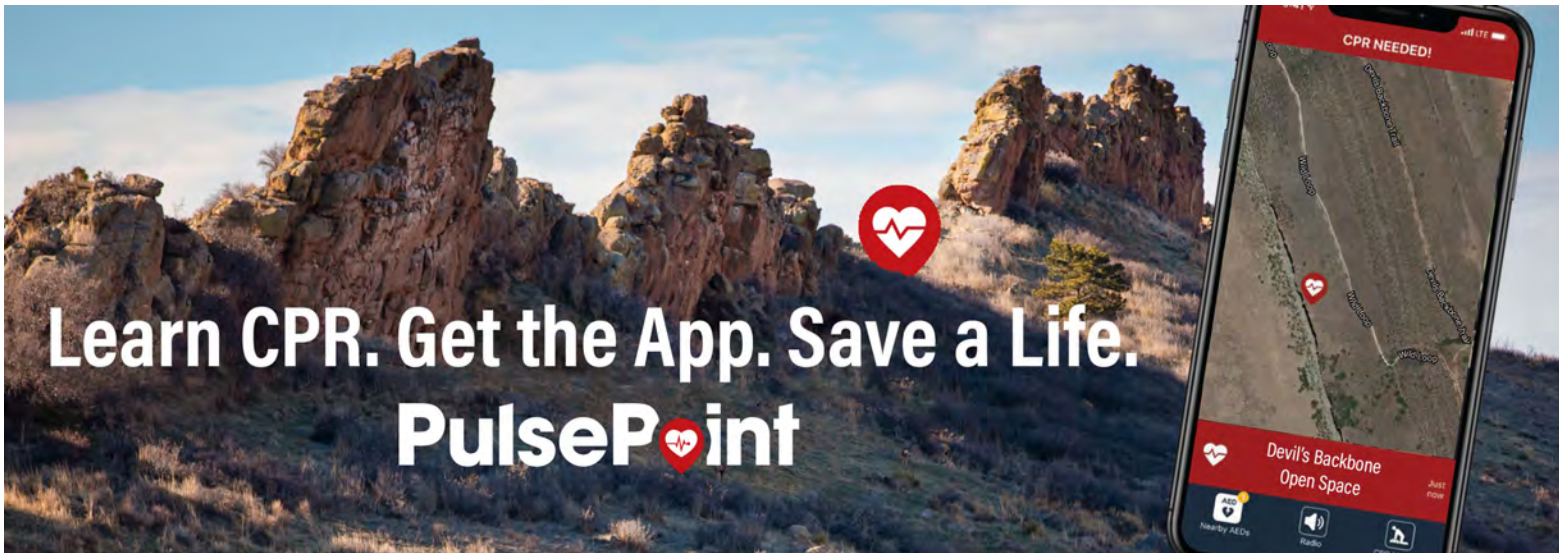




LFRA rolls out new app to help boost survival rates



Learn CPR. Get the App. Save a Life.
PulsePoint

PulsePoint provides one more way to increase community resilience

When someone has a heart attack or goes into cardiac arrest, every minute counts. Those critical minutes are behind Loveland Fire Rescue Authority's (LFRA) recent adoption of PulsePoint – a free-to-download mobile app that alerts cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)-trained citizens to quickly respond to someone in cardiac distress. PulsePoint volunteers administer CPR while emergency responders are en route.

The service, which became available in Loveland on Valentine's Day, is one more way Loveland is working to build its resiliency, support the heart health of its community members and save lives.

"With PulsePoint we hope to increase bystander involvement in time-sensitive medical calls by increasing the use of CPR and AEDs, while also keeping the community informed, in real time, of all emergency activities," said LFRA Division Chief, Michael Cerovski. "It gives our residents and visitors the ability to know when a cardiac arrest is occurring close by, locate AEDs in the area, and perform potentially lifesaving CPR while our personnel respond to the scene. PulsePoint Respond also shows them general information for all 9-1-1 calls to keep them better informed of what's going on in our community."

Loveland's commitment to heart health is not new. In 2015, a community-wide coalition that included

Loveland Police Department, Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Services, McKee Medical Center and Foundation, the Cardiovascular Institute of Northern Colorado, Thompson Valley School District and individual community members, joined forces to get Loveland designated as a Heart Safe Community.

The designation, which was formally received in 2016, created awareness for heart health, enabled installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public buildings throughout Loveland and expanded access to CPR training for residents.

Since Loveland received its Heart Safe designation, LFRA staff have been looking for a way to bring PulsePoint to the Loveland community. When Loveland's Emergency Communications Center joined other dispatch centers in Larimer County to form a unified dispatching platform, the opportunity to roll PulsePoint out to the Loveland community became a reality.

LFRA is counting on this new lifesaving app to increase community health and resilience and bring the Sweet 'heart' city's commitment to heart health full circle.

Learn more about PulsePoint

PulsePoint empowers communities to help reduce the millions of annual deaths from sudden cardiac arrest.

To learn more go to www.pulsepoint.org.

The free apps for iOS and Android are available for download at www.pulsepoint.org/download.

LCAB: The Loveland Communications Advisory board for Loveland Pulse

Loveland Citizens are active and engaged in our wonderful community. One of the ways they participate is by serving on one of the many boards and commissions that oversee different City departments, including (but certainly not limited to): Loveland Utilities Commission, the Housing Authority, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Loveland Communications Advisory Board - known as LCAB.

The official purpose of the nine-person board is, "...to serve as an advisory body to the city council on all issues and matters related to communications services, including high speed broadband services, and to provide policy recommendations to the city manager and director of the water and power department consistent with any previously adopted city council policies concerning communications services."

In short - LCAB is the citizen advisory board to the Pulse project. The board meets monthly at 4 p.m. the

second Wednesday of every month in a meeting that is open to the public (remotely for now). The City has engaged citizens in the broadband process even before Pulse was born and LCAB was created. In November 2015, 82% of Loveland voters voted "yes" on Ballot Issue 2C, which removed the legal barriers imposed by Colorado Senate Bill 05-152 and allowed the City to begin exploring the option to offer broadband. The Broadband Task Force launched on Feb. 9, 2016 to investigate municipality-owned and operated fiber-optic service as a potential option for Loveland.

Following two years of intensive research by the Task Force and staff, city council authorized the pursuit of community broadband. At that point the Broadband Task Force was formally phased out and LCAB was formed with a new group of citizens.

Today, LCAB is composed of dedicated, engaged and technically-knowledgeable Lovelanders, each of whom serve a three-year term. They meet on a monthly basis with Pulse leadership to stay abreast of progress and development of the utility, offering high-speed internet and voice service over a 100% fiber-optic internet network. LCAB also serves as an advisory board to the city council on all issues and matters related to communications services (including high-speed broadband services), and provides recommendations to the city manager and director of Loveland Water and Power consistent with council policies concerning communications services.

Find out how to attend an LCAB meeting at CityofLoveland.org/LCAB. To see Pulse progress reports, head to LovelandPulse.com/PulseinProgress.



LCAB members gather for a 2019 LCAB meeting. Meetings are currently taking place online.

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New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations located inside the Foundry Parking Garage – Now Open for Public Use!

The City of Loveland installed two public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations inside the Foundry parking garage. The ChargePoint stations serve four designated parking spaces on the main level.

“The new chargers provide citizens of Northern Colorado alternative fuel sources, promote downtown Loveland and adjacent small businesses, and make the Foundry Parking Garage a state-of-the-art facility,” said project manager Paul Foreman.

The Colorado Energy Office and Charge Ahead Colorado awarded the City of Loveland Facility Maintenance Division an \$18,000 grant for the project. The team partnered with National Car Charging LLC and construction began in November 2020, passing inspection on December 11, 2020. The City of Loveland Facility Maintenance Division intends to install additional charging stations near the Foundry, Public

Works Administration Building and Pullium Community Building.

Foreman explained, “The project aimed to promote sustainability, create economic vitality and protect current infrastructure, which all align with the City of Loveland’s Strategic Plan.”

The Type II wall mounted chargers offer a 240-volt charging port. Average charging length is right around 4 hours and 30 minutes. Users must download the ChargePoint app to connect to the chargers and process a payment.

The cost to charge at this location is \$0.15 per kilowatt per hour, which is equivalent to \$1.17 per gallon of gas. Once the charge is complete, users have a 30-minute grace period to leave the charger. When the grace period expires, a \$5 incremental fee will be applied each hour, with a maximum \$20 to discourage drivers from monopolizing spaces. The pricing policy will be monitored throughout 2021 and differs from the pricing policy of the other city-owned charging stations in Loveland. A flat \$1.00 per hour fee is assessed at these charging stations and can be found at the following locations:

- Service Center Parking Lot - 200 N. Wilson Avenue
- Civic Center Parking Lot – First Street and Monroe Ave.
- McKee Medical Center Parking Lot - 2000 N. Boise Ave.
 - Located in the northeast corner of the parking lot near employee parking and the cancer center.
- Loveland Public Library Parking Lot - 300 N. Adams Ave.

For more information about Electric Vehicles visit lovelandwaterandpower.org/electricvehicles

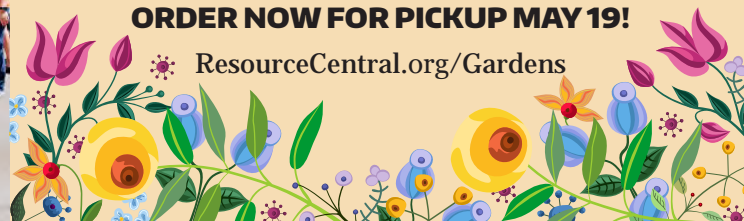
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