

CITY UPDATE

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City budget and services update

As we continue the important work of the City, budget remains a top priority. The 2025 budget established a new base level of service to stabilize general fund finances by focusing on essential services, public safety, and legal obligations. Details are available at

The 2026 budget process is now underway, guided by the priorities and methodology set in 2025. New revenue, if available, will follow the same funding approach—focusing on strategic needs and using one-time funds for one-time costs like capital investments that keep our community safe and moving.

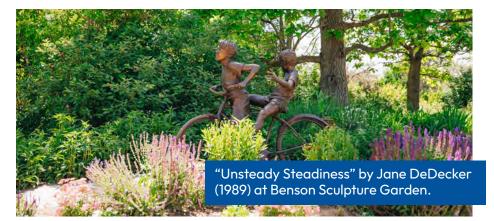
lovgov.org/2025ServiceChanges.

We continue to monitor expenses, revenues, and market conditions closely. Join us for several key budget touchpoints this year including:

- Q1 Financial Report: Presented at the May 27 City Council meeting, viewable at lovgov.org/TV.
- August 14 Budget Workshop: Provides an opportunity to review the draft 2026 budget.
- Final 2026 Budget: To be adopted by City Council in October.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10 for a community budget update. Learn more at **lovgov.org/budget**.





Public Art in Loveland is a community collaboration

Did you know that Loveland was the first Colorado municipality to adopt an Art in Public Places ordinance? Loveland has a long-standing connection to the arts. Named the second-Best Small Art Town in America by author John Villani and home to Sculpture in the Park, the nation's largest juried outdoor sculpture show, the city continues to integrate art into public spaces.

Today, Loveland is home to a vast collection of public artworks displayed across the city. As of 2025, the City's public art collection includes 581 works, valued at approximately \$12.9 million. Seventy percent of the collection comes from contributions by local artists, residents and arts organizations, while the rest is funded by allocating 1% of the budget from eligible City capital construction projects of \$50,000 or more.

This blend of community support and public investment makes Loveland's public art program unique and reflects the city's collaborative approach to celebrating and integrating art throughout the community.

Upcoming public art projects

- Stormwater Inlet Murals: Two new murals will be added downtown this summer as part of a pilot highlighting stormwater drains through public art.
- Willow Bend Park: An artist was selected by the Visual Arts Commission; installation will be spring 2026.
- Airport Terminal Art: Four digital murals and a suspended sculpture will be installed at the new Northern Colorado Regional Airport terminal later this year.
- TAAP 2D Exhibit: Eight juried works and paired poetry are on view in the Library's Main Galleria through February 2026.
- Artist Call: A new opportunity for public art along 4th Street opens later this spring.

Visit **lovelandpublicart.org** to learn more or get involved.

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Pulse Fiber Internet celebrates 5 years of connecting Loveland

This month marks Pulse's 5th anniversary since serving its first customer. Pulse, the City of Loveland's internet utility, launched fiber internet service in June of 2020 amidst the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, and quickly became a vital lifeline for those navigating remote work, online learning, and virtual connections. Voice, TV, and managed WiFi were soon added to the lineup, solidifying Pulse as a comprehensive Internet Service Provider (ISP). Today, Pulse is available to the vast majority of homes within city limits.

Committed to delivering a superior experience, Pulse has become a trusted partner for both residents and businesses. This commitment is underscored by local and industry accolades, including PCMag's recognition as the 2nd fastest internet provider in the USA for

both 2023 and 2024, and the best network for gaming quality in 2024 and 2025.

"Loveland's enthusiastic support of Pulse has fueled our commitment to continuous improvement and expansion. We're always striving to enhance connectivity and provide the best possible service."

> **Brieana Reed-Harmel** Broadband Division Manager

Get ready to celebrate this milestone with Pulse over the next several months. To learn more, residents and businesses are encouraged to follow Pulse's social media channels or check **PulseFiber.org**.





Have a ball this fall!

Get ready to move, play and connect at Chilson Recreation Center! From youth sports and swim lessons to adult fitness classes and senior programs, there's something for EVERYONE this season.

Current Activity Guide

lovgov.org/ActivityGuide

Fall Activity Guide goes live online 8/4.







STORMWATER



Sunny days deserve clean waterways: scoop the poop!

When you take your dog out for a sunny summer stroll, there's one small action that makes a big difference: scooping the poop. It might seem harmless to leave pet waste behind, but when it rains, that waste doesn't just disappear — it washes into storm drains and flows straight into our rivers, lakes, and streams.

This pollutes the water we all enjoy, harms wildlife, and even affects our community's health. By picking up after your pup, you're helping keep our neighborhoods clean, our waterways healthy, and ensuring that everyone can enjoy a safe, beautiful community. Do your part — bag it, bin it, and keep our community clean!

Why Scoop?

Prevents water pollution

Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites that can wash into storm drains

and pollute rivers, lakes and streams.

- Reduces harmful bacteria

 Dog waste is a leading source of E. coli and other pathogens in urban waterways, posing health risks to humans and wildlife.
- Keeps nutrients in check

 Excess nutrients from pet waste (like nitrogen and phosphorus) contribute to algae blooms that harm water quality and aquatic life.

Keeps parks, trails and neighborhoods enjoyable

No one wants to step in pet waste! Cleaning up keeps shared spaces safe, clean, and pleasant for everyone.

- Supports healthy ecosystems

 Clean water benefits fish, birds, and other wildlife that depend on healthy aquatic environments.
- Improves community pride and responsibility

Picking up after pets shows respect for neighbors, shared spaces and the environment.

Need helpful resources or tools to help scoop the poop?

Contact our Stormwater Division at 970-962-2761 or email stormwater@cityofloveland.org.



LOVELAND WATER AND POWER PRESENTS:

Passport to Power

A free family event celebrating 100 years of public power!

📅 Friday, July 25 | 🕑 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Downtown Loveland - Corner of Fifth & Lincoln

→ Hands-On Exhibits |
▼ Food Trucks

★ Live Demos | Drone Demonstrations | EV Test Drives | Games & Prizes | Games | Game

Explore the tech, people & history powering our community. Plus: free admission for the day to the Loveland Museum featuring a special exhibit: 100 Years of Power in Loveland.

Fun. Educational. Interactive. Perfect for all ages! Ø lovewp.org/passport

Loveland's 2024 Drinking Water Quality Report



At Loveland Water and Power, our top priority is delivering safe, clean drinking water you can trust—for cooking, bathing, and everyday use. Our team works around the clock to ensure your water meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. Each year, we publish a Drinking Water Quality Report with lab results and key info about your water.

See the 2024 report at lovewp.org/water_report2024.

Smart watering = happy lawns + happy rivers!

Want to get the most out of your outdoor watering? Experts recommend irrigating turf lawns no more than three days a week. Water during cooler times—before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.—to reduce evaporation. To avoid runoff and help water soak in more effectively, try the cycle and soak method: instead of watering for 10 minutes straight, break it into two shorter cycles—like 5 minutes on, 30 minutes off, then another 5 minutes on. This gives the soil time to absorb the water and reduces waste.

For more tips on efficient watering, visit lovewp.org/coloradowaterwise.

Garden kits you can really dig for late summer planting

Late summer is perfect for planting—warm soil boosts root growth, cool air reduces stress, and fall's approach helps plants settle in. Plus, your perennials will come back stronger in spring!

Want an easy, water-saving start? Try a Garden In A Box from Resource Central—designed for Colorado's climate and simple to plant. Loveland Water and Power customers get a special discount, and these gardens use far less water than traditional lawns.

Don't wait—kits sell out fast! Pre-order starts June 18 for August/September pickup.

Get details at lovewp.org/garden-kits.

