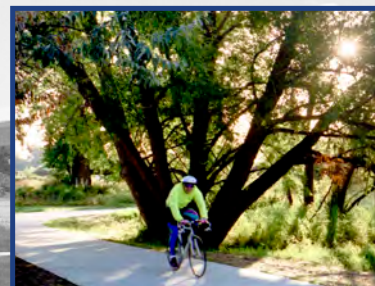




Cycling takes center stage during month of June



Cyclists of all ages and ability levels will be able to participate in a variety of bike-centric activities set throughout the month of June and culminating in the annual Bike to Work Day on June 28. Bike stations will be scattered around the City providing riders a free breakfast plus bike accessories and tune-ups.

Bike Month shines spotlight on City's blooming bikability

For the first time ever, Loveland is dedicating the entire month of June to all things bicycling, to encourage residents to take advantage of some of the most scenic recreation trails in northern Colorado, and to highlight Loveland's ever-improving bikability for recreators and commuters alike.

The City's first Bike to Work Day took place in 1979 when Loveland had no designated recreation trails (construction of Loveland's first recreation trail

began in 1990), and Loveland's population hovered around 30,000.

Much has changed since then. People are taking a greater interest in living a healthy lifestyle. Many are looking for ways to ditch their cars and traffic congestion in favor of a more environmentally-friendly and health-promoting means of transportation. And the sport of cycling has flourished in recent years through continually improving outdoor trail systems, high-profile professional cycling events and the booming popularity of indoor cycle spinning classes.

In transportation-planner speak, those shifting values mean creating a built environment that includes a "multi-modal" transportation system that supports

different ways of getting around - by foot, on bicycle, in personal vehicles and on public transit, with an emphasis on efficiency and safety.

Planning for the future

In 2012, the City's Public Works department published a 42-page Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to help guide future development.

A committee made up of personnel from several City departments, the school district, bike and ped advocacy groups, members of City advisory boards and others, worked to develop a multi-modal transportation plan that benefits the community now and lays the foundation for an expanding rec trail system that meshes with the built environment

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and is sustainable for generations to come.

Closing the gaps

Part of that plan includes completing the recreation trail loop that circles the City and then connecting Loveland's main north-south rec trails to Fort Collins' rec trail system.

"We've worked really hard the last few years to put in the regional connection to Fort Collins – that has been the big focus of our trail work," said Janet Meisel-Burns, Senior Parks and Recreation Planner. Meisel-Burns, who's been integrally involved in the development of Loveland's recreation trail system since 2000, is anxious to close the few remaining gaps.

The Front Range Trail, east of Hwy. 287, starts at Boyd Lake State Park and will connect with the Power Trail in Fort Collins. The Long View Trail in west Loveland will start at the Sunset Vista Natural Area and connect with the Fossil Creek Trail in Fort Collins. Those connections will enable bike commuters between the two cities to enjoy a safer, less stressful commute and will offer leisure riders many more miles of trail to explore and enjoy.

The Front Range Trail will open in the fall of 2017 and the Long View Trail will be finished and operational by summer of 2018.

Filling in the 'spokes'

Once the larger framework of the trail system is complete, trail planners will again focus on improving Loveland's overall bikability by "filling in the spokes."

"The spokes are the rec trails that run between neighborhoods, open spaces and urban spaces," Meisel-Burns said. "We want walkers and riders to be able to easily navigate from their homes to parks or open spaces, as well as downtown without ever getting in the car," she said. "And of course we just want people to enjoy them. It's a beautiful way to see our City and enjoy our recreation opportunities."



The Parks and Recreation department is actively working on closing the gaps to complete the loop of the City's Recreation Trail system. The dotted red lines are the proposed additions.

Bike Month activities and schedule

- **June 2 – Build a Better World Block Party at the Loveland Library**, 6-9 p.m. A community engagement event with community booths, bike activities, displays, food and drink vendors and live music.
- **June 3 – National Trails Day & Get Geared Up for Summer Celebration**, 8:30-noon, Fairgrounds Park. Begins with a commemorative bike ride and ribbon-cutting for the Wilson Avenue Bridge plus a youth bike rodeo and alternative transportation demos and displays.
- **June 9 – Friday Night Rodeo & Rendezvous**, 5-8 p.m. on 5th Street between Lincoln and Cleveland. A western-themed bicycle event in conjunction with Friday Night on the Town, featuring an adult bike rodeo, downtown merchant-specials for rodeo participants, community booths, bike displays, a DJ with dancing and a tire changing competition sponsored by Loveland's PEDAL Club. Dress in your best western 'git-up' for a night of yee-haw fun!
- **June 11 – Art By Bike Tour**, noon to 4 p.m. A 4.5-mile guided bike tour featuring Loveland's outdoor art collection in northwest Loveland (includes Mehaffey & Benson Parks). Riders can meet some of the artists. Pre-registration required online at www.cityofloveland.org/leisuretimes.
- **June 15 – Go By Bike: Everyday Cycling Class**, 5:30-7 p.m., Chilson Center. Learn what to ride, wear, carry, and about route selection and safety techniques when biking for everyday transportation. Age 16+. Pre-registration required online at www.cityofloveland.org/leisuretimes.
- **June 22 – Bicycle Friendly Driver Certification Class**, 5:30-7 p.m., Chilson Center. Learn about traffic laws and responsibilities of cyclists and motorists. Learn how to avoid crashes and conflicts. Age 15+. Pre-registration required online at www.cityofloveland.org/leisuretimes.
- **June 24 – Art by Bike Tour**, 8 a.m.-noon A 4.5-mile guided bike tour featuring Loveland's outdoor art collection, in downtown Loveland (includes a stop at Heskew Studio and ArtSpace). Riders will be able to meet some of the artists. Pre-registration required online at www.cityofloveland.org/leisuretimes.
- **June 28 – Bike to Work Day**, 6:30-8:30 a.m. Seventeen hospitality stations will be set-up around town to support cyclists as they make their way to work or elsewhere. Food, bicycle mechanics and giveaways at various stations.
- **June 30 – ABC's Bike Check and Rules of the Road**, 11 a.m.-noon at the Loveland Library, ages 5-12. Call 962-2587 for more information.

For more Bike Month information go to www.cityofloveland.org/biketowork.

City's farmers market delivers abundant produce and so much more

It's almost summer and that means the City of Loveland Farmer's Market at Fairgrounds Park is coming back to town.

From 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday from June 25 through Sept. 24, a variety of vendors will be on-site at 700 S. Railroad Ave. - Pavilions 1 and 2 at the far north end of Fairgrounds Park for the weekly Farmers Market.

The market is in its eighth year of operation and continues to grow in size, variety of offerings and popularity. It was also recently recognized by the Best of Colorado (bestthingsco.com/farmers-

markets) as one of the ten best farmers markets in the state.

The market connects area residents and visitors with local agriculture producers and artisans selling fresh produce, meat and dairy items, honey, beverages, baked goods and other handmade goods.

The market also has great, live entertainment, plus food from local food truck vendors and craft beer served at the beer garden.

The market is

still recruiting egg/cheese/dairy vendors.

Call 962-2432 for vendor information or to volunteer at the market. Double-up food bucks honored.

For more information go to www.cityofloveland.org/farmersmarket.



Tee-off for Kids enables more kids to participate in City's youth rec activities

The Loveland Parks and Recreation Foundation and its community sponsors are once again holding the Annual Loveland Tee Off for Kids Golf Tournament June 9.

The tournament raises funds for youth recreational scholarships for children and families who cannot afford to participate in recreational activities offered through the City.

The tournament starts with a 1 p.m. shotgun, Fri., June 9 at Mariana Butte Golf Course.

Organized in a two-person scramble format, the tournament will consist of friendly competition



in three divisions of play: men's, women's and mixed.

Teams of all kinds are encouraged to join in the fun and compete for a great cause.

Cost is \$230 per two-person team, which includes range balls, a cart, 18-hole round of golf, awards and dinner.

To learn more about the Tee Off for Kids Golf Tournament, or to make a donation for youth recreation scholarships, contact Molly Elder at 962-2728 or go to www.cityofloveland.org/teeoffforkids.

Residents invited to leave their mark in support of Loveland Public Library

The Friends of the Loveland Public Library are inviting area residents to leave their mark on the library with a brick that will be permanently installed on the east side patio area.

Each brick will be engraved with a personalized message and become a tangible representation of both individual and community support of one of Loveland's greatest community assets - our library.

Inscriptions can honor a loved one, mark an event or special occasion, share a quotation or

advertise a business.

Funds raised from the sale of the bricks will directly benefit library programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Kevin Cook Nature Series, the library's no-cost computer classes and many more.

Orders for personalized bricks are being accepted now. The deadline to order is June 30 and the cost of personalized bricks starts at \$75. Some tax deductions are available on the cost of the bricks.

For more information, go to FriendsOfTheLovelandLibrary.org/Bricks.





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June 17 ~ Dog Day of Summer event at River's Edge Natural Area

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City Update is a monthly publication of the City of Loveland. Residents receive City Update according to their utility billing cycle. Timeliness of the information may be affected by recipients' billing schedule. City Update is also available around the first of every month on the City's website at www.cityofloveland.org. Your comments are welcome. Please call 962-2302, or email Tom.Hacker@CityofLoveland.org. The City of Loveland is committed to providing equal opportunity for citizens and does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender. The City will make reasonable accommodations for citizens in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator at 962-3319.

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FROM SNOWY CAPS TO LOVELAND TAPS!

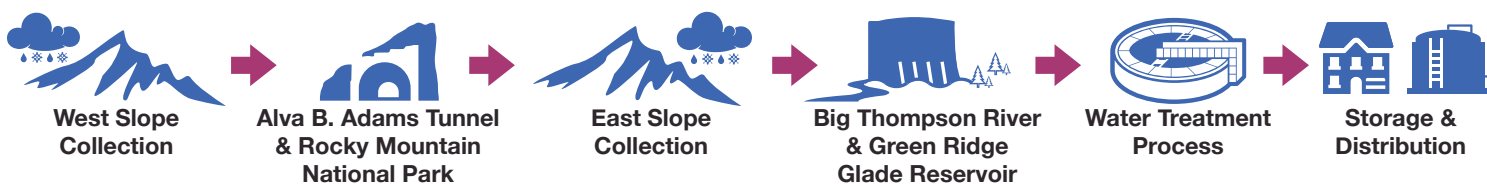
Loveland residents have some of the freshest, purest water coming straight to the tap from the snowy caps of the Rocky Mountains. Just how does that happen? It takes agencies such as Northern Water and Loveland Water and Power working together to ensure Loveland residents receive high quality, reliable water.

In late spring and early summer, snowmelt from the Rocky Mountains travels down the west side of the continental divide and is stored in the Colorado Big Thompson West Slope collection system. This system consists of three reservoirs, a natural lake, two pumping plants, canals and control measurement facilities. Water is then transported through the Alva B. Adams Tunnel. Construction on the Alva B. Tunnel started from both ends, and was completed when they met in the middle on March 31, 1944. The 13-mile tunnel extends underneath the continental divide and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Once there, the water combines with the snowmelt from the east side of the continental divide and is routed through a distribution system of reservoirs, canals, pipelines and hydroelectric power plants across eight counties including Larimer County. The primary source of Loveland's drinking water travels through the Charles Hansen Feeder canal and is stored in Green Ridge Glade Reservoir. The reservoir is important because it allows Loveland Water and Power to store water year-round. Green Ridge Glade Reservoir is located in West Loveland and can hold up 6,800-acre feet of water. That's enough water to fill 3,400 Olympic-sized swimming pools. The other 30 percent of Loveland's drinking water is drawn directly from the Big Thompson River. Both of these sources of water are mixed together as water enters the Loveland Water Treatment Plant.

The Loveland Water Treatment Plant can treat a maximum rate of 38 million gallons a day. During the treatment process water is treated and filtered to insure that it meets and exceeds all State and Federal regulations. After that, the water travels through a series of underground pipes to homes and businesses in the community. Loveland also has five water storage tanks where water can be stored to insure residents always have an adequate supply.

Because of the joint efforts of Northern Water and Loveland Water and Power, residents can turn on the taps and breathe easy knowing that clean, fresh water is always available and coming to their taps straight from the snowy caps of the Rocky Mountains. For more information about Loveland's water, visit us online at cityofloveland.org/LWP.



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CITY OF LOVELAND - WATER QUALITY REPORT 2016

Each year Loveland Water and Power generates a water quality Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). This requirement is a large part of the right-to-know provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The CCR is designed to assist our customers and to make sure they have information about the water they drink. The annual report must include information about our water sources as well as information about possible contaminants in our source water.

We try to make it easy for customers to be knowledgeable about water quality in general and about their drinking water specifically. The CCR is easy to read



and is a great way to find out about our watershed, water treatment processes, bottled water and many other topics. The CCR will be available on the City of Loveland's website by June 30th of this year. Customers can always call the city and request a copy.



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TOTAL WATER CUSTOMERS
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CURRENT SERVICE AREA
32 SQ. MILES



MILES OF LINES
455.92



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1887



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**96
GALLONS**

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