

# Loveland renews community-building legacy

## *Citizens gather to consider menu of civic projects*

Few of the 20 Loveland citizens who met on the evening of Feb. 15 in the Civic Center's City Council Chamber knew one another. Most were meeting for the first time.

Among them were a senior executive at a large construction company, a prominent lawyer, an artist, a retired U.S. Park Service administrator and several citizen volunteers on City boards and commissions. The lead pastor of a large church was on hand, and so were a real estate broker and the owner of a foundry that turns out bronze sculptures.

All share a love for their city and an interest in exploring ways to make it better. They join in launching an initiative that will be known widely through the shorthand, "Your City. Your Future."

City Council members last summer authorized the 2018 Community Improvement Program, the other half of the initiative's formal name, as a way to explore how the City might proceed with projects that have a demonstrated need but little or no funding.

### **1980s success story**

Time-travel helps to illustrate how the program might work. Walk the shoreline of Foote Lagoon, the scenic heart of Loveland's Civic Center complex, to see what

## *Loveland* **YOUR CITY. YOUR FUTURE.** 2018 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



happened just over 30 years ago when the community stepped up to build public facilities citizens wanted.

Look eastward, where the Chilson Recreation Center and Loveland Senior Center provide a broad array of services to residents of all ages. Scan northeast to the Loveland Public Library, offering big-city services uncommon for a town Loveland's size.

Turn to the west, taking in Civic Center Park's amphitheater and plaza, flanked by the repurposed, century-old schoolhouse and an adjacent newer building that together make up our "City Hall."

In the early 1980s Loveland was sharing with other Northern Colorado communities a wave of population growth that left city services falling far behind demand from residents.



**Artist's rendition depicts** new west-side recreation center, recommended in a 2015 Parks & Recreation feasibility study and now a project candidate for the "Your City - Your Future" Community Improvement Program. See others, page 2.

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## Residents invited to share opinions

Public open houses in April and May will offer opportunities for public input on the community improvement proposals.

A schedule will be announced through the City's social media channels and online here: [cityofloveland.org/YourCityYourFuture](http://cityofloveland.org/YourCityYourFuture)

The website will be updated regularly with progress reports and a schedule of Citizen Task Force meetings, also open to the public.



### Your City (from page 1)

Capacity of the library, recreation facilities and public buildings were no match for the city's growth.

### Citizens unite on plan

A solution emerged in 1984 when a citizen-driven effort to fund the Civic Center projects found its way to the ballot box, where a proposed 1-cent sales tax increase earned the support of 61 percent of Loveland voters.

The opening of the new Civic Center in 1988 marked the last time citizens supported with their votes such a sweeping revival of our City facilities.

Officiating at the Civic Center dedication in 1988 was Roger Clark -- longtime Loveland resident, lawyer, arts advocate and community leader.

Clark was present at the Feb. 15 "Your City. Your Future" launch meeting, and raised his hand when the group sought to name a prospective chairperson. They then chose him by acclamation.

The next day, he reflected on his community-building history, and his renewed role in its



Fire stations No. 3 and No. 5



U.S. Highway 34 widening



Recreation Trail underpasses

**PROJECT CANDIDATES** – 1. Construction at two aging Loveland Fire Rescue Authority stations, one scheduled for replacement and another for major renovations. 2. A full-service branch library, located to serve the City's growing population. 3. Citizens will consider funding for addition of a third lane in each direction along 4 miles of East Eisenhower Boulevard. 4. The Loveland Museum plans a 26,000-square-foot expansion, with architectural work already completed. 5. Underpasses for the City's Recreation Trail would enhance safety and mobility. 6. Taft Avenue improvements, stalled by a funding gap, would include rebuilding intersection with Eisenhower and widening north of that location.

latest chapter.

"I think there's a certain wariness of government projects these days that might be a problem, but not so much that it can't be overcome," he said.

"Loveland is a much more prosperous city now than it was then. Still, people are in a place where they need to be reasonably convinced that what's being proposed to them is really needed."

### A balanced package

Needs might become more apparent as the citizen drivers of the program analyze a project list that City staff members and City Council members assembled as



Loveland Public Library branch



Loveland Museum expansion



Taft Avenue improvements

prospects.

The list contains public safety projects, transportation fixes, new cultural and recreation facilities, balanced in a way that could offer enough appeal to clear the "wariness" hurdle Clark mentioned.

The group Clark now leads will meet four times in the next four months to prioritize projects and explore a way to pay for them. If the group agrees on a project list and funding plan, their recommendation will go to City Council for their consideration in July. Council members would then weigh whether to place the proposal on the November 2018 ballot.



## March milestones mark Foundry's progress

Six months remain before a series of openings at The Foundry project in downtown Loveland, and favorable weather has kept the project on track.

Milestones during March include groundbreaking for the TownePlace Suites by Marriott hotel on The Foundry's southern end, the "topping off" of construction on the parking garage and continued interior work on the Lincoln and Cleveland buildings that will feature the Patina Flats apartments.

Among other recent construction highlights are:

- Completion of framing for all floors of the Lincoln Building, with drywall and subfloor installation scheduled.
- Installation of

the topping slab for the five-level parking garage.

- Construction start on the theater building.

- Construction start on the security offices and restrooms adjacent to the parking garage.

Live webcam views show how the public plaza, the future location for community events, is framed by the apartment buildings and parking garage. To view the live camera, and time-lapse of past construction progress, find the link at [www.cityofloveland.org/foundry](http://www.cityofloveland.org/foundry).



## Food & Utility Sales Tax Rebate Program April 2-May 31



**You may be eligible to receive a tax rebate for 2017**

*(must meet HUD income requirements)*

**Applications available at:**

- House of Neighborly Service Life Center - 1510 E. 11th St.
- City of Loveland Utility Billing 500 E. Third St.
- Loveland Public Library 300 N. Adams Ave.

*Completed applications and all additional materials MUST be received by NOON on May 31 to be considered - NO exceptions. Call 970-342-2292 for more information.*

## GOT A QUESTION FOR PARKS & REC?

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT LOVELAND PARKS & RECREATION? WHY IS THAT TRAIL CLOSED? AND WHY DID WE SINK CHRISTMAS TREES INTO BASS POND? WE'LL BE ANSWERING QUESTIONS LIKE THIS AND MORE!

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THE LOVELAND  
PARKS & RECREATION BLOG

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SUBMIT YOUR  
QUESTIONS TO  
[PARKS@CITYOFLOVELAND.ORG](mailto:PARKS@CITYOFLOVELAND.ORG)

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## NOTICE

**CHANGES TO PARATRANSIT  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2018**

To schedule paratransit rides for April 2 or after, please contact Dial-A-Ride at (970) 224-6066.

**Fares will be collected at the time of service.** (Cash, check or charge accepted) Fare rates have not changed, cost per ride is \$2.00. Tokens can be purchased in advanced, by calling Dial-A-Ride.



**City of Loveland Transit**

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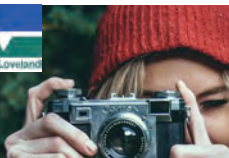
2nd Annual  
Loveland Parks & Recreation

# PHOTO CONTEST!

**MARCH 1 - MAY 31**

Amateur & professional  
photographers OF ALL AGES  
are invited to enter their best  
original images celebrating  
our community!

Check out  
the website  
for contest  
forms & rules.



**CityofLoveland.org/  
ParksRecreation/PhotoContest**

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**Through APRIL 29, 2018**



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LOVELAND ARTS AND CULTURE

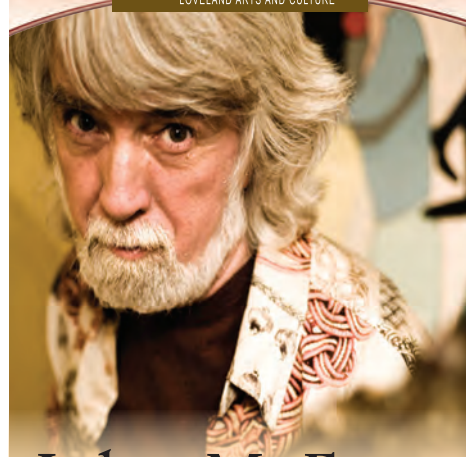
503 N. Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

(970) 962-2410

[www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org](http://www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org)



RIALTO THEATER  
LOVELAND ARTS AND CULTURE



**John McEuen**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 7:30 pm**

Get tickets online:

[www.rialtotheatercenter.org](http://www.rialtotheatercenter.org)

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## Yard cart service begins April 2nd!



Loaded carts  
must weigh  
less than  
250 pounds  
and the lid  
must close.

The following items can  
be placed in your green  
yard debris cart:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Garden trimmings
- Twigs (cut to fit into cart)

Please do not include:

- Soil
- Food
- Pet droppings
- Plastic bags
- Trash, rocks or metal
- Ashes (hot or cold)
- Oversized branches, stumps or lumber

For more information visit:

[www.cityofloveland.org/YardWaste](http://www.cityofloveland.org/YardWaste)

## OPENING Mid March!

### Barnes Softball Complex Batting Cages

at Fairgrounds Park - 401 S Cleveland

The batting cages feature 6 slowpitch softball, 2 fastpitch softball, and 4 baseball stations with 3 speeds.

**Spring Hours (March-May)**

Mon-Thurs..... 5-8pm

Sat/Sun..... 11am-5pm

**FEES:** \$1.50 for 20 pitches

**CAGE RENTALS:** \$30 per hour;  
\$15 per half hour

Proper gear/shoes  
required; bats and  
helmets available.



**Call 962-2445  
for info!**

## WATERWAY CLEAN-UP

**APRIL 21ST**

**9A.M. - NOON**



[WWW.CITYOFLOVELAND.ORG/WATERWAYCLEANUP](http://WWW.CITYOFLOVELAND.ORG/WATERWAYCLEANUP)

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## GIAB - GARDEN IN A BOX



Plant a garden for a greener future! With the help of Garden In A Box - a selection of professionally designed perennial gardens - you can save water, beautify your landscape, and enrich your community. These xeric (low-

water) garden kits include 14-30 starter plants, a comprehensive plant and care guide, and 1-3 plant by number maps.

No green thumb required! These do it yourself garden kits are designed for all gardening levels. Whether you are looking to redesign a portion of your yard, attract bees and butterflies, or simply increase your curb appeal, Garden In A Box makes Colorado landscaping easy.

Enjoy locally-grown, pollinator-friendly plants that offer a beautiful alternative (or complement) to a traditional lawn. By removing just 100 square feet of your irrigated turfgrass

and planting a Garden In A Box, you could save an estimated 1,000 gallons of water per year. With a wide variety of gardens to choose from, saving water has never looked so good!

In partnership with Resource Central, Loveland Water and Power offers a limited number of \$25 discounts to their customers, making a greater step towards water conservation. Gardens start at \$79 and are competitively priced. Find the perfect garden for your unique space at [ResourceCentral.org/Gardens](http://ResourceCentral.org/Gardens). Order online beginning in March, pick up in May.



### Community Stewardship Lecture Series

— creating a sustainable culture

High Plains Environmental Center has partnered with Loveland Water and Power to present a free lecture series you won't want to miss. Visit [cityofloveland.org/LWPLectures](http://cityofloveland.org/LWPLectures) for more information and to register. Pre-registration is required.

### LEARN FROM EXPERTS

in the fields of horticulture, sustainability & more.

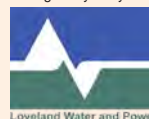
#### UPCOMING LECTURES

**MARCH 13** The Invasives are Coming!

**MAY 8** Native Plants

**JULY 10** Foothills Solar Tour

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## UTILITY NEWS



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## PREVENT SEWER BACK-UPS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

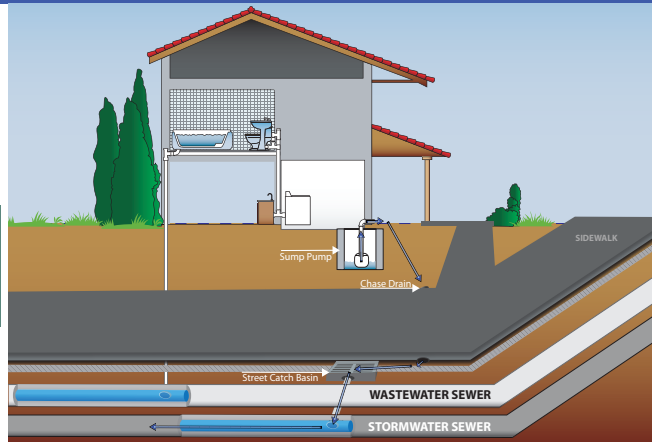
Do you have a sump pump in your home or business? Does that sump pump discharge into the wastewater system? While it may seem like an easier option, discharging groundwater from a sump pump into the City's wastewater system increases the cost to provide wastewater service for everybody due to additional pumping and treatment costs. Because of these impacts, new sump pump connections were prohibited by the Loveland City Municipal Code in 2007.

Sump pumps are intended to pump groundwater and rainwater and should discharge to the surface or to the stormwater collection system. Wastewater pipes on the other hand are intended to carry sewage and have limited capacity available for additional

water from sump pumps and groundwater infiltration, which enters through cracks in the wastewater lines. This additional water can overload the system and cause sewer back-ups in basements.

Groundwater also increases the cost of wastewater treatment. Loveland's wastewater treatment plant is built to treat domestic and commercial wastewater. Since wastewater rates are related to the number of gallons that flow through the City's wastewater system, treating groundwater is costly to everyone.

Additionally, the state of Colorado has imposed new limits on selenium discharges from the wastewater treatment plant. Selenium is present in



the soil around Loveland and dissolves into the groundwater, and therefore ends up the wastewater system. Removing selenium at the treatment plant would be very expensive, so preventing its introduction into the wastewater system before it gets to the plant is the best approach.

Loveland Water and Power is working hard to reduce the amount of rainwater and groundwater infiltrating the wastewater system but we need your help to reduce direct connections. For more information visit [cityofloveland.org/LWP](http://cityofloveland.org/LWP).



## ARE UTILITY BILLS ZAPPING YOUR ENERGY?

Larimer County Conservation Corps partners with Fort Collins Utilities and Loveland Water and Power to offer free services and products to improve your home's efficiency and lower your utility bill. This limited-time offer is available from January through April.



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