



# CITY UPDATE

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# 'Papel Chicano' splashes color at museum



**Sister and brother Sally and Tom Stroh** look through artist Carlos Donjuán's "Night Shift" series of paintings, part of the Loveland Museum's current exhibit, "Papel Chicano Dos," a collection assembled by Cheech Marin showing now through Jan. 12, 2020.

## Cheech, post-Chong, brings his love of art to Loveland

Some of the 24 artists featured in "Papel Chicano Dos," the current main-gallery exhibit at the Loveland museum, are well-established.

Others are emerging painters, discovered by collector Cheech Marin on his visits to Los Angeles area art galleries.

All of them are Chicano, or Chicana, the commonality that binds the paintings that make up the current exhibit. The works on paper include watercolors, pastels, acrylics, aqua tints and mixed media — each inspired by the culture that in the mid-1960s embraced the label "Chicano."

Marin is half of the stoner-hippie comic duo Cheech & Chong who first took viewers on the wild



**Cheech Marin** is shown standing in front of Pablo Andres Cristi's "If La Virgen Returned," one of the 65 pieces of Chicano art included in "Papel Chicano Dos" from Marin's private collection now on display at the Loveland Museum.



**Works on display** at the Loveland Museum include Cici Segura-Gonzalez' "Soy Chicana" (above) and Frank Romero's "Parade of Masks" (right).

#### CHEECH (from page 1)

"Up In Smoke" ride in 1978. He and partner Tommy Chong went on to make another half dozen movies after that, and still make occasional joint appearances.

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But Cheech Marin is all about art these days, as the collector/curator of the world's most significant private collection of Chicano art. The 65 works on display in Loveland are a small slice of Marin's collection of more than 700 paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures and photographs.

"Papel Chicano Dos: Works on Paper from the Collection of Cheech Marin" is Marin's vehicle for giving accomplished Chicano artists exposure to

national and global audiences.

"That's why I started collecting," he said at a recent opening of his exhibit at the University of

Wyoming in Laramie.

"Art is the universal glue that holds us together," Marin said. "The person standing in front of a painting in Bologna, Italy, is the same person standing in front of a painting in Laramie, Wyoming."

Marin offers a definition of Chicano that is less about art than of modern culture. "The strict definition is a Mexican American with a defiant political attitude," he said in his Laramie interview.

"It's a voluntary category. You weren't born Chicano. There's no box you can check for the Census Bureau. You can check off Hispanic, or even Mexican American, but Chicano is voluntary. You have to declare yourself a Chicano in order to be one."

Immersion in Chicano art covers a weak spot in Marin's art experience, he said.



# **Meet Cheech**

Cheech Marin will appear in Loveland at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Cleveland Room of the Desk Chair Coworking Space, 201 E. Fourth St. Ticket information will be posted on the Loveland Museum website at Lovelandmuseumgallery.org.



Marin's collection will have a permanent home at the Riverside Art Museum in Riverside, Calif., when the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art opens in 2021. **For more information, visit:** 

### www.TheCheechCenter.org

"The gap in my art knowledge was contemporary art," Marin said. "For all the art knowledge you can cram in your head — history, and techniques, and all those things — it all comes down to a point where you're standing in front of an artwork and go, 'Wow, is that cool!' That's what art should do."

## **Detection of EAB near Berthoud puts Loveland ash tree owners on notice**

In March of 2017, the City Update feature story was on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) – the small, green Asian beetle that has decimated the ash tree population in the eastern and mid-western United States since the early 2,000's.

At that time, the pest still seemed distant, and Loveland's ash trees safe, but last month, a joint press release put out by the Town of Berthoud, Larimer County and the Colorado State Forest Service confirmed the presence of EAB near Berthoud, bringing the reality of what that means for Loveland's ash trees, to the forefront.

The first in-state identification was made in Boulder in 2013. It has since been confirmed in Gunbarrel, Longmont, Lafayette, Lyons, Superior, Broomfield, Westminster and now in Larimer County.

The reason city and county officials are so concerned is because of the swift destruction the EAB wreaks on ash trees. The insects, which are only about a ½-inch long, are active during spring and summer months. After the adult beetles lay eggs, the emerging

larvae dig tunnels into the trunks and branches of the tree. The damage they do through this process can kill a healthy tree in a matter of a couple years. And a tree can be infested for up to four years before any symptoms of infestation can be detected.

Susceptible ash varieties include white, blue, green and black ash, native North American ash trees, as well as a cultivar known as autumn purple ash.

The time to plan is now

The City's Parks Forestry Specialist, Jeff Caputo, advises that residents start planning now. "We are advising residents who live south of Hwy. 402 or west of Hwy. 287 to treat their ash trees next spring if they intend to keep them."

For residents living in other parts of Loveland, Caputo said they should start making plans for what to do with their ash trees since the beetle has been detected just south of town. "One thing we really want to drive home for residents is that if they want to keep their ash trees healthy, they have to commit to treating them with an insecticide

for the life of the tree – it's a long term commitment."

The City is also working to manage its own ash tree population. Currently the City has about 4,700 ash trees in its urban forest, 700 of which are in City parks. The initial focus for treating Parks-owned ash trees will be at the Civic Center complex and at Dwayne Webster Park.

For more information on EAB detection and treatment, go to https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/emerald-ash-borer/.



# Get a head start on the holidays at the library's Winter Fest community event

The Loveland Public Library will be kicking off the holidays with *Winter Fest*, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

This free, family-friendly event will feature crafters and artisans demonstrating how to make handcrafted holiday ornaments, knitted garments, hats, afghans, weaving and spinning, paper crafting, soap carving (for kids), wood carving (for adults), tatting, and teaching attendees how to make recycled ornaments (1 to 5 p.m.) in a workshop sponsored by the Larimer County Solid Waste Department.

There will be a gingerbread house workshop for kids, face painting, a model train village and various musical entertainment including instrumental, vocal and dancing taking place throughout the day. And according to those in the know, Santa will be taking time out of his busy schedule to make an appearance!

This event is sponsored by Friends of the Loveland Public Library to show their appreciation for the public support they receive.

Winter Reading Program

The Library Winter Reading Program will kick off on Monday, Dec. 2 and run through Jan. 3 to help motivate teens and kids to keep reading during the winter break. The Reading Program will have weekly prizes plus a chance to win two tickets to an Eagles hockey game.

For more info on all the above, go to www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org.







cityofloveland.org/webtrac

Questions? Call 970.962.2487



# Yard cart services Ends November 29!



Loaded carts must weigh less than 250 pounds and the lid must close. The following items can be placed in your green vard 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/SolidWaste





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#### **UTILITY NEWS**

# 20 RATE CHANGES: WHAT TO EXPECT



**DID YOU KNOW?** 



LWP is a **non-profit utility** committed to providing you fair rates



Rate dollars are directly reinvested to maintain highquality utility services



Rate increases are an integral part of providing reliable utilities for years to come.

Learn more about Rates, Charges and Fees at www.cityofloveland.org/UtilityRates

- 1. Source: CAMU 2019 Residential Survey
- <sup>2</sup>· Source: Sept. 18, 2019 Loveland Utilities **Commission Meeting**

Loveland Water and Power (LWP) is committed to keeping utility costs low and reliability high for all customers. Like all utility providers, LWP periodically evaluates the cost of maintaining reliable infrastructure to provide excellent water, power and wastewater services. Different types of customers—like residential and commercial—pay different rates based on the cost of providing service. LWP collaborates with expert rate consultants to review the different rates every three years analyzing the average use of service for each group and comparing it with their unique costs. Before rates are set in stone, LWP must present its findings to the Loveland

Utilities Commission (LUC) and Loveland City Council for final approval. The two governing boards review each rate class thoroughly to ensure Loveland customers are charged a fair price for service.

#### **2020 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL RATE CHANGES**

ESTIMATED USAGE	<b>ESTIMATED BILL INCREASE</b> (compared to 2019 rates)
WATER	
<b>7,300 Gallons/month</b> (based on summer rates)	\$2.57
WASTEWATER	
3,800 gallons/month	\$2.13
POWER	
<b>700 kilowatt hours/month</b> (based on summer rates)	\$2.81

Individual bills will vary based on use.

You can save by reducing your usage! Learn more about saving through efficiency at cityofloveland.org/saves

#### **2019 RATES COMPARED TO** OTHER NORTHERN COLORADO PROVIDERS

WATER RATES

Less Than Average<sup>2</sup>

**WASTEWATER RATES** 

Less Than Average<sup>2</sup>

**POWER RATES** 

Less Than Average 1

Lower than 63% of other providers<sup>2</sup>

Lower than 50% of other providers<sup>2</sup>

Lower than 76% of other providers<sup>1</sup>

#### **UTILITY NEWS**



MAIN SWITCHBOARD 970-962-3000 UTILITY BILLING 970-962-2111

visit us online... cityofloveland.org/LWP









# Loveland Water and Power VETERAN EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Their willingness to sacrifice for our country has earned our lasting gratitude. With respect, honor and thanksgiving, we recognize veterans at Loveland Water and Power.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A SEASON OF GLADNESS, A SEASON OF CHEER...

### AND A SEASON OF THE DREADED F.O.G.

F.O.G stands for Fats, Oils and Grease. Everyone has likely inadvertently put a little F.O.G. down the drain, but out of sight should absolutely not be out of mind when it comes to your drains. Fats, Oils and Grease are found in meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, dressing, gravy, sauces and food scraps. F.O.G. can cause big problems and commonly occurs around the holidays when people are preparing large meals.

#### **DID YOU KNOW? FOG IS HYDROPHOBIC!**

Using hot water or soap will not remove F.O.G. When the solution contacts the cooler underground piping, F.O.G. can stick to pipes and cause a blockage.

# CLOGGED PIPES IN A RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS SEWER LINE ARE THE OWNER'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Discharging waste containing F.O.G. increases the need for sewer maintenance and repairs resulting in higher utility costs and even regulatory fines.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can significantly reduce the amount of waste going into the sewer by taking a few simple steps:

- Scrape all food waste into a lined garbage can. Putting food wastes down the drain increases the oxygen needed to treat wastewater.
- Keep a strainer in your sink to capture residual solids. Minimize
  the use of the kitchen garbage disposal. This step will also help
  prevent backups, save water and save you money.
- Use a paper towel to wipe oil and grease from pots, pans and utensils.
- Place waste oil and solidified grease into a suitable container after it has cooled to be disposed of in the trash.
- Recycle cooking oil (e.g., from turkey fryer) at the City's Recycling Center.

You have a stake in the sewer line that runs from your home or business to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Every effort you take to reduce unwanted pollutants in the sewer benefits you and the City of Loveland economically and environmentally.

# RYAN SMITH UTILITY BUSINESS ANALYST





Army National Guard (Calvary Scout, Paratrooper, Combat Lifesaver trained), E-5 Sargent

Ryan's wife, Shannon, also works at the City of Loveland. They have a 19-year-old son attending college. Ryan and his wife enjoy running and Weighted Rucking. They are 24-hour endurance event athletes. Ryan also serves as the Lieutenant of Poudre Fire Authorities', Fire Station 9.

### KYLE BARNETT PROCUREMENT AGENT

**EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE** 



United States Marine Corps, Corporal

Kyle's favorite pastime is spending time with his 2-year-old daughter. Kyle also enjoys exploring new food and drink venues in Northern Colorado.

### JOE CREAGHE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT MGR

**FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE** 



United States Marine Corps, NCO E-4

Joe has 32 years of experience working in the wastewater industry. Joe is a father of five. When describing himself, Joe said, "I serve God and family and our team here at the City of Loveland."