

CITY UPDATE

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JOIN US FOR OUR 2025-2026 SEASON!

Songs & Stories with Roger McGuinn Saturday, Sept. 20, 7:30pm

Peter Hillary | 70 Years of Everest Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30pm

> Kenny Endo Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30pm

FRANKENSTEIN: A Living Comic Book Friday, Oct. 31, 7:30pm

One Night In Memphis Friday, Nov. 7, 7:30pm

Jake Shimabukuro Holidays in Hawaii Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:30pm

Collin Raye Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:30pm

Journey to Oz Friday, Feb. 20, 7:30pm

Disenchanted! Saturday, March 7, 7:30pm

Solas Friday, March 20, 7:30pm

Rondell Sheridan Friday, May 1, 7:30pm

Tickets on Sale in July RialtoTheaterCenter.org





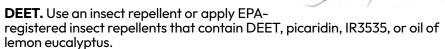
What you need to know about West Nile virus

As the hottest weather of the year returns, so do mosquitoes—and with them, the potential risk of West Nile virus. West Nile virus is primarily spread through the bite of an infected mosquito and it's the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the United States. Although some people infected with it don't feel sick, the virus can cause serious and even lifethreatening illness in some individuals. For that reason, prevention is key.

About one in five people infected with West Nile virus develop a fever with headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. In severe cases—especially among older adults, those with weakened immune systems, or chronic medical conditions—the virus can lead to serious neurological illnesses such as meningitis or encephalitis, which can result in long-term disability or death.

How to Prevent West Nile Virus

The good news is that you can take simple, effective steps to protect yourself and our community. When it comes to West Nile prevention, remember the 4 D's.



Dress. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to reduce skin exposure.

Dawn/Dusk. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk. Knowing that can help you prepare if you plan to be outdoors.

Drain. Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water, and their larvae can develop in just a few days. Empty and scrub items like flower pots, bird baths, pet water bowls, buckets, and kiddie pools.

Stay informed about local mosquito control efforts or reported cases of West Nile virus in our area. The City of Loveland works closely with Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, VDCI Mosquito Management, and Colorado State University to monitor data and assess human risk. Residents can see a current, interactive map of Loveland mosquito data online at lovgov.org/MosquitoControl.

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Getting around town just got easier!

The City of Loveland has upgraded its Cone Zone website—your go-to source for navigating construction and traffic impacts.

Check traffic cameras, explore an interactive map, and filter by project type—like concrete repairs, asphalt repaving, chip seal, and more.

The map includes information about our annual Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program, as well as capital improvement projects in your area.



To view traffic impacts around our city, visit lovgov.org/ConeZone.

Loveland Water and Power becomes City of Loveland Utilities

Beginning in July, Loveland Water and Power will officially become City of Loveland Utilities. The new name better reflects the full scope of services we offer—electric, water, wastewater and broadband—and more clearly identifies the utility as a department of the City of Loveland.

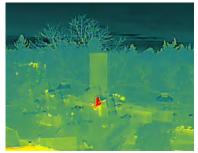
"This change is about clarity and alignment," said Director of Utilities Sharon Israel. "We want customers to recognize that they are being served by community-owned utilities, focused on responsible and sustainable public service."

Customers can expect to begin seeing the City of Loveland Utilities name on communications and utility resources, but the transition will be rolled out gradually as we thoughtfully phase into the new name. To minimize costs, existing materials with the former name will be used until depleted or until equipment reaches its natural end of life.

We're excited about this new chapter and look forward to continuing to provide high-quality, community-first service under City of Loveland Utilities name.

Eyes in the sky: utility drones take service to new heights







These photos show examples of proactive maintenance that helps prevent outages before they happen. From left to right: evidence of electrical arcing, infrared images of an overheating fuse and damaged lightning arresters.

Since launching our drone inspection program in July 2024, City of Loveland Utilities has taken to the skies with one clear mission: to deliver safer, faster and more reliable service. In less than a year, we've seen outstanding results.

By the end of May 2025, we inspected **1,102 utility poles—nearly 28% of all poles in the city**. Thanks to drone technology, we're now able to inspect poles at a rate of 29 per hour, a significant improvement over traditional ground-based methods. Drones provide a clear top-down view of pole components and enable thermal inspections—capabilities that would otherwise require bucket trucks or workers to climb the poles. For poles in tight rear easements without alley access, drones are often the only way in.

These inspections aren't just efficient — they're preventative. About 60% of the issues we've found had the potential to cause power outages. By identifying and repairing these problems early, we estimate **we've prevented more than 504,000 minutes of outages** for our customers.

Beyond power poles, our drone has supported several key projects across the city:

- **Alexander Mountain Fire Burn Area:** We surveyed Big Thompson River tributaries within the burn scar to identify erosion and runoff risks, helping the water quality lab plan mitigation efforts.
- **Green Ridge Glade Reservoir:** Using drone imagery and digital terrain models from 2024 and 2025, we're monitoring shoreline erosion and responding proactively as needed.
- **Namaqua Hills Pump Stations:** Aerial mapping and terrain data helped engineers design new pump stations for this expanding neighborhood.
- **43rd Street Water Tank:** Our drone captured pre-construction imagery and has documented each stage of the build from excavation to concrete pour.
- **Solar Field Inspections:** After storms, we used thermal imagery to identify hail damage and detect underperforming solar cells.

At the City, innovation is more than a buzzword — it's a tool we use daily to better serve our customers. Our drone program is helping us stay ahead of problems, protect our infrastructure and plan for the future with precision. And that's something to look up to.

Building resilience: city bonds to improve utilities infrastructure









High-quality water, wastewater and electric services are essential to Loveland's quality of life. To maintain and enhance these services, City of Loveland Utilities is issuing tax-exempt bonds to fund critical upgrades to these systems. The capital improvement projects will be financed across multiple years, ensuring that future as well as current users who benefit from the improvements share the cost. By securing fixed-interest funding, the City can invest in long-term infrastructure needs while avoiding the rising cost of inflation and unplanned emergency repairs.

Water

Loveland's water quality remains excellent, but much of the underground infrastructure that delivers it is aging. The City's primary focus is to replace outdated water mains to reduce the risks of leaks and corrosion; replace lead service lines; and update operation's facilities. These upgrades will enhance both the safety and reliability of water service for the entire community.

The cost: \$45 million across multiple years, beginning in 2025



The Water Reclamation Facility will receive the bulk of funding slated for Loveland's wastewater infrastructure. Waste flushed from homes and businesses undergoes multiple treatment processes at the facility to ensure that the water we return to the Big Thompson River is clean and safe. The funding ensures that the facility will have adequate capacity for future growth, and meet stricter federal and state discharge regulations to further protect public health and the environment. The bond will pay to replace aging equipment and repurpose existing systems to meet these new requirements.

The cost: \$77.5 million from multiple bonds (2025-2027)

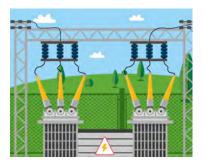
Electric

Future bond funding for Loveland's power grid is currently in development. Planned projects include the construction of a new substation to enhance energy management, the addition of transformers to improve system capacity and reliability and the conversion of overhead power lines to underground systems. These upgrades are designed to strengthen the grid and protect critical infrastructure from weather events and other potential service disruptions.

A strong utility infrastructure is vital to Loveland's long-term resilience. Through investments in secure, sustainable and reliable water, wastewater and power systems, the City is building a solid foundation for future generations. We remain committed to utility excellence, and are proud to serve the Loveland community.







Scan the QR code to watch the video, or visit: **lovgov.org/utilities-bonds**





Just a reminder that summer rates go into effect on July 1. See how you can save on your electric bill at lovgov.org/rebates.