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Outdoor concerts, events, mark summer's debut



Summer lineup features old favorites with a few new twists

When it comes to Loveland's long list of summer events, a number of idioms come to mind; everything from soup to nuts, or everything old is new again. The one idiom that certainly applies is, if you snooze you lose, because Loveland's summer calendar is chock-full of great concerts and events designed to refresh, entertain and inspire.

Foote Lagoon Summer Concert Series July 7 - August 11, 6 p.m., Thursday evenings, Foote Lagoon Amphitheater, 500 E. Third St.

The City has been putting on Foote Lagoon concerts for nearly

The Foote Lagoon Concert Series has been a focal point of Loveland's summertime events for nearly three decades. New sponsorship has set the stage for some exciting expansion of this downtown mainstay.

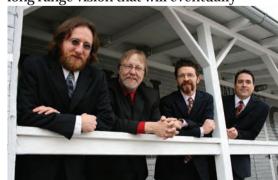
three decades and they continue to be a perennial favorite.

The concert stage that seems to float in the water like a giant lily pad provides a unique stage for performers and a unique ambiance for attendees. Once the sun sets and the lights come on, the reflection off the water creates a magical atmosphere that enhances the performance and makes for a memorable evening.

This season for the first time, attendees will be treated to two bands per concert versus just one as in years past. Both bands will fall under one combined musical genre such as Rock and Pop or Jazz and Funk.

Also new for the 2016 season is the introduction of performances for kids beginning one hour prior to the concerts on the Foote Lagoon main stage. Kids acts, located at the library, will include jugglers, dancers, puppets and story-tellers.

According to Bryan Zellmer, Rialto Theater Manager, these additions are the first steps of a long range vision that will eventually



The Blue Canyon Boys will perform their 'highoctane Colorado Bluegrass' at 7 p.m. on July 28.

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Summer (from page 1) extend the celebration across the entire length of the lagoon to the east end of the Municipal campus.

More diverse offerings

"We are now in a position, thanks to the generosity and support of our sponsors, Kaiser Permanente and the Iva Lee McKee Charitable Trust, to begin expanding our programs so we can offer the community a broader, more varied experience. Expansion through diversity is our motto now. We want to offer more diverse offerings to more people in more settings."

Zellmer said that ultimately they plan to add a third stage at Chilson Recreation Center. Activities there would revolve around health and wellness and possibly include a taste of the Chilson Center's standard offerings such as yoga and pilates. Things like drum circles and some kind of group dance may also be in the

offing.

These new additions are expected to roll out over the next few years as plans and funding are

solidified.

The Foote Lagoon Festival runs from 6-9 p.m. Performances for children on the library Kid's stage begin at 6 p.m. The concerts at the Foote Lagoon amphitheater begin at 7 p.m.

For more information go to lovelandmuseumgallery.org/programs-events/events/foote-lagoon-summer-concerts or call

962-2410.

Annual Cherry Pie Celebration 5-8 p.m., July 16, Peters Park and Fifth Street

This Loveland staple not only offers up delectable cherry pie, but is a celebration deeply rooted in Loveland's once thriving cherryfarming industry.

The event includes children's activities, historical displays, a pie contest and live music: 5-6:15 p.m. Rusty 44 - Bluegrass/Americana, 6:45-8 p.m. After the Fire - Funk.

For more information go to lovelandmuseumgallery.org/



The City's Cherry Pie Festival continues to be a summertime-favorite enjoyed by young and old.

programs-events/events/cherrypie-celebration or call 962-2410.

Loveland Loves BBQ Bands & Brews July 15-16, Railroad Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets.

This newer edition to Loveland's summertime line-up is catching on quickly due to a great combination of live music and craft brews.

For more information go to www.lovelandlovesbbq.com.

Loveland Sculpture/Art Weekend August 12-14, Benson Sculpture Park

Loveland is home to the nation's largest outdoor art and sculpture weekend featuring three distinct shows attracting art and culture lovers from around the world.

For more information to to www.sculptureinthepark.org/show/information.

Want to know what else is going on this summer?



Check out the City's website at www.cityofloveland.org



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Old Fashioned Corn Roast Festival August 19-20, Fourth Street and Railroad Avenue

Don't miss the annual parade, corn shucking competition, corn eating contest, and all the roasted or boiled corn anyone could eat.

For more information go to www.loveland.org/ TheCornRoastFestival

Lake Loveland Swim Beach, North Lake Park

Enjoy Loveland's ample summer sunshine and the cool, crisp water of Lake Loveland.

The Swim Beach will open Sat. May 28, weather permitting and with sufficient staffing. More information at www.cityofloveland.org/outdoorswimming.

Valley 5000 Run/Walk - August 26, Fairgrounds Park

The start time for the annual Valley 5000 Run/Walk race is 7 p.m. A kids Fun Run begins at 6 p.m.

For more information call 962-2432, or to register, go to www.valley5000.com.

All proceeds benefit House of Neighborly Service.

Cattail Creek golf course provides fun and skill-building for whole family

Americans love golf, but while popular, learning to play the game can be challenging, especially for children.

The Citys's Cattail Creek golf course provides a graduated set of easy to more advanced courses to help newbies of all ages get started.

It's also the perfect setting for families and players of different skill levels to play together.

"Over the last two years, we have seen a dramatic increase in family play," said Steve Southard, Golf Operations Manager for the City of Loveland.

"We are beginning to see more children starting to play at ages 5 and 6 and parents and grandparents are playing a key role in mentoring the young players," he continued.

New players start at the Starting New at Golf (SNAG) facility. Once they get the hang of it they can move to the next level.

The most popular golf activity for families is the Mini-Course. After a few rounds, most players graduate to the game-based driving range at Cattail Creek called The Game Zone. When hitting becomes consistent, the new golfers begin on-course play with a 3-hole round at Cattail Creek. When everyone feels ready, families can begin 9-hole play on the par 3 course.

The growth in family play at Cattail Creek has been steadily climbing. Revenues at Cattail Creek jumped 18.5 percent from 2013 to 2015, without fee increases.

Play on the driving range has

also increased. "Sometimes golf might seem elitist, but playing at Cattail Creek is just a fun outdoor experience for everyone," added Southard.

Last year the Mini-Course hosted 5,900 rounds and 3 hole rounds increased by 77 percent.

With ongoing mentorship by parents and grandparents, and families wanting to play golf together, this growth is expected to continue in 2016.



Families of all shapes, sizes and skill levels enjoy the 'Game Zone' at Cattail Creek golf course.

New options soon for utility payments

New and improved payment options will soon be available to City of Loveland Utility Billing (UB) customers.

A more convenient, online payment system will make it possible to make quick, one-time payments without an account and password.

Customers who choose to register an account and password for the new online payment system will have additional options, such as the convenience of saving payment information for future payments, setting up recurring credit/debit card payments, and access to billing statements.

An automated phone system with English and Spanish options will make it possible to pay by phone 24/7, not just during open office hours. Over the phone and online customers will be able to pay with VISA, MasterCard, Discover and AMEX credit/debit cards, plus a new payment option for Utility Billing customers – electronic checks.

For more information call 962-2111 or go to cityofloveland.org/paymentoptions.

Change in UB's collection process

City Utility Billing field personnel currently stop at the door of past-due customers to attempt collection of the delinquent balance before disconnecting utility service.

Due to safety concerns, increasing costs and upcoming payment system enhancements, field collection will be discontinued effective July 5.

To avoid loss of utility service and associated turn-on fees, payment must be received by the City's Utility Billing office no later than the date and time indicated on mailed delinquency notices.



For customers' convenience, payments can be made online at cityofloveland.org, by phone at 962-2111, or in person at 500 E. Third St., Ste. 100, at the City Hall building.

Annual July 4th celebration at North lake Park means food, fun, fireworks

Loveland's annual Independence Day celebration at North Lake Park will be a fun-filled day and evening for patriots of all ages.

Highlights include entertainment by the Loveland Concert Band, vintage cars spanning the decades from the 1920's to 70's, and rides on the North Lake Park Train courtesy of the Lions Club. The annual flag raising ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at Lone Tree School.

Certain areas will be off-limits for the safety of spectators. The Swim Beach, playground and basketball courts will be closed July 3-4. The Swim Beach will reopen at noon on July 5. In addition, pedestrian access to the amphitheater and ball fields south of Loveland High School (LHS) will be from the walkway that runs north around the fishing pond along W. 29th St. The rear of the amphitheater will be reserved for public safety personnel and vendor



access.

Parking will be available on 29th Street from Duffield to the golf course with handicap parking from Taft Avenue to Beech Drive. Additional parking for a fee will be available in the LHS lot plus some additional free handicap parking at LHS.

To ease traffic congestion, attendees are encouraged to walk or bike to the park.

Personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages, pets (except for service dogs) and overnight camping in North Lake Park are prohibited. For more 4th of July information and maps, call 962-2432 or go to CityofLoveland.org/July4th.



City of Loveland Parks & Recreation

Join the Fun!

Sign up for Summer Adult & Youth Sports May 2nd!

www.CityofLoveland.org/Athletics













www.Facebook.com/CityofLovelandAthletics

For additional information call (970) 962-2445

Recreation opportunties

Tots: Ages 2-6

Dance: Mommy and Me & Webby Dance and Gym Combo Art and Learning: Picasso Self Portraits, Dinosaur Discovery, Little Colorado, Get Buggy!

Youth; Ages 6-18

Dance: Jazz; Lyrical/Contemporary, Musical Theater & Dance Bootcamp Camps: Mini Art Camp; Build-a-Boat Workshop, Fencing LEGO: Architecture; Jedi

Engineering, Olympics, Robotics & Rocketry

Adults; ages 16+

Wilderness & Remote First Aid, Survival Plants

Health: Aromatherapy; Natural First Aid with Oils, Medicinal Gardening/ Herbalism

Cooking: Thai Cuisine; Gluten Free Breads, Heart Healthy Burgers Art: Sat. Drawing & Painting, Silversmithing & Pewter Casting

For more info call 962-2446 or go to CityofLoveland.org/Chilson.



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Make the switch to clean, renewable energy with LWP's Greenswitch

Renewable energy is energy that comes from natural sources like solar, wind, geothermal, biomass generation or small hydroelectric systems.

Currently, Loveland receives its renewable energy from wind turbines.

Loveland Water and Power purchases this clean energy from Platte River Power Authority, Loveland's wholesale energy provider, for the City's GreenSwitch program.

GreenSwitch enables Loveland power customers to purchase electricity that's been generated from clean, renewable sources.

GreenSwitch is sold in 100 kilowatt-hours blocks for an additional \$2.70 each. Many or just a few blocks can be purchased to meet specific energy requirements.

Residents, small businesses or large corporations can make the switch to clean, renewable energy.

The 2015 and 2016 product content labels list the content mixes for Loveland's renewable electricity last year, and the prospective content mix for the

PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL¹

GreenSwitch is sold in blocks of 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh). This table provides the renewable resource mix in GreenSwitch in 2015 as well as the projected resource mix in 2016.

Green-e Energy Eligible New² Renewables in GreenSwitch

	2015 - Historic		2016 - Prospective	
	%	Generation Location	%	Generation Location
Wind	2%	Colorado	6%	Colorado
Wind	46%	Wyoming,	94%	Wyoming
Wind	52%	Oklahoma		

- 1. These figures reflect the renewables that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased. For 2015 Historic: These figures reflect the power delivered to GreenSwitch customers in 2015.
- 2. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years. This product includes generation from a facility that is approved for extended use by Green-e Energy."]

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Loveland Non-Renewable Subscribers includes: Coal (66.5%), Natural Gas (0.6%), Hydroelectric (18.9%), Renewables (7.2%), and Other (6.7%). This resource mix was provided to Loveland by Platte River Power Authority for the year 2015.

The average home in the United States uses 909 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2013]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Loveland Water and Power, 970-962-3000, cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch.



GreenSwitch is Green-e Energy certified, and meets the environmental and consumer-protection standards set forth by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. Learn more at www.green-e.org.

current year. The Renewable Mix contains the product mix that GreenSwitch customers receive.

To join GreenSwitch go to

cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch, call 962-2111, or pick up an application at the City's Utility Billing office, 500 E. Third St.

Guidelines for landscaping around fire hydrants

It's extremely important that Loveland's firefighters and maintenance crews have good access to Loveland's fire hydrants in the event of a fire or to perform necessary maintainance.

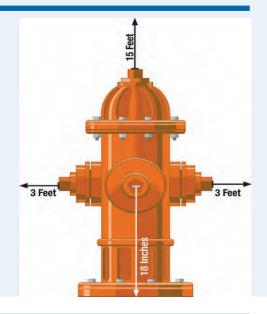
Loveland Water and Power would like to request that homeowners follow prescribed guidelines to keep plants and shrubs from overtaking hydrants.

Hydrants should have 3 feet of clearance all around them. Bushes should not be planted within 5 feet of hydrants and trees should not be planted within 10 feet of hydrants.

Fifteen feet of clearance is needed above a hydrant just to perform routine maintenance, and 18 inches of vertical clearance is needed from the hydrant's base to the center of the large cap to allow crews to connect fire hoses.

No other landscaping objects or decorations should be placed near hydrants, and homeowners should never paint hydrants. Firefighters and utility crews are accustomed to looking for bright orange hydrants.

For fire safety concerns call 962-2537. For utilities maintenance questions call 962-3000.



Energy efficiency audits help target problem areas

As the seasons change and temperatures shift, it is important to understand just how efficient your home is.

In Loveland, having an inefficient home can be costly, as it forces us to run our air conditioning units and gas furnaces longer to reach comfortable temperatures during summer and winter months.

Subsequently, an inefficient home can lead to a higher utility bill and because of that, Loveland Water and Power wants to help.

Efficiency Works[™] is a comprehensive service that provides home efficiency audits, advice and rebates.

Get started at *efficiencyworks.co* or by calling (877) 981-1888.



An infrared camera shows where air leaks in this home are creating energy-inefficiencies.



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Visit: ConservationCenter.org/sprinklers
Call: (303) 999-3824
ReSource Conservation





Slow the Flow

The 2015 annual water quality Consumer Confidence Report will be available on Loveland Water and Power's website at cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality on June 30.

If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the Loveland Water Quality Report sent to you, please call 962-3000.