



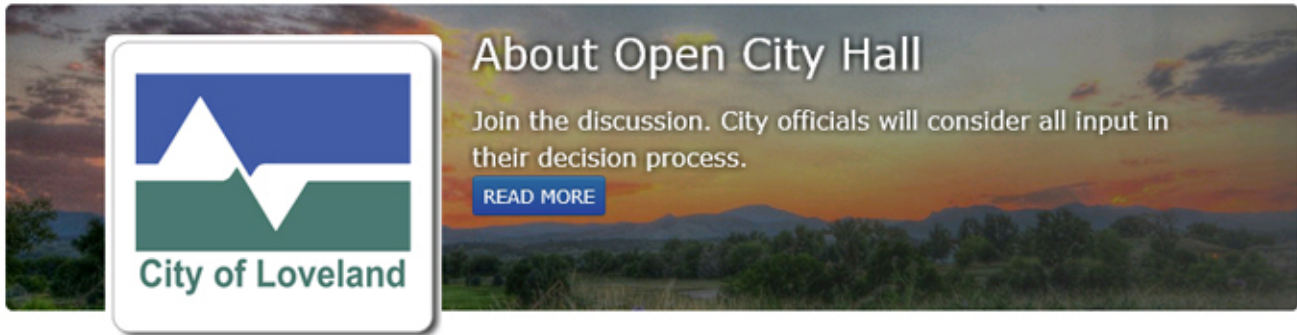
2018 Quality of Life Survey

Open City Hall (online) version

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Executive Summary

Loveland residents have responded to the City's Quality of Life Survey annually since 2006. For the past five years, they have had the option of taking the survey online to supplement results gathered from surveys mailed to 3,000 randomly selected residential addresses.

The mailed survey, and the one posted online at the City's **Open City Hall** portal, are identical. They are consistent with versions of the survey that the City has administered in the same format for the past ten years, permitting year-over-year comparison of results. Respondents provide basic, non-identifying demographic information and ratings of city services and amenities based on 24 statements. Responses can range in five steps from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree."

In 2018, 648 residents returned mailed surveys, a response rate of 22 percent. Another 339 people took the survey online. In addition to their ratings on each question, respondents also submitted a total of 391 written comments. The following package contains those comments, categorized by topic, along with the numeric survey results.

Summary of Findings

City services and amenities are ranked according to the total number of responses to each statement in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories. The following summary is a general measure of those rankings. For specific information, see the numeric results.

Basic City services: This year as in past years, respondents gave their highest ratings to utility services – power and water. Public safety services – fire and police – were closely behind. Lowest ratings went to alternative transportation services.

Streets and other infrastructure: Quality of wastewater and stormwater systems, and quality of street surfaces, got consistently high ratings. Respondents gave lower ratings to their ability to negotiate City streets without delay.

City amenities: Highest ratings went to parks, trails and natural areas, consistent with past years. Likewise, respondents gave highly favorable ratings to arts and culture programs and quality of festivals and events. Least favorable ratings went to services for older residents and youth activities. However, each of those categories received substantially more "no opinion" responses than other services/amenities.

Economic development: Respondents gave high ratings to the quality of retail shopping opportunities in Loveland. Their rating of the City's ability to attract high-quality employers lagged, as it has in past years.

Growth pressure: The numeric results show concerns about mobility and congestion as the City and region grow. In addition, written comments from respondents mention this topic frequently, with residents noting that the City's position in Colorado's fastest-growing region will bring challenges that will require the City's attention.

2018 Quality of Life Online Survey – Summary of Responses

(Numbers are percentages of total responses)

Statements on Quality of Life in Loveland from Strongly Agree to No Opinion	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Loveland delivers reliable electricity.	48.4	48.1	0.3	1.2	2.1
My family feels safe in our community.	26.4	62.3	7.4	2.4	1.5
Loveland's neighborhoods, parks and thoroughfares are clean.	26.3	60.9	10.7	1.2	0.9
Residential recycling and trash services meet customer needs.	41.2	49.0	6.5	0.0	3.3
The City provides quality parks and trails.	42.8	49.9	5.3	0.3	1.8
The City provides quality Fire/Rescue services.	49.7	41.7	0.0	0.3	8.3
Loveland provides quality drinking water.	28.0	58.1	1.8	8.3	3.8
The sewer system in Loveland works reliably.	30.5	60.7	2.1	0.0	6.8
The City provides quality Police services.	33.8	50.4	7.1	2.7	5.9
There are plentiful opportunities to enjoy the arts.	42.8	49.9	2.4	0.0	5.0
There are sufficient opportunities to gather as a community. (Festivals/Community Events)	33.7	54.0	6.3	0.0	6.0
The library services provided to our community are current and meet our community needs.	33.1	43.8	5.3	0.6	17.2
There are abundant recreational opportunities for all members of my family.	33.6	52.2	8.0	1.2	5.0
Street surfaces are drivable and safe.	14.2	66.3	16.6	2.1	0.9
Water runoff from storms is controlled and minimizes flooding.	19.3	62.9	7.1	1.2	9.5
I can travel by car to locations in Loveland with minimal delays.	6.8	48.4	32.0	11.6	1.2
I feel well informed about City services.	14.5	59.9	10.7	1.8	13.1
Loveland is attracting shopping opportunities our community desires.	15.3	54.0	5.0	18.3	7.4
The City provides activities and services needed by senior citizens.	13.6	41.4	3.3	0.0	41.7
The City Council is approving development that enhances the quality of life in our community.	9.2	41.5	29.4	8.3	11.6
The City provides quality youth activities.	12.8	36.9	5.7	0.3	44.3
Alternative transportation options are usable and provide options to driving my car (i.e., buses, bike lanes, sidewalks).	8.0	38.8	25.7	9.5	18.0
There are sufficient opportunities to participate in Loveland Government.	11.5	45.0	9.2	2.1	32.2
Loveland is attracting jobs that pay well from employers who offer benefits.	3.6	25.1	11.2	33.7	26.3

2018 Comparison of Responses from Mailed and Online Surveys

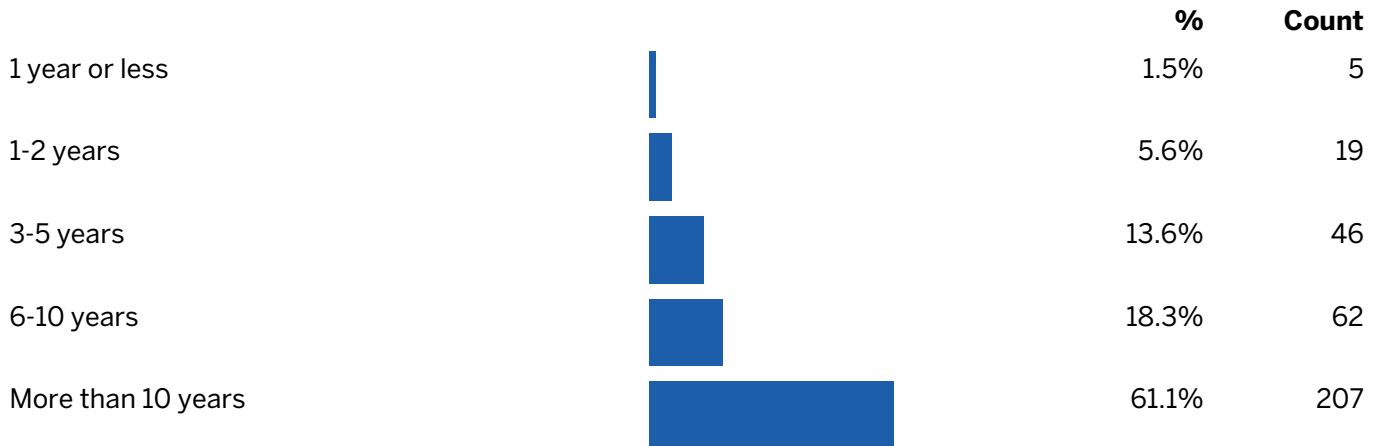
(Numbers are percentages of total responses and ratings have been rounded up)

Statements on Quality of Life in Loveland	Mailed Survey <i>Strongly Agree/ Agree</i>	Open City Hall Survey <i>Strongly Agree/ Agree</i>	Mailed Survey <i>No Opinion</i>	Open City Hall Survey <i>No Opinion</i>
Loveland delivers reliable electricity.	96	96	2.3	2.1
Residential recycling and trash services meet customer needs.	94	90	1.4	3.3
The sewer system in Loveland works reliably.	90	91	5.6	6.8
The City provides quality parks and trails.	93	93	5.0	1.8
The City provides quality Fire/Rescue services.	91	92	8.3	8.3
My family feels safe in our community.	91	88	1.6	1.5
Loveland's neighborhoods, parks and thoroughfares are clean.	88	87	2.3	0.9
There are plentiful opportunities to enjoy the arts.	89	93	8.7	5.0
There are sufficient opportunities to gather as a community (festivals/community events).	88	88	7.3	6.0
The City provides quality Police services.	85	84	8.8	5.9
Water runoff from storms is controlled and minimizes flooding.	83	82	9.1	9.5
Loveland provides quality drinking water.	86	86	3.3	3.8
There are abundant recreational opportunities for all members of my family.	85	86	9.5	5.0
The library services provided to our community are current and meet our community needs.	78	77	18.7	17.2
Street surfaces are drivable and safe.	82	80	4.4	0.9
Loveland is attracting shopping opportunities our community desires.	74	69	11.1	7.4
I feel well informed about City services.	69	75	17.0	13.1
I can travel by car to locations in Loveland with minimal delays.	60	55	3.0	1.2
The City provides activities and services needed by senior citizens.	61	55	33.0	42.0
The City Council is approving development that enhances the quality of life in our community.	54	51	23.3	11.6
The City provides quality youth activities.	52	50	41.0	44.3
Alternative transportation options are usable and provide options to driving my car (i.e., buses, bike lanes, sidewalks).	51	47	27.2	18.0
There are sufficient opportunities to participate in Loveland Government.	51	57	40.0	32.2
Loveland is attracting jobs that pay well from employers who offer benefits.	36	29	33.0	26.3

Demographic Information

QUESTION A

How long have you lived in Loveland?



QUESTION B

What is your age range?



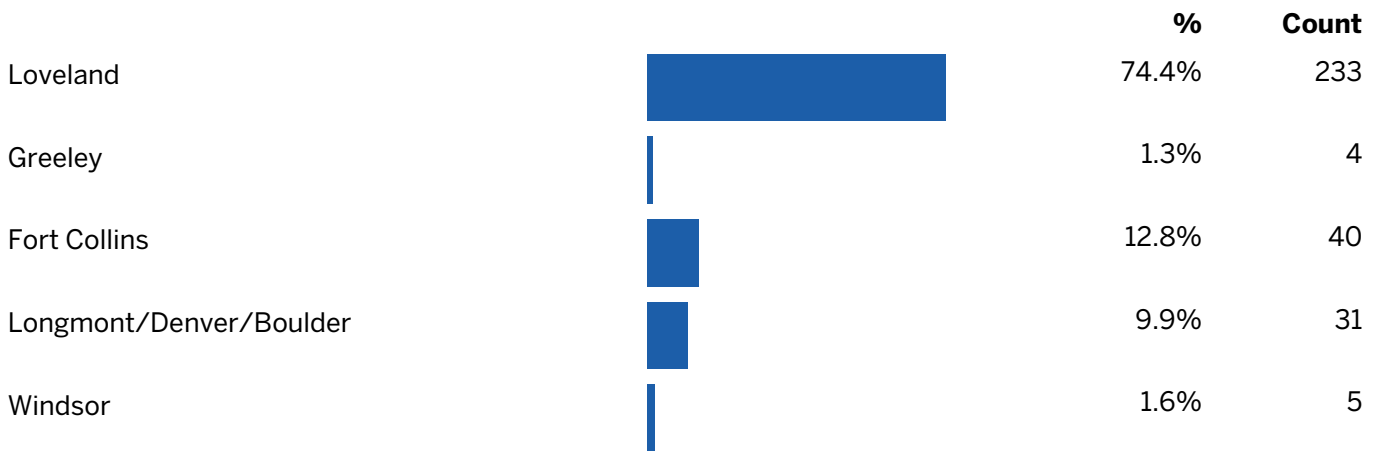
QUESTION C

Do you live in a single-family home or multi-family building?



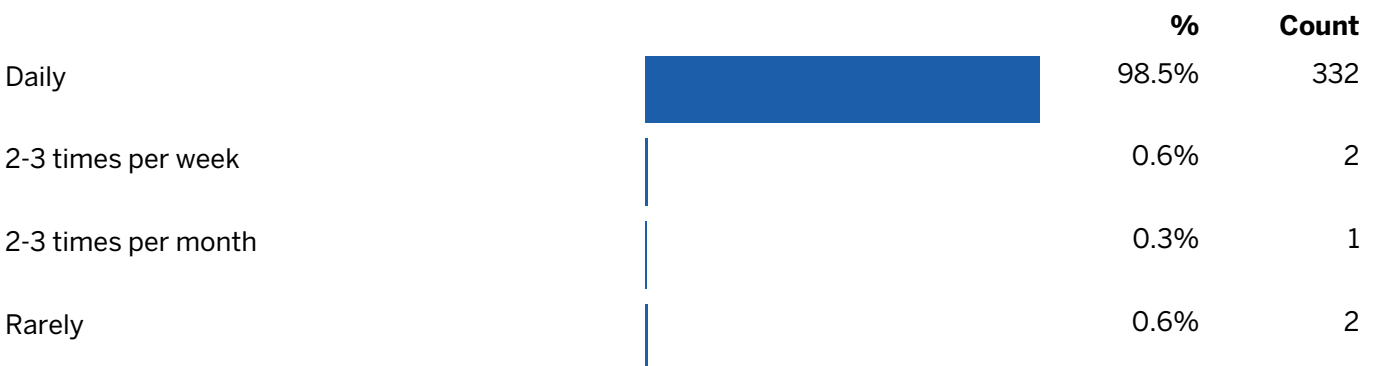
QUESTION D

Which of these locations is nearest to where you work?



QUESTION E

How frequently do you use the Internet?



QUESTION F

How often do you visit the City's official website, www.cityofloveland.org?



QUESTION G

How frequently do you watch live or recorded City Council meetings broadcast on Channel 16?



QUESTION H

How often do you view live or recorded City Council meetings through the City's website?



Resident Responses

QUESTION 1

The City provides quality Fire/Rescue services.

		%	Count
Strongly agree		49.7%	168
Agree		41.7%	141
Strongly disagree		0.3%	1
No opinion		8.3%	28

QUESTION 2

The City provides quality Police services.

		%	Count
Strongly agree		33.8%	114
Agree		50.4%	170
Disagree		7.1%	24
Strongly disagree		2.7%	9
No opinion		5.9%	20

QUESTION 3

Loveland's neighborhoods, parks and thoroughfares are clean.

		%	Count
Strongly agree		26.3%	89
Agree		60.9%	206
Disagree		10.7%	36
Strongly disagree		1.2%	4
No opinion		0.9%	3

QUESTION 4

Residential recycling and trash services meet customer needs.



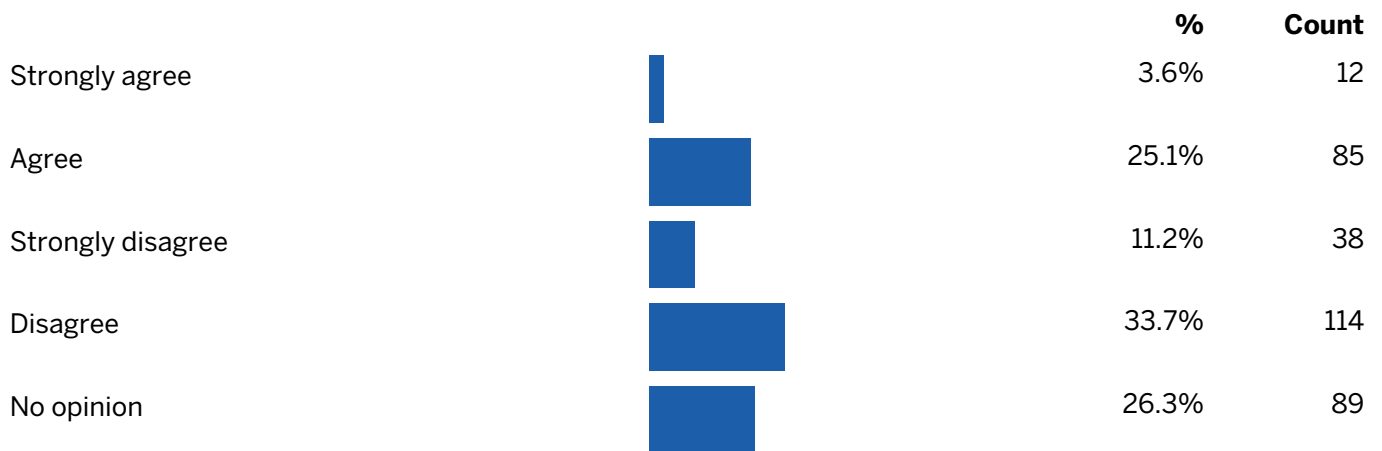
QUESTION 5

Loveland attracts the shopping opportunities our community desires.



QUESTION 6

Loveland attracts jobs that pay well from employers who offer benefits.



QUESTION 7

Loveland provides quality drinking water.

		%	Count
Strongly agree		28.0%	95
Agree		58.1%	197
Strongly disagree		1.8%	6
Disagree		8.3%	28
No opinion		3.8%	13

QUESTION 8

Loveland delivers reliable electricity.

		%	Count
Strongly agree		48.4%	163
Agree		48.1%	162
Disagree		0.3%	1
Strongly disagree		1.2%	4
No opinion		2.1%	7

QUESTION 9

Water runoff from storms is controlled to minimize flooding.

		%	Count
Strongly agree		19.3%	65
Agree		62.9%	212
Disagree		7.1%	24
Strongly disagree		1.2%	4
No opinion		9.5%	32

QUESTION 10

The sewer system in Loveland works reliably.



QUESTION 11

I can travel by car to locations in Loveland with minimal delays.



QUESTION 12

Alternative transportation options are such as buses, bike lanes and sidewalks are usable and provide opportunities to avoid driving my car.



QUESTION 13

Street surfaces are drivable and safe.



QUESTION 14

The City provides quality parks and trails.



QUESTION 15

There are abundant recreational opportunities for all members of my family.



QUESTION 16

There are sufficient opportunities to gather as a community at festivals and other events.



QUESTION 17

There are plentiful opportunities to enjoy the arts.



QUESTION 18

The City Council approves development that enhances the quality of life in our community.



QUESTION 19

Library services provided to our community are current and meet our community's needs.



QUESTION 20

The City provides quality youth activities.



QUESTION 21

The City provides activities and services needed by senior citizens.



QUESTION 22

Citizens enjoy sufficient opportunities to participate in Loveland government.



QUESTION 23

I feel well informed about City services.



QUESTION 24

My family feels safe in our community.





2018 Quality of Life Survey

Open City Hall Online Forum

151 comments and suggestions
by department or function

In the *General Comments & Suggestion Section*, citizens shared their thoughts on a wide variety of topics. Comments have been categorized for ease of reading and reference. They are unedited except for minor grammatical and spelling corrections to improve readability and deletion of personal contact or other identifying information of respondents.

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General/Miscellaneous

Great city. Well run.

I've lived in Loveland for over 50 years and don't want to move away. I really like living in Loveland.

Loveland is a great place to live!

My wife and I have lived in Loveland off and on For 20 years. I do not follow things too closely but feel lucky to live in a great community!

Growth = too fast. Housing = too costly. Traffic = bad. Drivers = insane. Traffic law enforcement = non-existent. Traffic safety = bad.

Loveland needs to rally around our kids and support their schools and teachers. Even if that means leaving things off the ballot to pass other more crucial items.

This city is a jewel.

When someone signs up to volunteer at a City event they should be treated with kindness and celebrated.

Traffic congestion is continuing to become bothersome. I worry about our infrastructure not being able to support the booming population/housing. Loveland gives too many incentives to the developers. I am concerned about relying heavily on Loveland tax payers to bear the burden of bad decisions by City planners with their incentive programs. I depend upon City Council and City Services to look at the big picture. Seniors in single family homes may need to move (but where?) because they cannot afford to live here anymore. On another note, do not let a church have a contract for a City-owned building.

The city as a whole is pretty well maintained. The roads are good in most places. The traffic is only terrible on 287 and 34 during peak times. The parks are excellent. There are lots of different activities to mingle and enjoy the community. Crime is relatively low and the city feels safe. Overall, Loveland is a great place to live, work and play. We moved from Fort Collins and Colorado Springs and have grown to really like this town and are happy to call it home.

I have lived in Loveland for almost 13 years and I am very impressed with how Loveland has grown and flourished.

A lot of the \$'s being spent on utility boxes and all the new direction signs should be spent on improving the traffic flow or saving it for important needs of the town like making sure the Old Fairgrounds park is safe from the bums that hang out down there.

We feel very thankful to live in such a wonderful community.

There should be more concern and education about our future water supply and renewable energy. Does any of our future planning involve Climate Change? We need our public officials to start talking about climate change and its future impacts on Loveland. It seems our future plans always involve growth at very high levels, but should we be considering the negatives of too much growth?

Rather new to the area. Thus far, no major drawbacks.

I am really lucky to be part of a city which is safe and clean. I wish more young family moved to our city. My challenge is always I hear plans for developing downtown but not aware about any activity /activities to support Loveland schools which are running out of \$\$\$. The young families are moving to Timnath or Windsor and not at all considering Loveland as their choice. Most of the Loveland high school classes have no air conditioner, there are mouse traps everywhere in the school. Due to less voting, the new building was not approved, which is future of Loveland. By building downtown, we will attract more retired people compared to young couples.

Leasing the Rialto to a church is a conflict of separation of Church and State and it is wrong to further that many vehicles where there is limited parking. How to choose just one and how do you justify the statements made representatives of that choice? There are many other choices for a church to lease space and it should not be a community building such as the Rialto.

Please consider building a remote control airport somewhere on the outskirts of the city of Loveland.
A City RV park would be a great idea. The costs of private RV parks are skyrocketing, and for full-time RV'ers, especially those who want to visit from out of town, this can be a hindrance to tourism. There are many places in the city that this would be an option.
We seem to have excellent support for nearly every aspect of our city, with one notable and shameful exception: the school district. Our district is grossly underfunded and our teachers' salaries are embarrassingly low. Our city government should do more to support the school district and spur the community to vote for funding.
<u>Broadband/Technology:</u>
Please hurry and get the city broadband service up and running. I hate Comcast.
Publicly-owned high-speed internet would enhance my quality of life. I would like to know where the city council is in the approval process of offering internet service to those who want to pay the city.
The city is wasting money doing survey and study after survey and study on the broadband service! We already voted to do it. Just because two council members don't agree, that doesn't mean we should have wasted valuable tax money doing more research instead of beginning to implement the plan!
Please consider accelerating broadband and smart city initiatives. High quality competitive Telco/Tech infrastructure is critical to the community.
The city technology is quickly evolving with the times. Kudos!
Please ensure that solid plans are in place with a major carriers to ensure small cell and large cell towers are numerous and adequate in Loveland.
Please consider several multistory parking structures with sensors and apps that provide maps and information on parking place openings/options. Please consider on street parking sensors with apps that provide maps and information on parking place openings/options.
We need our own internet.
I would like the stoplights to detect when there is a bicycle waiting for the light to change.
<u>City Government:</u>
City Council needs to put the Loveland community before money from developers and national retailers, and to focus on creating a vibrant downtown district featuring local merchants. We don't need more strip malls, we need more affordable housing and local cafes and shops. Having smaller businesses in outlying areas would be great for people to walk to as well. Fast-tracking municipal broadband should also be a priority.
The overall picture of what we should do as a growing community seems vague. The council seems to bounce around ideas and parts of Loveland with no clear cohesive picture.
The city government continues to FAIL to address the three biggest issues Loveland has almost always faced: 1) City council is not doing ANYTHING to attract quality employers to Larimer County and the City of Loveland, which leads to.... 2) In the last five years, traffic in the city as gone from frustrating, annoying, LONG senseless delays to quite frankly being just outright DANGEROUS. The public works department clearly doesn't know how to manage traffic patterns correctly, and due to this people are driving VERY aggressively within city limits, running lights, etc. I'd call driving in Loveland 'a harrowing experience.' 3) City council IS WAY OVERINVESTED in this downtown development fiasco to the point they are ignoring the real issues of the city.
We have lived here for 38 years and are moving to Tennessee to get out of this mismanaged rat race. We live in SW Loveland and can't get to work in East Loveland without dealing with road rage and horrible constant road construction issues daily. All of the growth in Campion and Berthoud have added to that, but majority

<p>of issues are a city council and planning commissions that seemingly can't plan anything in advance. Sad to leave, but we can't stay when cost of. Living is poor, fracking is a constant concern, and infrastructure is 20 years behind. No longer a livable environment.</p>
<p>School systems and funding are poor. Back door dealings of city council seem shady as hell and certain religious entities have way too much influence on government and community.</p>
<p>Where to start...well Loveland isn't the same...people in this town used to get to vote on big 70 million dollar projects...now it's easier to alienate voters and do it anyway. The riding lanes on 34 are non-existent. Yet we put so many businesses on the east side of town....with no sidewalks....we shun the poor neighborhoods to focus on the wealthy new construction. We gerrymander voters...start on projects that have not got the people's approval... we close schools in poorer neighborhoods to accommodate the new ones in the new neighborhoods. NO LOVELAND YOU'VE CHANGED a lot...our city government acts like a realtor....making financial designs based on the property they own...and still it takes a kid getting run over and killed...and now we are gonna look at the sidewalk issues. A reaction government instead of an action government. You've allowed metro tax districts which are a way of getting you to work forever to pay property taxes. Natives are moving....because it's too expensive to live here now. The jobs these big developers are making are cashier jobs that don't even pay a living wage...but they are the same people getting all the incentives. The highway to gutterville is paved with you and big money's decisions. What's the price tag on the foundry now? Is it right to buy land using tax money then give it to the developer? We used to have a voice...now all we got is higher taxes...incentives for the wealthy...and big ugly concrete buildings where you can stack the poorer people on top of each other and charge them ridiculous rent to ensure they never get enough money to have an and actual home. NO LOVELAND YOU'VE CHANGED.</p>
<p>I think Loveland is losing sight of the needs of the current citizens and there is too much concentration on giveaway programs and purchasing real estate.</p>
<p>Our city services and infrastructure are great. My difficulty is with some of the people, who complain incessantly, and who seem poorly informed about government in general -- beginning with our state and national constituents. They divide our community and make governing more difficult than necessary. How can we bring our citizens together? Is civics still taught in schools?</p>
<p>It's time for recreational marijuana dispensaries. The city could use the income from taxation for repairs to roads and infrastructure, and provide more recreation opportunities to families and kids. Get on board with popular opinion on the matter, already.</p>
<p>Our property values are going through the roof. Being fiscally conservative in times of high growth is missing the boat, especially when we can foresee a seriously climate impacted future with depleted extraction resources. Time to get our heads out of the sand now.</p>
<p>I have provided input and asked questions of several city leaders. To date I have not received responses from ANYBODY! This is a problem. To me it shows an arrogance that leaders do not feel responsible to citizens.</p>
<p><u>City Information/Communication:</u></p>
<p>The city newsletter that is mailed with the utility bill is always an afterthought. Most activities listed in the newsletter have taken place by the time the newsletter is received.</p>
<p>It seems that road closures/maintenance activities aren't always well coordinated, making it hard and time consuming to get from point A to point B. Better publication of these activities would help.</p>
<p>The question - which of these locations is nearest to where you work - There is no option to answer that I am retired. The question - how frequently do you watch City Council mtgs on Channel 16 -- There is no option to answer that I do not have cable.</p>
<p><u>City Services</u></p>
<p>Love living here. Employees at utilities dept., parks, recycle center, trash trucks, etc. always helpful and pleasant in my dealings with them.</p>
<p>We appreciate all of the services the city provides and the openness of city government.</p>

All city, Police department and fire department employees are very professional and very friendly.
As a senior I appreciate the ability to pay my utilities online as well as register for classes or excursions.
I'm a cyclist. While our city has a pretty good infrastructure for bikes, often I find our bike lanes are not clean. Too much I have to avoid the bike lane because it's full of rocks and glass because they are not being swept.
The overabundance of street sweepers in the neighborhoods seems a bit too much.
Better snow and ice removal would be wonderful.
<u>Code Enforcement & Compliance/Noise:</u>
I would like to see better trash cleanup and weed control in the downtown area.
NOISE! Noise pollution in this town is way out of control. Loveland PD and Larimer Sheriff put -0- nada, zip and nil effort toward enforcing their own noise ordinance. The amount of un-muffled motorcycles and diesel pickups constantly grows because there is no fear of citations from local law enforcement. Perhaps Loveland PD buys into the nonsense of 'loud pipes saves lives'? They don't, otherwise quiet motorcycles would be stacked up along side the road like cordwood. They aren't. Selfish individuals that increase the stock noise of their vehicles affect the rest of us for blocks. But that's ok. As long as they can act like 16 yr olds with no fear of retribution, the rest of us can suffer.
<u>Culture/Arts/City Events:</u>
Need more art!
There is too much money spent on arts.
ONE PERCENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE ARTS? I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS AND AM ANGRY AS HELL. HOW MUCH MONEY IS THAT? YOU BETTER RECONSIDER THIS AND HOW IT COULD BE USED FOR REAL SERVICES, NOT GAZING UPON ENDLESS PIECES OF BRONZE. HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON? HB
I know the arts are important here in Loveland, but would like the focus to shift or rotate on a 3 year cycle. For example 2016 money to arts, 2017 money to public education, 2018 money to parks (or other) ... cycle around again 2019 arts, 2020 education, 2021 parks (or other).
The artwork that is being placed throughout town are stupid and the horses as you put off of I-25 are an embarrassment to us.
Museum is awesome- keep growing that facility. The Rialto is a lovely creative performance center, protect it- it is NOT a church.
<u>Downtown Development:</u>
Two areas to focus on in downtown: Need more monitoring and enforcement of noise ordinances. Bars, motorcycles and vehicles routinely violate noise code after 9 pm as well as closing. And vagrancy and littering is very much on the rise in downtown.
The Foundry does not fit the area where it is being developed. We need to preserve the heritage of this City. We need to keep the friendliness and community feeling that has been provided by Loveland in the past. Growth is not always good.
Downtown festivals need increased marketing, more local food and beverage options. Open downtown restaurants and bars to the street and allow patrons to bring food and drink from those establishments to the street festival. Support local...mardi gras style.
I'd like to see the continued improvement to the downtown area.
We live in the downtown area and like to walk to restaurants and entertainment - the sidewalks are inconsistent, uneven and even non-existent in some places. This is bad for us but worse for senior citizens

who may also want to walk in this area.
People want robust, diverse, small independently owned stores and food markets like the old main street. People want a walking vintage downtown shopping experience - look towards old town Ft Collins and Pearl St. Mall for hints. Block off 4th street every Saturday morning for the Farmer's Market and put it downtown.
Finding parking downtown is a nightmare. It's unfortunate as we choose other places to eat and shop instead of having to find spots for a couple of vehicles.
Would appreciate funds allocated to upkeep of roads and sidewalks and weed control OVER --- "downtown development". Use city funds for PRACTICAL purposes BEFORE developing downtown.
The downtown district needs to be giving existing beautiful old buildings uplifts instead of building modern monstrosities that are changing the culture and feel of "old" Loveland. Less art stores and more diverse clothing, restaurants, boutiques need to be in downtown to bring people here to stay and spend money.
I wish there were more businesses, more to do, downtown. Is there a way for the City to encourage that? Rather than new development, I'd prefer to see the beautiful, old, empty buildings downtown be occupied.
<i>Economic Development/Building/Growth/Planning:</i>
We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful place and the City does a good job of balancing growth and preservation of open spaces.
Too many people live in Loveland. Too many people moving here... too much development.
Let's make sure that we preserve Loveland's rich history by restoring our historical buildings and repurposing them for affordable housing or business while being conscious of congestion, parking, primary and secondary school resources, particularly as it pertains to the Downtown area. I would love our town to stay quaint and small while still offering quality employment opportunities, great dining and shopping areas, excellent education services for those with school aged children, create affordable housing particularly for our aging population, all the while maintaining the structural continuity of our historic Downtown area. Progress does not necessarily hinge on expansion. The term, reuse, reduce, recycle comes to mind. Thank you.
Stop letting McWhinney in your pocket. Enough is enough. Please stop building McMansions and build more multi-family units! McMansions aren't sustainable and waste resources. Stop giving tax breaks to everyone. If they want to build in Loveland then let them pay like everyone else.
There NEEDS to be a Target out west!!!
We are loving it here ever since we moved in from California in January! However, our beautiful home is located at the very eastern end of Loveland about 3 miles east of the Centerra Mall, and this part of town has NO SUPERMARKET SERVICE!! We must travel 12-16 minutes to get to the nearest grocery store/supermarket. It sure would be wonderful if you could work on enticing King Soopers or Trader Joe's out here near the Centerra area. There are tens of thousands of people living at this end of the city, but it is very unfortunate that we have no near food supply. Please help! Thank you.
Too much farmland is being consumed by residential building.
We need a grocery store at 25/34 (East of I-25) with all the new housing developments. Thank you!
I'm disappointed with all of the destruction of open space and farm land and building more building everywhere you go now.
There are really two Loveland's; "old" Loveland and "McWhinney" Loveland. They are different and incompatible. Retail and residential ain't "economic development". ED needs to focus on companies producing high income employment. Everything else will take care of itself. This residential and retail-fueled growth rate is unsustainable.
A grocery store on the east side of town is *badly* needed!
Stop approving incentives to developers.

It would be nice to see the open retail space utilized on Eisenhower where Albertsons used to be. A Whole Foods in Loveland would do well.
We need to attract developers to the western side of Loveland and get the vacant storefronts revitalized.
Stop building houses and parking lots!! Need reasonable prices! Stop letting breweries into our city. Too many!! Leads to crime. What was once almost quaint is now falling into Fort Collins!! Save the Sweetheart City!!!
I would like to see more effort going into the North part of the city, other than the downtown area.
There's too much construction getting in the way of the town.
First, this deal with Rez church was disgusting. What happened to the separation of church and state? Second, why is the city involved in the Floundry project. We don't need it and the downtown parking situation is awful already. And it's ugly. Why are we trying to get people to move here? Downtown is just fine the way it is. I had someone from #liveloveland that if I didn't like growth I should move. How about they stop this mindless promotion? How about the city stops promoting evangelical Christianity and more growth?
Most new development up north has been very disappointing - storage units, Tractor Supply, etc. Sure would have liked to see some nice shopping options or restaurants, since Centerra is too far away.
More open spaces, less growth and development.
I moved to Loveland from Fort Collins for a calmer atmosphere. Yes, Loveland is growing but it is still a wonderful place to live. I understand the 'natives' that want things 'back the way they were', but there is no going back, nor is standing still an option. The City has to continue to move forward; the trick is how we manage that process and the direction we take.
I understand growth is inevitable, but too much isn't good. Tall buildings, apartments and many new housing developments are blocking our beautiful mountain views that made Loveland such a beautiful place to live.
New development meets the needs of the developer. There is nothing unique about recent developments.
Focus on local businesses instead of trying to attract corporate, big box businesses. Be more aware of younger adult opinions and needs (especially if trying to attract young adults and families to area). Keep on working on walkability and downtown arts/recreation. Cannabis sales seem like a no brainer. More musical venues.
Without incurring the financial burden of buying and recycling the newspaper, it is difficult to participate in the process of public site proposals or large construction projects until after those proposals have been approved by the City leaders. It is my personal opinion that our City leadership is selling out our quiet, quaint town and giving away building permits without proper motivation for developers to refurbish, remodel existing historical and landmark properties. The quality of our lifestyle in a small town is dwindling, giving way to too much progress, congestion, lack of good paying companies which offer reasonable, livable wages and benefits. Our City government is overreaching and modernizing our historical downtown environment, the best example of which is the monstrosity that is, The Foundry. Does progress only translate to \$\$ to our City leaders?? Quality of life is progressively declining for us as our City leadership allows too much expansion to our already congested small town. Please stop, listen to the people, put the proposals on a ballot so the citizenry can be educated as to the how they will be impacted and give us the opportunity to vote for the way we want the City of Loveland Sphere of Influence to be applied and let US participate in the process. Let us not continue to over build Loveland, but work towards internal growth, setting up guidelines and a sphere of influence where we can encourage companies to come into our specifically designated commercial and industrial areas.
New business opportunities should be highly in favor of local small businesses instead of corporate chains (Boost Mobile)!
I would like to not have any more apartments. Our roads are already congested and creating dense housing makes it worse. I don't want Loveland to grow as fast as possible. It doesn't make us better, only bigger. I will

<p>be voting as such to help keep Loveland slower in the growth sector. Thanks for everything else you do.</p>
<p>Water, Sewer, Electric, Housing, Rent, Taxes, and then some, all are very expensive here compared to other states. People are specifically moving out of Loveland/Fort Collins and the surrounding areas because it's become way too expensive, way too crowded, to live here! The build-up of Downtown Loveland is becoming Claustrophobic...it's losing its character, warmness and quaintness! It's Sad! When moving to this state, I chose Loveland because of all of the above!</p>
<p>There is way too much housing development and not the infrastructure (roads and schools) to keep up with it.</p>
<p>It would be great to see a Natural Grocers and more healthy quality restaurants (organic, farm to table style).</p>
<p>Too much population; Loveland has lost its small town feel.</p>
<p>We need to attract more relevant businesses so we don't have to go to FC for so many businesses and restaurants.</p>
<p>As a small business, a mother of two children, and as a Loveland native, born and raised in Loveland, I see Loveland as a not so healthy environment anymore. There are big tax incentives to businesses that don't always fulfil their part of the bargain, and local residents can't even shop at the new developments because the tax was passed onto us. Loveland use to be a city that cared, but today it is like every other city, it's growing, but has lost the charm of the small hometown.</p>
<p>I live in Centerra. Shouldn't be a surprise that I have "traffic issues" when I try to access 34 to get into "Old Loveland". It's only going to get worse because, I think, the Planning Commission gives no thought to quality of life when they continue to approve/recommend new development, which the Council approves without much depth of thought. I feel as though I'm being pushed increasingly to latch onto the interstate to take me to Ft. Collins. Surely this isn't a community goal?</p>
<p>A quality grocery store (not Walmart) is needed on the east side of town.</p>
<p>Keep building more houses or apartments and bring more people in here and more theft and violence drugs if you live here yourself you should be feeling tension in this town. They believe all this city sees is \$'s and don't give a damn one about anyone that lives here. Restaurants and stores are getting packed with people we sure do have plenty of liquor stores cigarette shops and banks there's one on every corner when you go down Hwy 34.</p>
<p><u>Housing/Cost of Living:</u></p>
<p>Quality of life includes enjoying life. This town has become astronomically over priced and most can barely afford to live. I'm a single father and the struggle in this town is becoming increasingly overwhelming besides the fact that for me and others in this situation, there is nothing to enjoy with the kiddos as far as the events because they are ALWAYS on the weekends when a lot of us still have to work. Just a studio apartment costs over 60% of monthly income never mind a 2 bedroom for me and my daughter being upwards of 75% of income which leaves nothing to provide food or transportation, never mind school etc. It's become outrageous.</p>
<p>After living here most of my life, we are actively looking to leave the area in the next few years where we can live on the retirement income we will have.</p>
<p>Loveland should provide Loveland/Colorado Natives with help with housing (pro-rate proportional to distance from city to time lived in city). Inflation, migration from other states, and the baby boomer's failure to regulate the market responsibly have completely ruined any chance that I (and thousands of others of my generation in Loveland alone, barring the millions of others across the state/country) would have ever had of buying a house in my own hometown. If Loveland government officials want our city to stand out as philanthropic, empathetic, caring, and exhibit all other forms of moral integrity and responsibility, we can set the example for cities across the state and country, that we care about the future of all of our local families, not just the rich ones who come in from out of state. I will be forced to split renting a house with friends</p>

<p>until I die, never get married or have the room or option to raise kids. The future that I was promised in this city has been stolen, and fixing the school district won't help those kids buy a house when the market is out of reach for anybody who works hard with a degree and full-time job.</p>
<p>Rent is too high for those of us who are retired and trying to live on retirement funds. Looking forward to when I can move out of CO.</p>
<p>I moved to Loveland from Denver. I left Denver because development was so poorly managed. Loveland is not as bad as Denver was, but I see plenty of developments of McMansions and no single family homes under \$300k. Moderate income citizens deserve decent affordable housing.</p>
<p>Housing prices and rents have increased dramatically, as have our taxes. Many people are living several to a home or have to take roommates to make their expenses for housing.</p>
<p>Loveland is losing appeal with the amount of housing developments that do not give back to the community and when the developers do it is most of the time weedy rock area with no grass or beauty. There is so much building of homes to the east but not adequate grocery shopping for the amount of families moving into east Loveland.</p>
<p>Our homeowners insurance has gone up our property tax go up there are no jobs here that pay to be able to stay in this crazy town anymore makes you want to pack up and leave and the ones that do pay anything are being outsourced my wife has lost her job twice in the last year and a half.</p>
<p>What is Loveland's long term plan to create a sustainable, affordable community for its youth? My kids were born here and it's doubtful either of them will be able to afford a home here even though they work full time.</p>
<p>Unaffordable housing, including rentals, is a major problem and only getting worse. It's nice to have good community services and recreation but if you can't afford to live here, you can't enjoy it.</p>
<p>I love living here. I am a retiree. I haven't a clue how working people afford to live here or how they find jobs locally.</p>
<p><u>Infrastructure/Roads/Built Environment:</u></p>
<p>The planted areas along Eisenhower get uglier the further west you go with a few exceptions until about Butte Rd. Can beautification be more consistent?</p>
<p>Too much development puts too much strain on all infrastructure. And I will not talk about the Foundry...</p>
<p>The sidewalk between 35th and 43rd on Willson needs to be completed and lighted.</p>
<p>Not sure if this is the place to discuss this, but we feel strongly that Loveland needs to work on beautifying our city. When you drive into town from the interstate on 34, the medians look terrible! We could take some cues from Fort Collins where they have made great attempts to make their streets and medians and intersections aesthetically pleasing.</p>
<p>I would like to connect some of the collector streets. It seems like a lot of streets dead end.</p>
<p>The city is not wheelchair accessible! Many sidewalks/curbs are not usable for wheelchairs, especially for those in wheelchairs with no companion to assist.</p>
<p>As we grow - we need to improve development and transportation infrastructure to eliminate sprawl and create communities where people do not need to drive to accomplish daily activities. More community and less driving.</p>
<p>Biggest issue is road maintenance, not only for potholes. For instance S-B Wilson was treated with new oil and gravel, but the job was poor and part of it had to be redone between 29th & 57th. That job should not have been accepted as done.</p>
<p>Please look into some of the materials out there made to sustainability build roads that allow water to pass through.</p>
<p>It would be nice if there were more bike lanes on all of the roads. The Loveland Loop is nice, but I'd like an easy/safe way to bike from north Loveland to downtown or other locations.</p>

Instead of "art", perhaps you can fix the potholes in the roads.
The sewers downtown back up onto the roads during a good rain. The pipes under 4th street will have to be replaced but doing it all at once will be the death of downtown. Good luck.
Would love to see more civil development in roads and roundabouts vs. building more residential. Roundabouts need to become a priority to keep the increasing traffic flowing or a stronger biking program.
Compared to Denver, traffic in Loveland is not bad when I am in my car, but Loveland lacks safe bike lanes. Sometimes the lane is much too narrow (for example, around 29th & Taft) and other times there is no bike lane at all. Lack of sidewalks is my biggest safety concern. I walk the Recreation Trail between Wilson and Taft. When I get off the trail and walk north on Taft, there is no sidewalk, no shoulder, and I have to walk in the busy street.
Road construction projects could be structured so that major projects are not at the same time.
The 34 corridor, which offers a rather bleak image of Loveland, needs attention.
We need more controlled crosswalks with flashing lights and/or a stoplight at 43rd St & Florence Dr. We do not feel safe crossing streets around our neighborhood as drivers do not consistently yield for pedestrians.
The city is not having housing developers provide green space and or pocket parks for homeowners. Moving to Loveland 20 years ago, I was very impressed by the quality and amount of parks/green space in developed neighborhoods, giving children and homeowners a safe place for activities without having to drive to a park that is usually taken over by sport teams.
Would be nice if the road construction was limited to one major road at a time... limits the ability to find other routes if they are all under construction.
Fix the sidewalk along Taft by the homes on lake. The power poles make it DANGEROUS! I've seen strollers tip into busy street multiple times.
Roads stink. Why is there construction on roads every other year? Fix it correctly the first time!
<u>Jobs/Cost of Living:</u>
Jobs available to the community in comparison to the amount of building of homes does not add up.
One chain restaurant after another does not provide livable incomes.
How is the old HP building working out for you guys? Maybe Loveland should try to attract something other than stoners who can't draw or sculpt, and perhaps try and lure in business that isn't minimum wage retail jobs. I think we have plenty of that.
I have to drive 54 miles each way to have employment that compensates me fairly, wages and benefits.
Canyon Bakehouse which offered good benefits and jobs recently left Loveland to go to Johnstown. How can little Johnstown offer better deals to employers than bigger Loveland?
The City doesn't do a good job of hiring internally. It could be because they don't make the effort to celebrate and help to continue to educate the staff they have. Case in point - they don't honor milestones in City employment, 5, 10, 15, 25, etc. years. People have left to work for other cities because of this.
<u>Library:</u>
Our library is AMAZING with great youth programs and educational opportunities.
The library collection is not as good as the building. I use inter-library requests a lot.
We need a branch library.
The library needs a northern branch, or at least a couple other options for returning items.

Parks/Recreation/City Facilities:

We chose to live in Loveland because of the beautiful open space trails, easy access to the mountains, rich cultural opportunities, and other characteristics for a positive lifestyle. Thank you for your dedication to open spaces and parks.

We could certainly use more outdoor pickleball courts and more indoor courts. A new rec center with specific courts for pickleball only, would be really nice. I often drive to Windsor to use their indoor rec facilities in the winter because they are more plentiful.

We need another indoor pool! for real swimming, diving, etc.

It would be great to have the bike trail finished so there is a way to safely ride along 57th street.

My wife and I are new to Loveland within the last year. We have really enjoyed living here and are impressed by the quality of life supported by the city. In particular, the many recreational opportunities provided at Chilson, along with all the beautiful parks/trails. We hope the city continues to support expansion of these opportunities.

A rec center on the west side of town is needed. More trails and trailheads also needed, as the trailheads at Devil's backbone and Coyote Ridge are often filled. Would be nice to see the bike path connected all the way around town at some point in my lifetime.

When building new parks, please consider more baseball fields. They are in very short supply.

Would love to see fitness style stations along the bike/hiking trail.

While the efforts to create safe biking routes are commendable, the gaps are glaring. For example, some marked bike lanes are hazardously narrow (southbound Taft & 37th for one of many examples), or end with no alternative but to ride in the car lanes.

There is no park or open space within walking distance of the east end of downtown. Our family enjoys hiking and we drive to Ft Collins to find unimproved dirt trails. Loveland is big enough to have more hiking opportunities- County managed Devils Backbone is overfilled every weekend. I feel Loveland over-caters to more affluent recreators like golfers. Promote recreational opportunities that match the income level of your citizens, like hiking, biking, picnicking and another swimming pool that isn't a sardine can like Winona.

Recreation for middle and HS kids is lacking unless you play a sport, which not all kids can afford.

This area is becoming very congested for the minimal recreation trails like Devils Backbone. More trails and trailhead development would benefit the community.

There's not many activities to do besides going to parks.

We are loving all the lanes that have been paved and connecting to other communities through them. Why isn't our trail system used more for Runs and Walks or Biking Non-Profit fundraisers? Are we making it too difficult for them? The biking lane near the north Walmart needs attention ASAP. It's very dangerous. It would be fun to offer a dance party - teach people swing dancing one month... country another.

Recreation trails are disconnected, but it seems improvements are being made.

Please consider adding another Recreation Facility. We need to have more options available to the community. Thanks for all the great work.

We need public swimming pools and more senior centers in southwest.

The Chilson is good about offering some classes in the morning but terrible in the evening. Where we used to live my husband would work out in the morning and I would take evening classes. There is only one class offered in the evenings - no biking . There should be a 7, 8, maybe even a 9 and stay open until 10:15 or something. Loveland concentrates on the seniors of our community - which is great - But the City should consider offering current evening fitness classes.

Pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport. Loveland needs to build more pickleball courts!
There are still such limited options for teens in this town...there was nothing to do when I was a teenager here and virtually nothing has changed now that I have 3 teens of my own.
Continue to purchase open spaces with the lottery money. Continue to build biking trails around Loveland so we can ride our bikes to areas instead of driving our cars. I would like to see the trail extended to Devils backbone open space (as the new addition currently has the trail stopping at Marianna Butte). I would also like to see the trail extended through Ryans Gulch and further south to the new golf course at County road 14/LoneTree Res.
Trail connections between parks are lacking.
The area around Mariana Butte is growing in leaps and bounds. The residents would love to have a good restaurant nearby. The Wapiti DOES NOT fit the bill. All our neighbors avoid going there. What a missed opportunity! Most of us have the time and means to use the restaurant often - even in the winter. How about not renewing the Wapiti's lease and bring in a restaurant we can be proud of?
It would be nice if the Loveland bike loop had the two missing sections completed (57th Street is really nasty on a bike).
Trails are not patrolled to insure rules are followed (especially the closure rules). Check Marianna Butte on the 4th of July. Residents, seniors and veterans are not rewarded at the golf courses (except Cattail Creek). Most other municipalities give discounts to at least one if not all of these groups.
I'd love to see more offered for preteen ages. I'd love to see another boys and girls club to accommodate the need for affordable child care and things to do for preteen aged children.
<u>Public Safety/Social Issues:</u>
Please consider allowing a shelter for our homeless population. Everything I have seen the city do indicates that they would rather pretend the homeless do not exist. This solves nothing and only perpetuates stigmas that are harmful.
I know it is an impossible problem to solve, but the amount of homeless downtown and on the bike paths, makes me feel less safe when I take early morning, or evening walks. Anything to improve that situation, would make Loveland feel safer to me.
Loveland is no longer a safe community. There is crime and drug use. There are beggars and homeless people leaving drug paraphernalia in parks, residents yards, and in other public places. Nothing is safe anymore. There seems to be lower income people moving here and they are bringing problems with them.
Can we please get a grip on the homeless problem in downtown Loveland?
Art is great, but why spend my tax dollar on that when it could be used to police the city and help curb the growing drug problems. It is sad when my kids can't go to a playground without me checking everywhere for left over drug paraphernalia, including needles. Something has got to be done.
My biggest wish right now for Loveland would be, to increase police presence to slow people down and deter crime. Every day you can read about cars stolen/broken into/ vandalized, and accidents. People drive terribly when they can get away with it.
The only thing I feel we are lacking in are resources for the homeless. In the past 7-10 years the homeless population has drastically risen with no resources in sight. We need programs and shelters to help keep them out of our parks and littering their needles everywhere.
I don't feel as safe as I used to.
Please consider FirstNet for Loveland Police.
Too many speeders where it says 35mph by Lake Loveland. Hardly ever see cops there.
Police high-speed chases through busy city intersections have DESTROYED innocent lives. The lack of a policy for high speed chases endangers citizens more than a local drug-addicted thief trying to escape.

Too much crime.
On the 4th of July, you set up the signs on 29th St in the bike lane making it necessary for bicycles to swerve into the car lane. This is when you are encouraging people to ride bikes to the fireworks.
The homeless population is increasing much to my dismay. They walk thru my neighborhood alley, they stand on the corners begging by Walgreens and it is creepy. The beggars don't stand on the same corner day after day. They rotate corners and I think they have organized to decide who gets what corner. Their "lifestyle" is very upsetting.
Seeing an increase in crime. We need an increase in police presence.
Run the bums out of town and stop the corner panhandling. Don't let Loveland become another "Fort Boulder."
I'm not sure what the noise ordinance is in the city, and I'm guessing enforcement would fall to the police, but it seems like every road in the city has become a drag strip with drivers eager to show off how loudly their car, truck, or motorcycle can go from 0 to 45.
Get control of transient issues and trespassers into businesses in the city. Also control the open drug activity of sale and consumption in the downtown area. All the money invested by businesses and the city to build up the downtown is being wasted if that is not fixed it will not attract return visitors.
We are building all this high end housing downtown and trying to revitalized the area but you go down there to enjoy it and you have a man high on meth, yelling at cars, waving socks and talking crazy. On the other corner you have a homeless man shooting up dope. How can we as residents feel safe to go down and support local business when you have to be afraid of being attacked? Also we were at Henry's this past week and walking in to the restaurant there was vomit all over sidewalk. Loveland needs to hire more cops and we need to get the drug and homeless problem rectified before we start trying to be a metro town. In the business I work in we have had to call police for drugged-out homeless people, chasing and threatening people, and it took over an hour to get officers and nothing was done. Also I work in many other jurisdictions and Loveland is the only one that does not have a Crime Free Housing program where landlords and police work together on getting the rig-raf out of our communities.
Every 4th of July the whole day is a nightmare with the citizens exploding fireworks. The city of Loveland needs to enforce the law and stop this nonsense.
I love living in Loveland. I have been living here for 21 years. I raised my three sons here, but I'm so disappointed by the homeless population. It is horrible to see people standing on corners with a sign. Seems like it grows everyday. This is ruining Loveland. I suppose drugs play a major part. Loveland needs to clean itself up and crack down hard on drugs and transients. Needles in our parks and by the river is unacceptable. There should not be people killing our downtown. Loveland is a beautiful, artsy town. So much goes into community and the beauty of Loveland. I'm so embarrassed when family or friends visit and they miss the beauty and only see these people on almost every corner. Something has to be done about the beggars. There has to be something more productive than standing on a corner begging. I hope we could find an answer to this problem.
Better monitoring and control of illegal fireworks would be much appreciated.
Please do something to clean up downtown! Especially 4th street to 10th street from Garfield to Washington. The vagrant activity is overwhelming. Drug activity, violence, rampant littering, destruction of public property, sex acts, and an overall unsafe environment are the "norm" now in downtown and something needs to change immediately!
The biggest thing right now is traffic and speed control. Starting to feel very unsafe driving around town or wanting to bike on streets. There needs to be more speed control devices around town especially around Lake Loveland.
We would like to see police patrolling neighborhoods and enforcing speed limits.
Quality of life is in danger of decreasing. Level of crime increasing and drug use becoming outrageous. Taking

grandkids to parks now involves checking for needles, vandalism and vagrants.
Need to further enforce the speed limits on Wilson. I have responded to every one of these kind of surveys about this stating how many kids have almost and some actually bumped crossing the road on Wilson and 49th. Now, we lost a 13 year old child from our neighborhood. Yes, alcohol was a factor in that case. However, there will be more, the more people continue to speed out there. It is 35 and 45 for a reason. People commonly exceed 50+ coming from Fort Collins. Everyone knows where the cops sit at the Church, and slow for that area. Then speed back up once they have passed it.
Too many homeless people also in downtown.
We have a growing problem with transients near downtown area - more theft and perception of not feeling as safe when walking.
I live downtown and struggle daily with the homeless issue. It's not apparent everywhere, but each time I walk past the dumpster/recycle center at my building, there are homeless people digging through the trash. They leave the items they pull out all over, contaminate the recycle by mixing it with the trash, and they have yelled at me - plus, these people clearly aren't getting the services they need. I have complained to my building about it and they refuse to deal with the problem. Police patrol the area occasionally, but they can't be there all the time. This is a safety, security, and sanitation issue. My building managers should be forced to deal with it (i.e. gate and lock up the dumpster area), and whatever homeless services the City provides should be more accessible. I assume other downtown businesses and residences have this problem, based on the garbage I see each day, spread around their garbage facilities. I enjoy living in Loveland other than that!
There seems to be trespassing issues in downtown Loveland with transients. Local authorities seem uninterested in even driving by to ensure the area is secure, even when I've reported someone attempting to enter vehicles, sneaking up to our window and peering in, which is why I feel less than totally safe in my neighborhood.
My children never felt safe at the Chilson Center with the vagrants loitering around the area.
Loveland has more and more pan-handlers and people sleeping in doorways of businesses than I've seen in the last 26 years.
The homeless in the City of Loveland is a Huge problem. I do not feel safe going downtown in the evenings after dark. Something needs to be done about the homeless, the litter and the way the money is spent for projects that are out of the realm of common sense.
Better speed control on North Colorado Ave between 4th and Eisenhower (especially 4th and 10th - there's a school there! and many families!): Speed bumps like the fancy neighborhoods or at least random police presents running radar.
Please consider locating transient/homeless shelters away from major thoroughfares/large populated areas. These service locations should be situated in areas that lesson disruptions to heavily populated and high traffic areas.
Why don't you just remove all traffic ordinances from the books? They are NEVER enforced until AFTER an accident occurs.
The homeless have become a huge problem. We've had several camped out behind our house along Big Barnes Ditch. Drug paraphernalia, clothes and trash have been left behind several times.
People driving do not pay any attention to the speed limits, stop signs, and are reckless. We need more traffic cops.
Your homeless is a big problem. Drive down an alley by the VFW - trash weeds growing everywhere. Shouldn't your city be taking care of this or citing people. Just keep jamming people into an area that can't handle it you put the parking building the furthest away from downtown how many people want to walk that far.
The speeds on Taft (especially south of 34) need to be enforced. It is horribly dangerous trying to get out of the neighborhoods when drivers are going 45-55 mph down Taft (it has gotten worse since construction

widened the road). The amount of thefts have increased and the amount of drug houses have as well. It has gotten to the point where we don't feel safe in the neighborhood we have lived in for 12 years. I won't allow my kids to play in the neighborhood that we used to love.

Overall pleased with the quality of life in Loveland with one glaring problem. Enforcement of the ban on fireworks is pathetic. Other front range cities have taken proactive steps to help reduce the illegal use of fireworks...Loveland has not. This significantly impacts me (PTSD) As well as my pets. This MUST improve! It is typical for 3-5 cars to run thru red lights, this needs to be enforced by law enforcement.

There is a day shelter on 1st and Lincoln that needs to be moved. I've been homeless before and I see the people that frequent that establishment - the ones that don't want to improve their lives. They call themselves "career homeless". Pretty self-explanatory. On our home camera we have caught some of these people trying to test the car doors in our private parking area. It's in back of our housing unit. They go back and forth from the warming shelter to certain houses in this area that are known for drugs. We have called the police and we were told that we have to catch them in the act and then call the police as we keep them there. That's not my job! I called and something should have been done about it. But it wasn't. The warming shelter needs to be moved to the area that is on the same block as the police station so they can keep an eye on them. There was a girl that was sexually assaulted on the property and the unit it happened in said they didn't know the man that did it. Well we got a camera that records live feed and have it on video of the man going into her apartment. We called and let them know and still nothing has been done. Found used needles in the park. We have seen, on the neighborhood feed, suggestions for needle boxes. That's good! Let's enable them to keep the drugs and stupidity in the area. Do we hand a bottle to drunks? Or do we try to get them to seek counseling? Use to be happy in this town. Between the transients, career homeless, used needles found everywhere, and the police not doing anything about it. Don't think we like it here anymore.

You need more police out on the roads. I've been chase down by a driver that almost ran into my truck. People who move to Loveland should leave their dirty habits where they came from. Start handing out tickets down on third street by the VFW to all the illegally parked cars. Every day same stuff our veterans - can't park by their own building.

The bums downtown. Wow...the bums. I remember one coming into my son's store several years back. He started getting aggressive. Good thing my son open carried his firearm in his store. He had to draw on the guy. I'm so glad the former Mayor of Denver solved homelessness.

Police ... Use our tax dollars for actual CRIME instead of petty infractions. Use our tax dollars to enforce immigration laws instead of harassing legal citizens for petty infractions. Enforce the drug laws that ARE on the books. Although, we voted FOR legalizing marijuana use AND WE ARE NOT USERS ... NOW when we walk, without fail, we smell cars going by with the smell of pot filling our space. USE OUR TAX DOLLARS to enforce that law infraction. Use law enforcement to stop drivers from using cell phones while driving. You asked about our police force. THOSE are our frustrations. Enforce the laws on the books instead of focusing on infractions that will ensure that the \$\$\$\$ are coming in by meeting quotas (i.e. incredibly short yellow lights???? Please, we know WHY the yellow lights last maybe 2 seconds and it's NOT for making the intersection more safe.) You asked. :)

Recycling/Solid Waste:

Here is what Loveland is doing well-- recycling! Would love to see the recycling bins include table scraps/ food waste composting.

Loveland is an absolute front runner in recycling and disposal, we make FTC look pitiful! Let's keep that up and carry it like a torch for others to follow.

I love our recycling guy that picks up our curbside recycling. We live near downtown. He is always so smiley and friendly and helpful!

Glass recycling and pickup would be a plus.

<u>Traffic/Congestion:</u>
Loveland traffic is awful. Traffic lights on main thoroughfares seem set up to clog traffic with red light after red light. There are too many people moving here and roads are not equipped to handle it.
Traffic on 34 is a nightmare!
Highway 34 is a mess - there needs to be something done to reduce the traffic backups in both directions.
Quantity of new residents overwhelming current roads and traffic management.
Traffic on Highway 34 between I-25 and Highway 287 is a disaster and it's an utter embarrassment that nothing is being done to address it.
My "disagree" and "strongly disagree" items are both in reply to transportation and walkability. The congestion on Highway 34/Eisenhower has become unbearable, whether traveling east or west. Early morning isn't bad but all other times of the day result in delays.
1st street, Eisenhower, Hwy. 402 are still the same width they were in the 1980's when I went to high school here, yet there are TENS OF THOUSANDS of more people. Widen the stinkin' roads if you're going to be lining the pockets of developers. Perhaps they should cover that cost. No more building until the congestion is cured.
I live near Centerra and traffic and road construction is a total mess and projected to worsen with new development on Boyd Lake Avenue.
Overall traffic is dangerous and this town is a speeder's paradise - I'd like to see speed laws enforced especially at the one mile residential radius of 287 and 34.
We're growing very fast and our infrastructure is getting outpaced by the flurry of building. If we add 300 plus units to any area we should probably consider adding some road lanes as well. Highway 34 was taxed 10 years ago, still 4 lanes, still adding homes and apartments, still putting in retail and healthcare facilities. I'm not a civil engineer and I'm not certified in traffic studies but it doesn't seem like a stretch to me that perhaps we need to address this before it becomes I-25 type travel - frustration for all involved.
Rush hour is horrible for a small town like Loveland. It took me 10 minutes to .25 miles last week.
We need more four lane streets, both north/south and east/west.
Traffic is becoming more of a problem during "rush hours" but during the day the delays are minimal, however much more than before.
The traffic in Loveland has become really bad. Drivers often go 15 to 20 mph or more over the posted speed limit all over town. Also, running red lights, tailgating, incorrect lane changing, and inability to merge appropriately are causing serious safety issues on the roads. Just driving across town is dangerous business. I would like to see an increase presence of the Police Department, especially on the busier streets. I believe that the only way the newcomers to the area are going to learn to drive properly in our town and state is to be ticketed for their bad driving behaviors. If we don't correct the behaviors with consequences and education the problems are only going to get worse as we continue to grow.
Too much traffic; drivers are rude and lack skills for the amount of traffic.
It is a blessing to live in Loveland! We are both third generation in this area. I think my main "complaint" is the horrendous traffic jams, and the ensuing road rage, tailgating, running red lights and stop signs because people are so impatient and they don't plan their time well.
Regarding the delays driving in the city, 34 is a nightmare. I-25 west on 34 is a nightmare to drive and takes 3 times the amount of time it should and with no viable alternative, causes a lot of frustration for commuters.
Highway 34 west from Wilson is a death trap. Within the city limits too many Speeders (15 - 20 mph over limits) and then narrow highway in poor repair with lots of turnoffs. Formula for continued "accidents". There is no traffic law enforcement on West 34 within the city limits or beyond, from Wilson to the Dam Store.

Loveland is a wonderful community, however the east side of Loveland has grown so much that traffic and accidents happen frequently--I try not to go there.
I have lived in Loveland for almost 50 years and have seen considerable change. I think the increase in the amount of traffic and in numbers of drivers who in my opinion drive recklessly is a major concern.
The City is not keeping up with the growing demands on Eisenhower. The amount of traffic causes extensive delays and is not safe. There's no "good" way to get to I-25 from west Loveland and it's frustrating.
Traffic is becoming a real problem in Loveland. We live on 1st Street and have to back in to our driveway or we cannot get out. Sometimes it feels like 1st street is a speedway.
Something must be done about the timing of lights, speeding/slow traffic, running of red lights, and traffic in general.
I am a Loveland native and believe Loveland has been the best place to live for decades; many others are discovering this, too. The biggest problem I see our community dealing with right now is traffic congestion. We keep building residences but don't improve the infrastructure needed to accommodate the additional traffic. We may be growing too quickly.
<u>Transportation/Transit:</u>
Public transportation is desperately needed.
Need to seek additional modes of transportation. Need better bike and care share options and better downtown parking management.
We hope the city supports a front range rail from Fort Collins to Denver - that would be a wonderful benefit to lifestyle and reduce traffic. Additional RTD connections that include the west side of Loveland would also be a great benefit.
I live in a newer section of Loveland, on the West side of I-25 near 1st Street. My disabled, adult son would benefit greatly from having bus service within our neighborhood; the nearest bus stop is nearly 1 mile from our home.
Increasing public transportation to nearby towns and DIA for commuters would be a huge step in the right direction.
Upscale our public transport. Traffic in this town and region is terrible and gets worse daily. The sad thing is that there seems to be little movement to improve public transportation although there is a lot of use. The Bustang to Denver is packed. Please provide a Greeley Loveland commuter bus/train. A commuter train is needed. Loveland needs to be proactive and forecast the growth and traffic impacts. We can't afford and/or create or maintain enough roads for our growth. Investing in robust public transportation will help the quality of air and enhance this region. Ozone levels are increasing. This city needs to work with the county and other towns as this is an urgent regional problem. Future growth will pay for current investment. Get with it already.
COLT bus stops need to be "user friendly", especially at the Eighth Street Transfer Station where Routes 100 and 200 meet. The seating and a trash receptacle need to be replaced for bus patron usage. The Police could monitor, at twelve minutes after each hour the buses are operational, the activities of non-COLT patrons who are loitering.
I am an avid bicyclist and I'm afraid of inattentive drivers. This fear has really grown over the past two years. Having off-road bicycle routes is certainly helpful, but these routes frequently won't take me where I need to go. The routes that are planned will help, but they are some years off.
The seating and trash receptacle at the City of Loveland Transit bus Transfer Station located at Eighth Street need to be replaced.
<u>Water & Power/Stormwater:</u>

<p>Why isn't it mandatory for sprinkler systems to have rain sensors? Nothing more wasteful than sprinklers on in the pouring rain.</p>
<p>In the past few months our water quality has declined. Our drinking water used to taste fine directly from the tap. Now, the water in our toilets is slightly tinted brown, the water smells like hose water and the drinking water tastes like it's straight from a pond and unclear. First we had plastic in our lines when they replaced the lining on the water main on 14th St. SW and now our water isn't drinkable unless heavily filtered. Myself and my husband are very disappointed.</p>
<p>Drinking water is probably safe but it tastes so bad I spent big bucks for a reverse osmosis filter. Other than that I would say I am in very fortunate to live in a place like Loveland. Even with a fixed income I have lots of choices to do for free, thanks to the City of Loveland.</p>
<p>Our family has noticed water quality suffer in Loveland several times. Ex: poor smell, taste, color. Please consider using HACH's (local company) technology and sensors to detect water issues before they reach homes.</p>
<p>What is Loveland's plan to provide water during times of shortages and drought?</p>
<p>Bury the powerlines downtown and our family would have more reliable electricity during increasingly violent storms. Renewable, sustainable energy should be a regional priority.</p>
<p>The City is WAY behind the times when it comes to sustainable energy - by encouraging homeowners to install solar panels - and does VERY little to improve the horrible air quality in Northern Colorado.</p>
<p>The annual algae taste in the water is awful. The smell makes it unbearable to drink, shower and even wash clothes when it is at its peak.</p>
<p><u>Website/Channel 16 TV:</u></p>
<p>Need better sound system for televised council meeting!</p>

End Comments