



# Loveland Police taking it to the streets

## *LPD officers walking, two-wheeling on new downtown patrol duty*

Within a span of 20 minutes during the June 7 Loveland City Council meeting, citizens and their elected officials got a taste of just how responsive their police department can be.

First, some of downtown Loveland's most vexing problems poured forth during the citizen comment period that precedes the regular meeting agenda.

"Downtown, we have an issue where vagrancy and commerce are coming together, and it's not working," said Clay Caldwell, who six years ago opened Mo Betta Gumbo on the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Cleveland Avenue.

"We have open urination, open drinking, loitering, vandalism, theft, drug use – and this is just on my corner, and my alley, at Fourth and Cleveland."

He told Council members of how a man brandishing a machete confronted a woman employed at Mo Betta as she left work.

"I'm past mad," he said. "I'm to the point now where I want to be part of the solution. What is that solution? It's going to take a while to figure that one out."

### **Seeking solutions**

Caldwell, an active champion of downtown Loveland's revitalization, ignited a discussion among council members who picked up his gauntlet and suggested they, too, would join him in seeking solutions.

"Some of the behavior



**Loveland Police officers** Chris Brown, left, and Doug Savage talk with a downtown street resident as Brown writes a citation for an open container violation at the corner of Fifth Street and Cleveland Avenue, a popular gathering spot for Loveland's street people.

that's going on down there isn't necessarily a homeless problem, it's a law enforcement problem," Councilor Troy Krenning said.

"There are dangerous people down there for various reasons."

He then sought, and got, support from other councilors in asking LPD Chief Bob Ticer to bring forward a plan to put foot-patrol officers on downtown streets, suggesting the hours between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Ticer came forward to the chamber microphone and doubled

down. Foot patrols, yes, but for durations longer than Krenning suggested. And, more.

### **Cops on bikes**

"We are revitalizing our bicycle unit patrol which has not been in operation for years now," Ticer said. My intention is to have police officers in the evening hours, during this summer, in those areas that Clay and others are speaking about, in the downtown areas, so we can be more mobile in the alleyways and some of these dark areas, around the the library, and down by the river."

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**'I want to be part of the solution.'**  
- Clay Caldwell, business owner

Ticer, who began his second year in LPD's top job in June, then expanded his scope further. On his arrival in Loveland, Ticer had championed a law enforcement strategy that goes by the acronym DDACTS – for data-driven approach to crime and traffic safety – that he said would guide the department's future work.

"We're identifying when crime is occurring, and where it's occurring, and we're putting our police officers there during those times," he said. **'True community program'**

A week later, Ticer came back to City Council to outline a fully fledged plan to bring DDACTS to Loveland's streets, with a special emphasis on solving crime problems that Caldwell had described six days earlier.

"This is a true community program, where we're dealing with public disorder crimes and street crimes," he said. "There's an opportunity here to not just be on foot, but to deploy officers out in the field on bicycles."

The LPD enforcement plan Ticer outlined is about more than patrols. An email flurry directed to the chief following the first meeting showed him that "community engagement" had already begun. He told councilors that he would invite conversations with residents and business owners in the areas where crime-mapping and other data sources said police need to be. Those talks, he said, were as important to

the process as badges and bikes.

"Business owners and community members can help us understand where problems are occurring so that we can put our officers in place there," he said. "This is my personal philosophy and the department's philosophy, as well."

LPD has already moved forward with a plan to train 16 officers for bike patrol duty, using eight new bicycles that the department will roll out.

"It's important to note that the foot and bicycle patrols will work together," Ticer said. "I think we can really make an impact down there to meet the goals of this police department. One of our key goals is to not only reduce crime, but the fear of crime."

The twin patrol strategy also maximizes the chances that police officers and community members will find opportunities to talk, and learn from each other better ways to address problems.

### A work in progress

Downtown business owners, residents and Loveland Police unite in their understanding that public disorder problems in the district have complexities that law enforcement alone cannot address.

Issues of mental health, substance abuse and economic hardship leading to homelessness require broader community efforts in the quest for solutions.

Future editions of City Update will address some of those topics.



**'There are dangerous people down there.'**  
- Troy Krenning, City Councilor



**'There's an opportunity here...'**  
- Bob Ticer, Loveland Police Chief

"We know that when officers are driving by in a black-and-white at 30 miles per hour they're not always approachable," he said. "When they're on foot, or on a bicycle, we know we'll have more community engagement, and that's good for our community goals."

### Budget-friendly cost

Ticer also put a price tag on the stepped-up downtown enforcement program that even the most careful watchdogs of public spending could endorse. The foot-and-bike patrol program could run daily for 18 weeks through October, when colder weather slows the street crime rate, for \$79,200.

The chief described a project team to oversee the downtown enforcement program, led by Patrol Commander Capt. Tim Brown, assisted by Patrol Lieutenants Brent Newbanks and Ben Hurr, with support from crime analyst Mark Rudolph.

Downtown business owners and leaders of organizations that support them said the emergence of a strategy, during a single week in June, was an encouraging sign that downtown streets would become safer, cleaner and more welcoming to residents and visitors alike.

## Residents invited to talk with Big T River Team at several August events

Engineers, planners, wildland experts and other City staff, now known as the Big Thompson "River Team," want to talk with community members at several upcoming events.

The team, who received a \$250,000 federal disaster relief grant, is using the funds to do an in-depth analysis of the river and river corridor.

They are studying every aspect of it including wildlife, habitat

preservation, recreation, and the river's importance as a valuable City amenity.

They will also analyze mile-by-mile, how it can damage the City as it did in the 2013 Flood, and devise ways to cut into that threat.

A key piece of the study includes gathering input from community members to help define the long-term vision for the river corridor, one that will endure for decades into the future.

River team members will be at the following community events where they will discuss the plan and gather input from the public.

- 2-9 p.m., July 29 - Loveland Downtown District Live Celebration
- 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Aug. 6 - Fairgrounds Farmers Market
- 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Aug. 20 - Fairgrounds Farmers Market
- Aug. 25-26 - Old Fashioned Corn Roast Festival

More information and event details at [www.abetterbigt.com](http://www.abetterbigt.com)

## Even during the these long, lazy days of summer, being prepared matters

Colorado is famous for its ever-changing weather. Locals know that a sunny day can turn on a dime and any number of weather scenarios are possible.

Just last month Loveland saw golf-ball-sized hail and a tornado watch was in force through that evening.

Loveland has also seen its fair share of wild fires and of course, floods.

Being ready for any unforeseen weather event can provide peace of mind now, and when events occur, the ability to deal with them more effectively.

Residents have ready access to all kinds of helpful safety and preparedness resources on the Internet.

A good place to begin is *Ready.gov*. This website breaks down preparedness strategies according to the kind of weather or emergency event you're dealing with.

Regardless of the kind of event that presents, having a family emergency plan is always a good idea. FEMA outlines the steps at [www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/108887](http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/108887).

Residents should also sign up for emergency notifications through

the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority at [www.Leta911.org](http://www.Leta911.org).

For more information on emergency preparedness, go to [www.cityofloveland.org/prepare](http://www.cityofloveland.org/prepare).



## Annual sculpture, art shows continue to draw art appreciators to Loveland

The second weekend in August sees the return of three beloved annual summer events: Sculpture in the Park, Art in the Park, and the Fine Art & Wine Festival.

Heralded as the largest outdoor juried sculpture show in the United States, the 34th annual Sculpture in the Park will showcase over 2,000 pieces of sculpture created by 160 sculptors from around the world.

The event attracts thousands of art lovers and collectors from across the country to Loveland's Benson Sculpture Garden. Show hours: 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sun. Cost: \$7

This year is the 51st Annual Art in the Park. This year's event will include musical performances and

a food court along with the artist and artisan event. Show hours are 10 a.m.-5p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. Cost: Free

The Fine Art and Wine Festival will include a stunning outdoor gallery showcasing renowned artists from around the country, displaying



thousands of original works in a wide variety of mediums and subject matter.

They include life-size, monumental, medium and small sculpture in bronze, stone, metal, wood, glass and mixed media; spectacular paintings in acrylic, oil and water colors; and mixed media on canvas, batiks, etchings, custom furnishings and home decor. Show runs 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. through Sun.

Again this year, *Visit Loveland* is sponsoring these events and providing free shuttle buses to take guests to and from the shows.

For shuttle locations and times, go to [www.VisitLovelandCO.com/artshowweekend](http://www.VisitLovelandCO.com/artshowweekend).

Explore. Discover. Learn.



## FREE OPEN LANDS EVENTS IN AUGUST

August 4 ~ Evening Guided Nature Hike at Meadowbrook Natural Area

August 12 ~ Weed Warriors Volunteer Project at Meadowbrook Natural Area

August 17 ~ PEEPs Preschool Program (Grasshoppers) at Fairgrounds Park

[www.CityofLoveland.org/OpenLands](http://www.CityofLoveland.org/OpenLands)

# NEED A SUMMER JOB?

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We are looking for **LIFEGUARDS & SWIM INSTRUCTORS** to work at the Chilson Recreation Center & Winona Outdoor pools.

Applications & Openings are Online:

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# Fairgrounds Park FARMERS MARKET

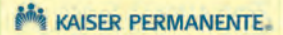
700 S Railroad Ave Pavilions #1 & #2

**SUNDAYS 9:00am - 1:30pm**  
**June 25 - September 24**

- Local Produce, Fruit, Bread & More!
- Live Music & Food Trucks
- SNAP/DOUBLE UP Accepted
- Drop-In Yoga at 9:00am
- Bike Trail, River Fishing
- Playground/Splash Park, Dog Park
- Beer Garden Sponsored by HNS [6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24]

Market Info:

[CityofLoveland.org/FarmersMarket](http://CityofLoveland.org/FarmersMarket)



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# ¡Venga a una noche de Lotería!

Join us 6-7 p.m. on  
June 22, July 20, Aug. 24  
& Sept. 21 for  
**Lotería Mexicana!**  
These games will be  
mostly run and  
played in Spanish.



Loveland Public Library 300 N. Adams Ave. 962-2665  
Where you can!

# The 35th Annual Loveland VALLEY 5000 5K RUN / WALK

Friday, August 18

The run/walk will start & finish at Loveland's Mehaffey Park  
North Entrance: 3350 W 29th  
South Entrance: 3285 W 22nd

Enjoy Bedrock BBQ & Crow Hop Brewery!

*The beneficiary this year is the House of Neighborly Service.*

2017 Presenting Co-Sponsors:  
The City of Loveland, Banner Health,  
and Madwire Media.  
Other co-sponsors are listed online.



Call Jeanne at (970) 962-2432 with questions or register at: [Valley5000.com](http://Valley5000.com)

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# LOVELAND WATER AND POWER RELEASE 'SOLAR BEES' TO CONTROL RESERVOIR ALGAE



caused taste-and-odor problems that Loveland residents are unaccustomed to. While safety of the water was never in jeopardy, its earthy taste and smell were noticeable for many residents.

Since that unfortunate algae bloom, our Water Treatment Plant staff has worked in conjunction with Corona Environmental Consulting LLC to develop a strategy to prevent any recurrence.

Work has already begun. Enter the SolarBee SB10000, an aquatic robot that looks a little like a mechanical water strider, but fitted with solar panels. Technicians from Medora

**L**ast summer's end was a painful and frustrating time for Loveland Water and Power staff who treat and deliver water to the City's customers, and for many of the people who consume it. A perfect storm had brewed, driven

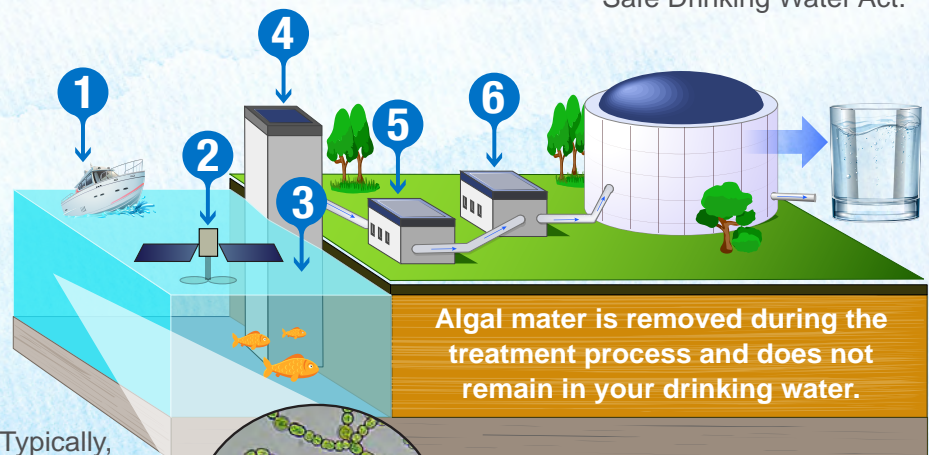
by unseasonably high temperatures combined with an unusual consequence of the 2013 Flood that raised nutrient levels in Green Ridge Glade Reservoir. The result was a nearly unstoppable "bloom" of algae in the water supply reservoir that

## LWP is prepared to battle algae if it returns.

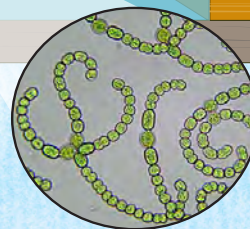
- 1 Increased water quality monitoring
- 2 SolarBee mixers
- 3 Back-up algaecide application
- 4 Improving intake gate level selection
- 5 Optimizing chemical dosing plan
- 6 Completion of a carbon optimization study

Algae is a healthy part of the ecosystem that occurs naturally in the environment.

Loveland's water meets all standards for the Safe Drinking Water Act.



Typically, algae blooms occur in the late spring through early fall.



The species that causes taste and odor in Green Ridge Glade is Anabaena.

While taste and odor may be unpleasant, it is not harmful.



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## LOVELAND 2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE!

Each year Loveland Water and Power produces 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 many topics including; our watershed and water sources, water treatment processes and the "Lead and Copper Rule." The CCR is now available on the City of Loveland's website at [cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality](http://cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality). If you have any questions or would like a hard copy of the Water Quality Report sent to you, please call 970-962-3000.

### 'SOLAR BEES' CONT. FROM FIRST PAGE

Corp., SolarBee's manufacturer, launched four of them into Green Ridge Glade's water May 12. Photos on the previous page show one of the machines in place on the reservoir surface.

The machines will work, round the clock, mixing the surface water to keep algae from growing in the subsurface depth where they flourish. Each "Bee" provides coverage for 40 acres, so the four now in place are a perfect match for the reservoir's 160-acre surface area.

The machines are in use widely in comparable settings where they have eliminated or sharply reduced algae growth. And, they never give up. They run year-round, powered by solar panels that also charge onboard batteries for night power. SolarBees operate with little to no maintenance, constantly churning the water and keeping themselves ice-free in the process.

While Loveland Water and Power's war-on-algae program will add components as the summer goes on, the launch of the SolarBees shows the battle is already under way.

# HOW IS LOVELAND'S WATER TREATED?

