

# City Update

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# Make Every Drop Count

With 2012's record hot, dry year and 2013 snowfall currently below average, we are reminded it's especially important to save on water. While most Loveland residents already use water wisely, this summer may require even more vigilance when it comes to water use.

Using water efficiently is not difficult—it just requires a little more thought and planning.

The following are tips on how to reduce water use, save some money and help protect future water supplies.

#### **Outdoors:**

- Water the lawn only when it needs it. A good indicator for knowing when to water is 'footprinting.' Walk across the lawn. If footprints are visible afterwards, the lawn needs water.
- Set lawn mowers to their highest setting (2.5-3 inches). Longer grass



blades help keep the ground cool and retain moisture in the soil.

 Water infrequently but thoroughly to promote deep root growth and minimize evaporation.

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More about water usage inside

## Summertime is street and curb repair time

The Public Works Department will begin its summer maintenance and major projects programs soon. Residents should be attentive to signage, detours and the safety of road construction workers throughout the summer months.

# Street Rehabilitation Concrete Project

Public Works is in the process of conducting concrete repairs around the city in advance of the Street Resurfacing Program. This includes curb and gutter repairs as well as some sidewalk repairs.

Progress continues on bringing corner access ramps up to the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard, as required by the federal Department of Justice.

Every effort will be made to keep construction inconvenience to a minimum, but the public is urged to pay attention to the message boards



and traffic signs and to proceed slowly through the construction zones. Some of the areas due for rehabilitation in May include:

- North Taft Avenue between 15th Street and 29th Street
- Van Buren Avenue between 8th Street and 25th Street
- Empire Avenue between 15th Street and 22nd Street
- North Harrison Avenue between West 1st Street and W. 10th Street
- Allendale Subdivision cul-de-sacs only
- Winona First subdivision, select locations

Affected homeowners and businesses will be notified with a flyer at least 48 hours prior to the beginning of concrete construction activities in their area.

#### Street resurfacing program

The 2013 Street Resurfacing Program will start in May and continue through September. If your street is one of the streets to be surfaced, the contractor will set out 'No Parking' signs along your street. The signs will be set out one day before the work begins.

When No Parking signs are posted, do not park vehicles on the street between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. This (continued on page 3)







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#### OPENS SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013

Hours & rates available online at www.CityofLoveland.org/OutdoorSwimming

NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS!

Swim Lessons \* CARA Swim Team \* Rentals
Diving Boards \* 100ft Water Slide
Leisure Pool \* Bath House \* Concessions
Shallow Water Area \* Zero Depth Entry
Volleyball Net \* Basketball Court
BOOK YOUR GROUP OR EVENT TODAY!

# Enjoy a good ol' summertime BBQ

Bring the family and friends to a good old fashioned barbeque, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Wed., June 26 at the Chilson Senior Center.

The Senior Center's very own VOA caterer will cook up yummy brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and a delicious dessert.

Entertainment will be provided by Richard Bonnell, a wonderful singer and guitarist.

This barbeque is co-sponsored by The Seasons Club and VOA.

Last day to sign up is June 20.

Cost is \$9, \$7.50 w/Senior Activity Card, the Seasons Club Card, or SilverSneakers pass.

# Make every drop count (continued from page 1)

- Minimize runoff by allowing for soak-time between several shorter watering cycles. For example water five minutes, let the water soak in the ground for an hour, and water for five more minutes.
- Adjust sprinkler heads if they create runoff on walkways or driveways.
- If possible, delay new landscape installations for a non-drought year. Avoid installing landscaping during mid-summer. Incorporate water-wise plants when planning renovations or installations.
- Limit other outdoor water uses. Clear debris on driveways and sidewalks with a broom, not the hose. Always use a nozzle on the hose when watering landscape or washing the car.

#### **Indoors:**

- Save water and money by running the dishwasher and clothes washer only with full loads.
- Take shorter showers. Since time can fly when you're in there, use a shower timer or sing only two songs to ensure you are under a 5 minute time limit.
- Check for water leaks. A faucet with a leak (60 drops per minute) can waste over 190 gallons of water per month.

To stay up-to-date on City and State water conditions, visit the following resources:

Loveland 2013 Water Information – www.cityofloveland.org/2013watering

Loveland Conservation Information – www.cityofloveland.org/conservation

Statewide Drought Response – www.coh2o.co or contact Loveland Water and Power at SustainLoveland@cityofloveland.org or 962-3000.

# LWP recognized for electric reliability

Loveland Water and Power (LWP) is one of 184 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider (RP<sub>3</sub>) platinum level recognition from the American Public Power Association, for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.



designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key

The RP<sub>3</sub>

disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. "RP<sub>3</sub> utilities are shining examples of reliable and forward-thinking public power utilities," said Brent McKinney, chair of APPA's RP<sub>3</sub> review panel.

LWP is a public power system, meaning they are owned and operated by the community they serve. LWP is proud to offer their customers reliable, safe and secure utilities at competitive rates while being fiscally responsible and environmentally sensitive. "Receiving the RP<sub>3</sub> designation means a lot to us," said Steve Adams, director of LWP. "Our people work hard for their community and it's an honor to be recognized on a national level for the work we are doing here in Loveland."



# **FREE Sprinkler Inspection Program**

Save water and improve the health of your lawn with this FREE professional service.

- Learn easy, practical do-it-yourself sprinkler maintenance
- Do your part to conserve Colorado's water!

If you are operating an underground irrigation system, visit









Household clean-up program aids spring cleaning

once during that year.

be accepted.

With the arrival of spring, attention turns to the annual ritual of cleaning out and sprucing up residential properties. One of the most wellknown programs offered to City of Loveland residents, the Household Clean-up Program, allows residents to drop off over-sized, bulky items that would not be routinely picked up curbside. Residents may take these items to the Recycling Center at 400 N. Wilson Ave. during business hours, any day of the year. All residents who currently pay a monthly Solid Waste Management fee are entitled to use the Household Cleanup program. Vouchers are valid for one year and can be used only

While many items are permitted, others are not. Hazardous wastes including computers, TV's, tires, paint, etc. are not permitted. Recyclable items will need to be separated from household cleanup items. Normal fees will apply to certain items currently accepted at the site. Loads are limited in size and must not exceed a standard pickup load equivalent, or 2.7 cubic yards. Bring it by car, truck or trailer, but no oversized loads will

Obtaining a voucher is easy.
Residents can log on to www.
cityofloveland.org/solidwaste to request
their one-use voucher. Residents

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# Loveland Community Night Out celebrates ten years

The Tenth Annual Loveland Community Night Out (LCNO) evening of block parties will be 6-10 p.m., Wed., June 19. Once again neighbors will have the opportunity to get to know each other better, as well as meet Loveland police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, city council members, city staff and volunteers who work to keep Loveland a healthy and safe place to live.

LCNO is designed to strengthen neighborhoods and create awareness and partnerships between area communities and the public service providers who support them.

Hosting a block party is simple. The date and time is set. A designated location in the



neighborhood for gathering and mingling is all that's needed.

To sign up to host a block party in your neighborhood there is an automated process. Go to www.cityofloveland.org/ EventPermits and fill out the form.

For more information, contact the Loveland Police Department Crime Prevention Officer at 962-2229.

### Annual Fishing Derby June 1

Once again, the Loveland Police Department, Colorado Youth Outdoors, Loveland Fishing Club, Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Loveland Kiwanis Clubs have joined forces to hold the 2013 Loveland Fishing Derby. The event runs from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat., June 1 at the Duck Pond in North Lake Park and is for kids under the age of fifteen.

Members of the Colorado Youth Outdoors will be at the event to teach kids how to clean and cook their fish. The Loveland Fishing Club will be on hand for event registration, tackle, prize drawings, and fishing tips. The Colorado Division of Wildlife will provide the fish and explain Colorado law and fishing ethics.

The Loveland Kiwanis Club will have family-priced food. Proceeds will be used for Kiwanis youth programs in our community.

Everyone age 15 and over is welcome to fish after 5 p.m.

For more information call 962-2229 or visit the police section of www.cityofloveland.org to watch the Fishing Derby slide show.

# **Landscape Care Around Fire Hydrants**

#### Help ensure hydrants are visible and accessible

#### **Clearance Around Fire Hydrants:**

- 3 feet of clearance all around the hydrant is needed.
- 15 feet of clearance is needed above a hydrant for maintenance equipment.
- 18 inches of vertical clearance is needed from the hydrant's base to the center of the large cap, to allow crews to quickly connect fire hoses and/or to conduct maintenance.
- Shovel snow around the hydrant so it's visible and accessible to crews.

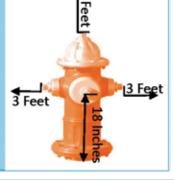
#### **Guidelines for Landscaping:**

- Never paint a fire hydrant. Firefighter & Utility crews look for orange hydrants.
- Keep plants to a minimum, trim vegetation to maintain 3-foot clearance, or plant groundcover
- Keep other landscape objects clear of the hydrant.

For more information: Fire safety concerns: 962-2537 Utilities maintenance: 962-3754







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who do not have computer access can call the Solid Waste Division at 962-2529. Vouchers are not available at the Recycling Center.

The Solid Waste Division would like to encourage all eligible residents to take advantage of this spring cleaning opportunity. For more information, visit us at www.cityofloveland.org/ solidwaste or call 962-2529.

# Summertime is street and curb repair time

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parking restriction time is only in effect Monday through Friday. If there is a delay, the signs will be turned around so they are not readable from the street. Parking is permitted at all times while the signs are turned away from the street.

City streets are rehabilitated using different types of processes. These include, asphalt overlays, crack sealing, chip sealing and hot-in-place asphalt paving.

For more information on specific projects or programs please see the maintenance and major project pages at www.cityofloveland.org.







700 E 4th St/Loveland, CO 970-962-2FUN/CityofLoveland.org

# Working on your sprinkler system this spring?



Don't forget to get your Lawn Sprinkler

If you are planning to install a new sprinkler system, repair, expand or modify your present sprinkler system, you must meet the requirements of the Loveland Municipal Code and the Colorado Cross-Connection laws. Permits are free and required for all homeowners and contractors.

To obtain a permit or for more information visit www.cityofloveland.org/Backflow or call: (970)-962-3721

Property owners can perform normal maintenance activities on their sprinkler systems including replacing sprinkler heads, repairing a leak or adding additional zones without obtaining a permit



#### Lots to do as summer blooms...

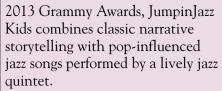
# The Rialto Theater presents the 2013 Tuesday Theater for Kids

All Tuesday Theater events will be held at the Rialto Theater Center, 228 E. Fourth St. in Loveland. For more information call 962-2120, or go to the Rialto Theater Center webpages at www.rialtotheatercenter.org.

JumpinJazz Kids

10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Tues., June 11





Tickets: \$5, \$3 children 12 and under.

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tues., June 25

Physical comedian Reid Belstock and innovative juggling ace Warren



Hammond come together for a hilarious and incredible performance.

Tickets: \$5, \$3 children 12 and under.

#### Okee Dokee Brothers

10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Tues., July 2

Winner of the 2013 Grammy Award for Best Children's Album comes to the Rialto Theater

Center for an energetic and inspiring performance with Colorado roots.

Tickets: \$5, \$3 children 12 and under. Jim Jackson's Big Bubble Circus

10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Tues., July 23

Magic, juggling and comedy are

combined with the wonder and science of ordinary soap to create the Big Bubble Circus.

Tickets: \$5, \$3 children 12 and under.

### And for the adults...

Ladies Night Out: Cosmos, Couture, and Sex and the City

6 p.m. (film at 8 p.m.) Fri., June 14

Cash bar and pop-up shop, then movie at 8 pm.

Ladies Night: Free. Movie tickets: \$5.

Goya's Ghosts (Film)

7 p.m., Wed., June 19

Goya's Ghosts is a sweeping historical epic told through the eyes of celebrated Spanish painter Francisco Goya.

**Tickets:** \$7 adult, \$6 senior/student.

# Variety of exhibits at Museum/Gallery

Scissors & Snippets – Selections from the Grace Goss Collection

May 25-July 28 More than 20 years ago, Grace Jenkins Goss taught her first class about Scherenschnitte – the old world art of paper cutting. Before



her death in 2012, Grace donated her 700+ pairs of scissors to the Loveland Museum/Gallery. A free exhibit.

**Muslim Journeys** June 29-Sept. 8

This exhibition displays Jeffris Elliott's photographs of contemporary Muslim society taken in the United Arab Emirates and

also shows the multi-layered beauty of the Middle East through objects on loan from the Avenir Museum in Fort Collins. A free exhibit.

#### Francisco Goya – Los Caprichos

June 14-Sept. 22

This exhibition features an early first edition of Los Caprichos, a set of 80 etchings by Spanish artist Francisco de Goya y

The Sleep of Reason
Produces Monsters, 1799.
F. Goya.



was published in 1799. Admission: \$5, free for Museum members.

Exhibit free days: Sat., June 22; Thurs., July 11; Sun., Aug. 18

# Library Summer Reading Program

Something for every member of the family

#### **For Kids**

Dig into Reading

Children's summer reading program

June 1-July 31

Baby, toddler and preschool story times

Elementary school-age programs Wednesday afternoons.

Storyteller in the Parks program 11 a.m., Mon. thru Fri June 3 to July 26

#### **For Teens**

Beneath the Surface, June -July 31, for grades 6-12. Other activities, too.

#### **For Families**

Tuesday Foote Lagoon programs, 7 p.m.

June 11; Inspector Magic – Magical Adventures to the Center of the Earth

June 25; The Big Bubble Circus with Jim Jackson

**July 9;** Dig Deep Down – a musical adventure with Dan Crow

July 23; Bekah Smith Juggling & Comedy Show

More information: 962-2665.

# 2013 Foote Lagoon Concert Series

7-9 p.m., Thursdays

June 27 Swing Je T'aime (Gypsy Jazz)

July 11 Colcannon (Celtic)

July 18 Buckstein (Country) July 25 **Creole Stomp** 

(Cajun)

Aug. 1

Hit & Run (Bluegrass)

**Todo Mundo** Aug. 8 (World/Latin)

Schedule is subject to change. For weather cancellations, call 962-2770 after 5 p.m.

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