRA leadership, cooperation bring widespread safety and benefits

The Loveland fire department, now officially the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority (LFRA), is proud of its ever-increasing leadership and cooperative role in Northern Colorado. The fire department has been active in organizing, establishing and sharing training and services throughout the region.

Consortium established

The Loveland fire department was one of the earlier members and has been a major contributor to what has become the Front Range Fire Consortium (FRFC). Now composed of nine fire

departments both large and small between Cheyenne and Boulder, the cooperative uses each other's expertise, experience and facilities. Begun 15 years ago, the consortium



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Loveland Water & Power's 2012 Renewable Energy Prospective

Renewable energy is clean energy from natural power sources that are harnessed from the earth.

Currently, Loveland receives its renewable energy from wind turbines. Loveland Water & Power (LWP) purchases this clean energy from Platte River Power Authority, Loveland's wholesale energy provider. Wind is also the energy source for LWP's GreenSwitch program.

GreenSwitch provides Loveland power customers the ability to purchase electricity that's been generated from clean, renewable sources. GreenSwitch is sold in 100 kilowatt-hours blocks for an additional \$2.20 each. Many or just a few blocks can be purchased to meet specific energy requirements. Residents, small businesses or large

Waterline insurance not required

Loveland Water and Power has received a number of phone calls from customers who are concerned about letters they have received from insurance companies offering coverage for customer-owned water lines. LWP does not require customers to carry this insurance, nor does it endorse or recommend any particular insurance company. Decisions regarding whether to obtain this insurance, and through which company, are the customers' responsibility. For more information call 962-3000.

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Warbirds returning

The Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport will once again host the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour vintage aircraft July 6-8. At the airport for tours and flights will be a B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator and P-51 Mustang. A WWII USO-style dinner and dance will be held July 7. In addition, reenactments of American and German military camps will be displayed. For more detail, visit www.40sflyin.com.



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Fun and fireworks on 4th of July

Once again, the annual Independence Day celebration at North Lake Park will include food, fun, fireworks and music by the Loveland Concert Band.

The Swim Beach, playground and basketball courts will be closed July 3-4 for the safety of spectators.

Parking will be available on 29th Street from Duffield to the golf course with handicap parking from Taft to Beach. Additional parking for a fee will be available at Loveland High School (LHS) plus some additional free handicap parking will be available at LHS.

Personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages, pets and overnight camping are prohibited. For more information call 962-2519.

members combine to leverage their funding through training and operational activities.

FRFC conducts its own fire academies twice each year for new recruits, making use of the consortium's personnel, facilities and equipment. Utilizing other fire academy options would cost about \$8,000 for the 18-25 recruits in each class.

The consortium is also active in providing ongoing training open to all its member departments, selecting the most appropriate training facility and specialized personnel as instructors. The cooperative effort and pooled funding of the consortium enable the membership to bring in speakers and receive training from nationally-recognized individuals.

Each department within the consortium contributes \$5,000 annually.

Blue Card training

LFRA is gaining a widespread reputation and as a result attracting fire personnel from far outside the local region to its Blue Card training opportunities. The Blue Card training deals with command and control and the strategy and tactics of fighting fires, rescues or other situations to which fire departments respond.

In addition to burn buildings, hydrants, rescue towers and other apparatus used for teaching the physical tasks involved with fire and rescue, Loveland's fire training facility includes a classroom equipped with special technology for training and practice involving "virtual situations." Videos, photos, animations and other devices are used in simulations for

practicing command operations and for strategy and tactics in determining what tasks are to be employed in the situation. The training also emphasizes consistency in the strategies and instructions to the hands-on personnel, so that the front line firefighters can anticipate what's to be done and understand the on-site communications by any command staffers directing the incident.

For the veterans

Another training effort for which Loveland has been a leader is Professional Development for Fire Officers. This training is aimed at the incident command level for seasoned, higher-ranking officers with 5-10 years of experience statewide.

For two weeks, higher-ranking officers train together, fostering efficiency and consistency among departments. This interaction at the leadership level makes operations from one department to another more similar than ever before. In turn, the similarities enable departments to be more efficient when assisting one another on major incidents.

High pressure

Another area in which LFRA is becoming a leader is training and use of a relatively new firefighting procedure known as Positive Pressure Attack. This technique involves the



High pressure ahead

A firefighter prepares to move a blower into the doorway of a house to create a high pressure situation that forces smoke and flames out of the building. The procedure is part of a Positive Pressure Attack approach to firefighting.

use of special blowers to increase air pressure inside a burning building to force heat and flames outside of the building.

Loveland's fire training facility has a structure specially constructed for this type of training, with 2x4s, sheetrock, furniture and other materials typically found in a house. It's the only facility in the region with this structure and therefore brings personnel from beyond Loveland to experience this type of training.

All this training results in fire personnel both within LFRA and throughout the region, "working from the same sheet of music," explained LFRA Chief Randi Mirowski. "Now more than ever, our differences are minimized, our operations more similar, our assets shared and our expenses minimized, all for the safety and survival of our personnel and the benefit of the citizens we serve."

Summertime is reading time

The Loveland Public Library presents special summer reading programs for children, teens and adults starting June 1 and continuing through July.

In the *Dream Big, Read* program for ages birth through grade 5 there are prizes and special events as well as storytimes. Tuesday Family Shows@ Foote Lagoon will feature Richard Renner's Slapstick Circus on June 12, Top Hogs on June 26, Groove Club on July 10 and Richard Holmgren's Flying Debris Show on July 24. Programs begin at 7 p.m.

This summer's Traveling Storyteller will be in various parks Mondays through Fridays at 11 a.m. June 4 - July 27. Activities are geared to ages 3-8 but all are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the stories in the park. The teen reading program, *Own the Night*, includes special events, films,



DIY projects, chances to win prizes and a pool party at Winona Pool for teens who complete the program.

Adults in the *Between the Covers* program can win weekly prizes by submitting an entry form for each book read.

All library programs are free of charge and open to the designated age groups. For more information call 962-2587 (children's), 962-2548 (teens) or 962-2402 (adult) or visit the website, www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org to view specific locations and schedules.

Email address format revised

Email addresses for all City of Loveland employees have been revised for reasons of clarity and ease of use for both the senders and recipients. The new format simplifies name recognition of the sender and uses the same domain name as the city's website: *Firstname.Lastname@cityofloveland.org*.

The new format replaces the use of the first five letters of the employee's last name plus the first letter of first name followed by @ *ci.loveland.co.us*. The old format will continue to function indefinitely.

The new format is not case sensitive. Alphabetic characters may be used as lower case or capital letters.



T-n-T Tuesdays promotes non-PVTs



T-n-T (tires-n-tennies) Tuesdays, funded through the Safe Routes to School program, encourages children to walk, bike or use other non-vehicular modes of transportation including skateboarding and scootering, or to use ‘green’ transportation such as busing or carpooling to get to and from school every day, but especially on Tuesdays. To further encourage students to get to school on their own power, the City held a contest that ran for 23 Tuesdays from October through March. The eight participating schools were BF Kitchen, Centennial, Cottonwood Plains, Namaqua, Truscott, Ponderosa, Sarah Milner and Winona. One-hundred twenty classrooms that included 2,849 students were involved in the challenge. Students were asked to log their non-personal vehicle trips (non-PVTs) and then the schools recorded who had the greatest number of non-PVTs.

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Tons less trash in local waterways

Loveland’s Annual Waterway Clean-up Day was another resounding success. More than 360 volunteers along with 22 City of Loveland staff, pulled 23,750 pounds or 11.88 tons of trash and debris out of area waterways. Trash removed included shopping carts, tires, a bike frame, a toilet, a mattress and assorted construction materials plus numerous bottles, cans and plastic bags.



Above left: Volunteers clean up trash and debris around Equalizer Reservoir.
Above: Several volunteers use their own vehicles to lift shopping carts from a waterway.



Above: Younger volunteers learn the importance of keeping area waterways clean.
Right: Thompson Valley high school students relax after removing many pounds of trash from the Big Thompson River.



Loveland honors volunteers

Janice Greeno and Melissa Wiederspan of McKee Medical Center and Loveland Honors committee members, and Joyce Boston, one of the 40 volunteers honored May 9th.



Forty hard-working local volunteers were honored recently at the 2012 Loveland Honors Awards, sponsored by the City of Loveland and McKee Medical Center. More than 100 guests attended to pay tribute to Loveland’s many volunteers who give their time to the community in area non-profit agencies. Each volunteer received an award and certificate, presented by Mayor Pro Tem Cathleen McEwen and Ralph Trenary, City Councilor, for their outstanding service to the community.

Drug Take-Back event great success

The Loveland Police Department had another very successful Drug Take Back Day event resulting in 509 lbs. of unwanted medications being collected and Loveland ranking seventh out of 126 drop-off sites in Colorado for amount of drugs accepted. The Loveland event was part of an annual, nationwide effort to

properly dispose of old and unwanted medications, thereby reducing the possibility that those drugs end up in the wrong hands. These events also help prevent these drugs from being poured into sinks or flushed down toilets, which can pollute streams and can get into the water supply.

FARMERS MARKET at Fairgrounds Park

700 S. Railroad Ave. - Pavilion #1

SUNDAYS: from June 24th thru September 30th, 9:00am-1:00pm

Check out a wide variety of Vendors & Entertainment while enjoying the beautiful park setting!

Call Jeanne at: (970) 962-2432 for more info.

Summer @ Chilson

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Youth	\$81.50
Adult	\$148.50
Senior	\$84.50
Family*	\$214.50

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*Up to 2 adults & their children under 11 yrs in same home

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Summer Side of Loveland

Foote Lagoon Concerts, 500 E. 3rd St.
7-9 p.m., Thursdays, FREE

July 12 The Elders, *Celtic Rock* - Location Change: Hammond Amphitheater, North Lake Park

July 19 Harpeth Rising, *Folk*

June 26 Colorado Swing Band, *Jazz/Swing*

August 2 Sister Sparrow & the Dirty Birds, *Rock/Funk*

August 9 Angie Stevens & the Beautiful Wreck, *Americana*

August 16 Under a Blood Red Sky, *U2 Tribute*

Schedule is subject to change and weather. Call 962-2770 after 5 p.m. or check the Loveland Museum/Gallery website, www.cityofloveland.org and the Museum/Gallery Facebook page for weather updates. Sponsored by Elevations Credit Union, Medical Center of the Rockies, Erion Foundation, Kroh Charitable Trust and supported by Best Western Crossroads Inn.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cherry Pie Celebration & Street Dance
Loveland Museum/Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln Ave.
Saturday, July 23
3 p.m. - Loveland Cherry History program
4-8 p.m. - Pie and Dance
Honor Loveland's heritage with cherry pie, ice cream and dancing to the sounds of Papa Juke, 4 p.m., Sammy Dee Morton Band, 5:30 p.m., and Dixie Leadfoot at 7 p.m.
Children's activities, historical displays and a cherry pie baking contest.
Event is free, pie and ice cream for sale.
Sponsored by Johnson's Corner, Colorado Cherry Company, Robin Rentals and the Loveland Historical Society.

Teen Battle of the Bands
Foote Lagoon, 500 E. 3rd Street
3-9 p.m., Wed., August 15, FREE
13th Annual Battle of the Bands will feature local teen talent. For more info call 962-2562.

Loveland Museum/Gallery Celebrating 75 Years!
Hobos to Street People/Dorothea Lange: Precarious Lives
June 21 to August 12
\$5 fee. Free days are June 23, July 14 and August 9
Design to a Tea: Collection of Jeannine LeCompte
On view through July 1
No Place to Call Home Quilt Exhibit
June 30 to September 16
Inspired: Robin Dodge and the Masters of Art

July 14 to Oct. 14
Birds in Art
Aug. 24 to Oct. 28
Mountain Man History Case and Objects from Dunning's Original Collection
On view through the summer

Tuesday Theater for Kids, Rialto Theater Center
228 E. Fourth Street
All shows are at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Tickets: \$5 adult, \$3 Children 12 & under
June 12 Black Hand Drum Ensemble
June 26 Buffalo Bill Boycott
July 10 Bug Songs
July 31 Busker 'n Me, Manitou Art Theatre

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS
Loveland Loves BBQ, Bands and Brews
July 13 & 14, Cleveland Ave. & 5th Street
Enjoy amazing BBQ, award-winning brews, live music, local artisans, a car show and more.

Art in the Air - Sweetheart Balloon Rally
Aug. 4 & 5, The Ranch, Crossroads & I-25
See hot air balloons of all shapes and sizes and purchase a ride in a hot air balloon or tethered balloon. And don't miss the free pancake breakfast Sunday morning.

Old-Fashioned Corn Roast Festival
Aug. 24 & 25, Fairgrounds Park
In partnership with the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, a fun, family-friendly weekend event with a corn shucking contest, corn eating contests, a parade, live music, a talent show and lots of food.

PARKS & RECREATION

Youth Athletics
Register for summer youth athletics via WebTrac or at the Chilson Center for: 3 v 3 Basketball Leagues, Pre/K Soccer, Lacrosse, T-ball, Baseball, Softball, Rugby Skills Class, Tennis Lessons, CARA Tennis Team, CARA Swim Team and Gymnastics.

Winona Pool & Swim Beach
Winona opens May 25. Register for swim lessons and CARA Swim Team via WebTrac or at the Chilson Center. Pool party rentals available. Lake Loveland North Lake Park Swim Beach opens May 26.

Batting Cages
Summer hours start May 26. Hours are 12 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and weekends 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. w/tournaments or 12-5 p.m. no tournaments Call 962-2383 for more info.

Loveland Water & Power's 2012 Renewable Energy Prospective (continued from page 1)

corporations can make the switch to clean, renewable energy. The 2011 and 2012 product content labels list the content mixes for Loveland's renewable electricity last year and the prospective content mix for the current year. The Renewable Mix contains the product mix that GreenSwitch customers receive. The

Default Mix shows the product mix that non-participating customers receive. To join GreenSwitch, go to www.cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch, call 962-2111, or pick up an application at the City's Utility Billing office, 500 E. Third St.

Loveland Water & Power 2011 Prospective Product Content Label		
Generation Type	GreenSwitch Program	Default Mix
Eligible Renewables ¹ : Wind (Colorado, Oklahoma, Wyoming)	100%	0.0%
Total Eligible Renewables	100%	0.0%
Coal		71.6%
Hydro		26.6%
Gas		0.4%
Other ²		1.4%
TOTALS	100%	100%

¹ Eligible renewable include wind, solar, small hydro, biomass and geothermal generation facilities in operation on or after January 1, 1997.
² Other sources include purchases and power sharing agreements from various resources.

For specific information about this electricity product, contact Loveland Water and Power at (970) 962-2111 or (970) 962-3000 or go to www.cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch.
The Green-e Energy Program certifies that Loveland's GreenSwitch Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call (888) 63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.



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Three of the participating schools had 100 percent classroom participation and in total, area students logged 29,015 non-PVTs on Tuesdays during the contest. The grand prize for most non-PVTs was winning the rental of an inflatable maze for the school's field day celebration. The winners were BF Kitchen and Centennial.

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and
C. Knaus

PWP is a free program that helps manage the high demand for electricity during summer months.
For more information call 962-3000 or visit www.cityofloveland.org/PWP

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