



Art's new places



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Campus, a center for artists and their families to live and work, and for the community to celebrate the city's artistic traditions.
Thirty new apartments in a four-story building on Third Street, just west of the Burlington-Norfolk/Santa Fe railroad tracks

The Loveland Arts Campus (above) fronts Third Street west of Railroad Avenue. **Below**, Faith and Ken Gauthier and son Kinoid are new Artspace residents.

Loveland was a logical target for Artspace's first Colorado project. While nearly



Loveland's Mehaffey Park opens Aug. 1

**65-acre park offers
plateful of amenities for
the City's west side**

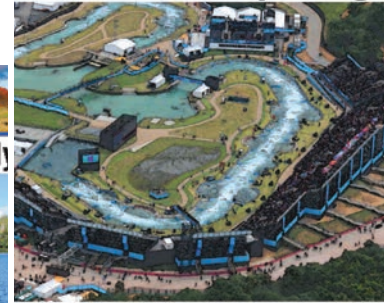
Sixty-nine acres of rolling land in northwest Loveland that for 80 years was a dryland wheat farm was so awash in spring rains this year that homestretch progress on the beautiful new Mehaffey Park was delayed.



2015



n-scale tourism package



Whitewater Adventure Park, with its recirculating river for kayaks and rafts, is included in Go Regional Tourism Act application, along with an indoor water park, a top-level sports training pit-centered resort hotel and conference center and an expanded Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch. The package describes a \$950 million investment that includes:
• Loveland's Indoor Waterpark if the Rockies, containing the name implies plus el rooms, a spa, 40,000 feet of meeting space, retail and a 250-seat restaurant;
• U.S. Whitewater Adventure Park, also in Loveland, 10-acre recirculating river system for river kayaking and rafting, anied by zip lines, climbing and other adventure activities.
• The National Sports & Tournament Center, including a Bo Jackson sports training facility, an outdoor sports complex, a sports science pavilion and the Earth Treks international climbing center at Centerra in Loveland.
• The National Sports & Conference Center, a 300-room resort hotel, luxury spa, 58,000-square-foot convention center located in Water Valley adjacent to the proposed Raindance National Golf Course.
• The enhanced Sylvan Dale



Christo and Jeanne-Claude: A river of art

**Colorado project
history, Museum/
Gallery exhibit bring
artist to Loveland**

Christo and Jeanne-Claude's art starts the way works of so many artists begin, with an idea, then a sketch.

In the case of "Over the River," the sketch is charcoal and pastel on paper. It depicts a shimmering river of fabric, flowing through a canyon landscape, suspended above a literal river that carries a raft and its passengers downstream.

Then, their art takes a giant leap. In the case of "Over the River," the next step was a broad and intricate engineering



River's Edge Natural Area: study



**Two years after
flood, natural area
recovers, reopens**
Sept. 26, 2015, would have been a day to mark the re-dedication of this Trout and River

This view was heard from the east shore of Bass Pond, Area, illustrates the area's unique status as an urban on Thompson River, fed by five days of relentless mountain rain, scoured away the new natural area's man-made features and left waterway choked with silt and the

City achievements make 2015 memorable

**Parks, art, open space,
hybrid trash trucks all
part of big year**

Loveland moved through 2015 with a diverse package of projects that reflects the will of its citizens to make our City better.

Plans for new amenities that had been shelved during two years

of flood recovery moved ahead. Most notable among those was the completion of Mehaffey Park, a 20-year vision for the City's west side.

At the same time, the last vestiges of the 2013 Flood and its aftermath had City employees rolling up sleeves to finish the tasks that remained.

The Parks and Recreation Department again was spotlighted when River's Edge Natural Area, nearly obliterated by the flood, reopened in September nearly two years after the event.

Other highlights of a year's worth of City transition and progress, by members of all City departments, are featured on Page 2.

ACHIEVEMENTS (from page 1)

Cultural Services

Christo, one of the world's best-known avant-garde artists, visited Loveland in November as the Loveland Museum/Gallery opened an exhibit of his works.

The artist also spoke at a packed Rialto Theater about plans for his next monumental work, "Over the River," in southern Colorado's Arkansas River Valley.

Development Services

"Create Loveland," the 10-year City Comprehensive Plan, engaged more than 1,600 residents during Community Choices Month in February. Their ideas will be integrated into the plan scheduled for completion in 2016.

Economic Development

The City completed purchases by summer 2015 of nearly a dozen properties in downtown Loveland to accommodate the South Catalyst Project, a redevelopment of two city blocks between Lincoln and Cleveland Avenues.

A private development partner will be chosen in early 2016 to move the project forward.

Loveland Public Library

An employee committee launched the "Where You Can!" rebranding project, with a new look, logo, website and new services that expand library patrons' horizons. Their work will be unveiled 4-6 p.m. Jan. 4 during a special program at the library.

Parks and Recreation

The grand opening of Mehaffey Park in August became Loveland's signature 2015 event.

The 65-acre park, with its historic Overland Trail theme, contains features such as the region's largest skate park, public artworks by sculptor Robert Tully and an adventure playground for children and their adult minders.



Sculptor Robert Tully's "Compass," in Mehaffey Park, now serves as its trademark.

Police

Loveland's Police Department in November won its eighth consecutive accreditation from CALEA, the national law enforcement standards agency.

The department also was successful that month in recruiting and hiring seven new uniformed officers, bringing LPD to its full authorized staffing level.

Public Works

A fleet of six new garbage trucks, each equipped with a hydraulic hybrid drive system, hit the streets of Loveland in January. By year-end, the trucks had demonstrated a savings of more than 40 percent of fuel costs.

The department also completed the citizen-driven Boise Avenue Extension, easing traffic flow in north Loveland.

Water and Power

Loveland City Council approved the Foothills Solar and Substation Project, to be located just west of Mehaffey Park. The \$9.1 million project is funded by FEMA under a pilot program, and compensates for generating capacity lost with the destruction of Idylwilde Dam during the 2013 Flood. The project is scheduled for completion in late 2016.

Notable Others

Loveland Fire Rescue Authority took strides toward independence, with its employees now operating under the banner of the free-standing authority.

Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport was chosen by the FAA as the site of a new "virtual tower" project. Using high-tech sensors, monitored remotely by air traffic controllers, the virtual tower could play a role in attracting future air service.

City by the numbers in 2015

- 3.6 billion gallons of water purchased by City customers
- 2368 million gallons of wastewater treated
- 730 million kilowatt hours purchased by City customers
- 941,167 minutes read by library summer reading program participants
- \$757,977 in City grants to 36 local non-profit agencies
- 450,000 City Update newsletters sent to residents
- 280,000 athletic program attendees
- 163,000 calls to the Loveland Emergency Dispatch
- 116,000 rounds of golf played on City courses
- 115,745 (approx.) COLT bus riders
- 73,349 people in Loveland that received City services
- 51,831 (approx.) miles driven by COLT Paratransit
- 50,515 eBooks etc. checked out through the Front Range downloadable Library
- 49,449 active library patrons
- 41,000 9-1-1 calls to City Emergency Dispatch
- 28,132 patrons to events at the Rialto
- 26,400 tons of yardwaste diverted from landfill
- 24,425 Winona pool attendees
- 20,341 CFL/LED bulbs purchased through LWP efficiency programs
- 19,910 tons of garbage sent to the landfill
- 12,376 items borrowed from other libraries through the Prospector consortium
- 7,763 acres of open land preserved
- 7,495 responses to calls by Lovel Fire Rescue Authority
- 7,444 tons of recyclables diverted from the landfill
- 3,900 potholes filled
- 3000 (approx.) attendees to Museum's Halloween event
- 2500 (approx.) attendees to annual Cherry Pie Festival
- 2175 traffic accidents handled
- 2,057 artists, performers and presenters at the Rialto
- 1,220 street signs installed/replaced
- 1186 children read to 10 therapy dogs for library's Waggin' Tales program
- 1,032 2nd graders attending Museum's History Day
- 723 backflow inspections
- 678 fire safety inspections at local schools and businesses
- 181 miles of sewer mains cleaned
- 68 Art in Public places transformer boxes
- 35 pedal powered trips to provide library services in 'LIMO'
- 18 miles of Loveland recreation trail
- 6 gnomes hidden in Museum murals
- 2 homicides
- 0 police officer fatalities or serious injuries
- 0 fire-related fatalities

City snow plan aims to keep Loveland's roadways drivable and safe

As part of its commitment to public health and safety, the Public Works Department's snow plan allocates resources to provide maximum service on public arterial and collector streets when the snow flies in Loveland.

This prioritized approach supports safe and orderly travel for the majority of drivers and ensures critical access for emergency personnel.

During most snowstorms it is possible to keep priority one and priority two routes open and maintained. Priority one roadways are the City's main arterials such as Eisenhower Boulevard. Priority two roadways also normally carry a significant amount of traffic but less than priority one roads.

When Mother Nature throws a curve ball as we saw last month, priority two routes are temporarily dropped in order to keep priority ones open and well treated with de-icer.

The City's snow fighting arsenal includes anti-icing, de-icing and plowing. Anti-icing applies chemical freezing-point depressants at the



Twenty-four hours a day, all winter long, the City's snow crews are ready to go out in the worst of snow storms to keep Loveland roadways as drivable and safe as possible.

beginning and during the early stages of a storm to keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement. Anti-icing exposes bare pavement sooner, takes fewer chemicals and reduces equipment wear-and-tear. However, anti-icing can only happen when weather conditions support its use. If rain precedes the snow or pavement temperatures are too high, the liquid anti-icer won't stick to the street.

De-icing refers to the application of chemicals after a bond has already occurred to break down the ice. Both liquid and granular chemicals are used in City anti-icing and de-icing operations. Expertise, timing and good judgement are necessary to maximize the interplay of these

various snow-control methods.

How can you help?

In order for City snow plow operators to do their jobs thoroughly and safely please:

- Don't follow too closely behind the plows
- Never pass a snow plow on the right
- Don't maneuver your vehicle into a group of plows working together to clear snow from all lanes of travel.

Giving crews plenty of room to do their job helps everyone be safer and reach their destinations, even when Mother Nature is doing her best to make it difficult.

For more information visit www.cityofloveland.org/snowplan or call 962-2529.

Draft of new comprehensive plan to be presented at commission meeting

During the last 18 months, the City's planning team has developed the draft of the City's new comprehensive plan, 'Create Loveland.' The draft, which is now nearly complete, will be considered for recommendation to City Council at a public hearing with the Planning Commission to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 at 500 E. Third St.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and comment on the plan. Upon the Planning Commission's recommendation, the plan will be presented to City Council for final approval.

During 2014-15, through a series of open houses, workshops

and other community outreach events, Loveland citizens shared their ideas with City planners about how they want Loveland to grow in the future; how they want neighborhoods to look and feel, City centers to function, and how new locations



for shopping and other business ventures should develop over the next decade and beyond.

The feedback, gathered directly from community

members at 35-plus public engagement events as well as online, is contained in the new comprehensive plan draft.

In making a recommendation to City Council, the Planning Commission will affirm that the plan supports the community's vision and contains the policies and strategies necessary for achieving that vision.

Look for a draft of the plan to be available for review at www.CreateLoveland.com.

For more information call Karl Barton at 962-2721, or email Karl.Barton@cityofloveland.org.

Put the damper on winter fires by following a few simple safety tips

December, January, February and March are the leading months for U.S. home fires.

The leading factors that collectively contribute to a higher risk of home fires and related hazards during the winter include heating, holiday decorating, candles, electrical issues and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Cooking

Cooking fires are the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries year-round.

Between 2009 and 2013, cooking equipment was involved in an annual average of 162,400 reported home fires that resulted in 430 civilian deaths, 5,400 injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage per year. Unattended

cooking was by far the leading cause of these fires and fire deaths.

Heating

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries; December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires.

Home heating equipment was involved in 16 percent of home fires, 19 percent of the home fire deaths, 12 percent of the home fire injuries, and 15 percent of the direct property damage from home fires. Failure to clean chimneys and other heating equipment was the leading cause of these fires. However, space heaters, including portable heaters and those that are permanently installed, were involved in five out of six home heating fire deaths.



Heating equipment is often too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding and has been found to be a leading cause of fire deaths.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO), is an odorless, colorless gas.

In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine such calls per hour. The number of incidents increased 96 percent from 40,900 incidents reported in 2003. This increase is most likely due to the increased use of CO detectors, which alert people to the presence of CO.

For safety tips, videos and other information on winter fire safety and prevention, go to nfpa.org/winter and usfa.fema.gov/winter.



New Series with Michael Wilcox from the Loveland Photographic Society

Digital Photography 101



2nd Wednesdays

January 13
February 10
March 9
April 13



6pm-8pm
Gertrude Scott Room

(more information about the
instructor on the flipside)

Class size is limited.

To register, please contact Michael at openshadows@hotmail.com or 970-292-8900.

Bring your camera!

Broaden your 2016 skill set with our new hands-on digital photography series.

(To include post processing instruction using Photoshop.)

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Students learn about energy use, sustainability during semester-long challenge

During the fall semester, more than 450 Thompson School District students broadened their understanding of sustainability and how to tread more lightly on the earth through the Loveland Energy Challenge – the result of a partnership between Loveland Water and Power (LWP), Opower and non-profit SmartPower, with support from the Thompson School District.

Students from Ponderosa Elementary and Lucile Erwin Middle School learned how their and others energy usage impacts their community's energy resources.

"The goal of the challenge was to encourage students, peers and families to take meaningful energy actions in the classroom and at home," said LWP customer relations manager Gretchen Stanford. Through the teacher-led, semester-long classroom initiative, students met the challenge by learning how to be 'energy smart.'

Students studied five energy modules

SmartPower created the lesson plans, homework assignments and tools for monitoring student progress, allowing students to experience environmental science firsthand. The children studied five energy efficiency modules including cooling, heating, vampire load (energy used by electronics and appliances that continue to draw power even when they're turned off), and lighting.

Homework assignments prompted students to investigate their home energy load and encouraged behavioral energy use changes for the entire family.

Midway through the challenge, Brian Keane, SmartPower president and author of *Green is Good*,



Ponderosa Elementary students show their enthusiasm for energy efficiency at the Loveland Energy Challenge kick off last September. More than 450 students participated in the challenge.

presented a book talk at each school and a public book talk at the Loveland Public Library in conjunction with the challenge. The book provides simple suggestions on how to make homes and communities more energy smart. Each child that participated in the challenge received a copy of Keane's book.

"Working with the students in Loveland is a great way to demonstrate that everyone can make a difference and students are inspiring that change for their families and neighbors."

– **Brian Keane, president, Smartpower**

The final homework assignment asked students to plan a year of energy savings. Each student was asked to set an energy reduction goal employing the energy saving strategies they had studied in previous units. Students were challenged to track monthly bills to see if their efforts were reflected in their utility bills. Students were also encouraged to enroll

in LWP's Home Energy Report portal to track differences in energy consumption as they implemented the changes. In addition, students were offered the opportunity to sign up for a home energy audit.

Seventeen classrooms from fourth to sixth grade participated in the challenge. Teachers reported that 85 percent of students participating completed at least one module of study. As a result, LWP saw an 80 percent increase in activity on the Home Energy Report portal. Participation by teachers and their students was completely voluntary.

At the end of the course students were recognized at a celebration ceremony where they received a certificate of participation and a T-shirt. Each school received a \$5,000 grant through the LWP Energy Efficiency Assistance Program for their participation to be used for further energy efficiency education.

To learn more about the Loveland Energy Challenge visit lovelandenergychallenge.org.

Sign up now for high bill alert notifications

LWP understand that residents have busy lives and may not always be mindful of their electrical usage.

To help these busy customers keep better track of their usage and avoid high bills, LWP can now send out high bill alerts.

High bill alerts are email messages that notify customers that they could be on track for an unusually high energy bill at the end of the month.

“We know that unexpectedly high bills can be a surprising as well as frustrating for customers. This new program will equip people with the tools they need to stay on top of their usage,” said Lindsey Bashline, customer relations specialist with LWP.

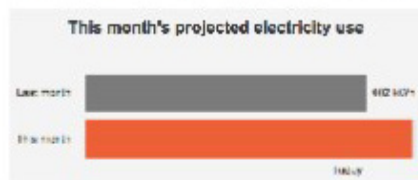
In addition to giving customers a ‘heads-up’ for the potential of a higher-than-normal bill,

LWP’s alerts also include simple, actionable steps that households can take to lower their energy usage and proactively reduce their electricity usage every month, all year long.

Sign up and avoid high energy bills

Want to sign up and begin receiving high bill alerts? Call us at 962-3000 or change your Home Energy Report online account settings at cityofloveland.org/energyreports.

Due to cooler weather, you're on track for a higher electricity bill



Stay connected with LWP

New media and technology trends are reshaping the way we do business, especially when it comes to communicating with customers. LWP’s goal is to deliver timely, engaging news that will help residents stay connected with their municipal utility.

Check out the LWP website, blog, social media pages, videos and e-news.

• Web: cityofloveland.org/LWP

• Like us on FACEBOOK: facebook.com/LovelandWaterandPower



• Follow us on TWITTER: [@LovelandWP](https://twitter.com/LovelandWP)



• Or check out the LWP blog: cityofloveland.org/LWPBlog.

LWP lecture series

Loveland Water and Power has partnered with the High Plains Environmental Center to bring residents a free lecture series not-to-be-missed.

Every second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 12 and continuing throughout the year, the public is invited to go to Grimm Brothers Brewhouse and learn from experts in the fields of horticulture, sustainability and more, for the Community Stewardship Lecture Series.

Pre-registration is required. More info at cityofloveland.org/LWPLectures.



Community Stewardship
Lecture Series

creating a sustainable culture

If you are a Loveland Water and Power customer, a free home efficiency assessment with water and energy saving upgrades is available to you.

The Larimer County Conservation Corps has partnered with Loveland Water and Power to offer services and products to improve your home’s efficiency at no cost to you. This limited time offer is available until May.

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