



LOVELAND

2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Greater acceptance
Practically all plastic containers can now be placed in your recycle bin. Plastic container types #1-7 are now accepted, saving space in the trash container and more importantly, not winding up in the landfill.

Working together
Law enforcement agencies in Larimer and Weld counties have agreed to share lab equipment and resources to collect and analyze evidence related to criminal cases. The long range goal of the agreement is the construction of a northern Colorado crime lab with specialized staff and equipment.

10 to 1 ratio
\$1.3 million in City economic development incentives led to more than \$13 million in private sector investment in Loveland plus many new jobs. More than 170 full-time and 50 part-time jobs were created by these new employers.

Drills and classes
Loveland Emergency Management staffers participated in drills related to the local airport and influenza pandemics. They also conducted disaster preparedness classes for local businesses.

Emergency Alerts
Loveland's Public Information Office has been actively involved in a countrywide effort to inform the community of the ability to sign up for free emergency alerts sent to cell phones and via text message and e-mail in addition to home phones. To sign up, visit www.leta911.org, the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority.

Surfing at the park
Visitors can now have wireless Internet connection while visiting the Loveland Sports Park. This feature comes in handy for parents trying to get a little work done while their kids are hard at play on a ball field.

Air and ground
On-the-ground improvements were made at the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport for the benefit of both pilots and visitors. New runway/taxiway snow removal equipment was acquired, security fencing and gates were installed, and 33 new aircraft storage hangers were built.

Want to park?
A downtown parking study found that: there are 2,309 public parking spaces; 25 percent of Fourth Street parkers violate the two-hour limit; up to 480 new spaces would be needed if redevelopment occurs during the next five years.

Amazing sound
The Historic Rialto Theater now has state-of-the-art sound. The Rialto has long been recognized as a wonderful venue for enjoying the performing arts. Now, with the new 48 channel sound console and upgraded equipment installed during 2008, the theater is among the finest acoustically in the region.

2008 was another productive year

Like the customer who comes to a restaurant and orders “the usual” every visit, the City of Loveland provides its customers “the usual” every year...plus more.

During 2008—as in previous years—Loveland citizens received the usual high levels of service. And in addition to the customary services, the City again has gone over and above the norm. This page offers summaries of some 2008 accomplishments that went beyond the ordinary.

“Business as Usual” Numbers

(Numbers may include projections through 12/31/08)

67,000+

4.4 billion
634 million
\$174,744,180
6 million
2.1 million
\$685,266
408,000
400,000
364,000
315,000
310,000
182,402
130,000
100,000
75,426
67,000
45,600
39,000
24,600
18,340
17,081
13,650
5,200
2,718
2,395
1,800
1,574
1,423
1,083
957
722
413
307
99.992

Loveland residents receiving City services

gallons of water were processed for citizens' use
kilowatts purchased by Loveland electric customers
in City budget net revenue
kilowatt hours of renewable energy purchased
visits to the City website—www.cityofloveland.org
in grants to 37 local not-for-profit agencies
City Update newsletters sent to residents
visits to the library
online library catalog queries
visits to the Chilson Recreation Center
Athletic Program participants
calls to public safety dispatchers
rounds of golf played on City courses
landings/takeoffs at the airport
police responses to calls for service
Senior and Adaptive Recreation participants
seats filled at Rialto Theater events
tons of discards collected from Loveland households
weekly stops by trash collectors
feet of stormwater pipes cleaned
building inspections performed
Museum-sponsored Foote Lagoon concert-goers
responses to calls by Fire Department
fire hydrants in City system
potholes filled
Partnering with Power participants
building division plan reviews
building permits issued
active code enforcement cases
fire safety inspections at Loveland businesses
full and part-time benefit-eligible City employees
drainage catch basins inspected/cleaned
indoor and outdoor public artworks
percent reliability of electric power to customers
smoke alarms donated to low income families
percent citywide recycling rate
years since the City sales tax rate has changed
homicide in Loveland (suspect arrested)
fire-related fatalities
police officers/fire fighters killed or seriously injured



Fairgrounds Park opens

More leisure

activities are available for people and pooches at the new 48-acre Fairgrounds Park that opened in September. The park includes four new ball fields, a basketball court and skate park, picnic area and pavilions, playgrounds, Big Thompson River access, and Loveland's first dog park.

Advance purchase

The Power Division bought two new transformers for the City's East and Crossroads electric substations. These transformers are not in service yet but will be ready when loads increase in those areas.

Almost done

Construction is almost finished on \$6.6 million in projects at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. The improvements will help keep pace with anticipated growth as well as EPA and State of Colorado mandated regulations.

Direct encounters

City Council and its economic development subcommittee met numerous times with numerous major Loveland employers in setting priorities for activities that support quality jobs and business in Loveland. Partnerships in achieving grants, scheduling, providing information and training opportunities were established.

From the Gov

Governor Bill Ritter presented the Governor's Arts Award at a Museum/Gallery ceremony to recognize Loveland for effectively employing the arts to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the community. Loveland's longtime commitment to the arts, the thriving local arts community and the Art in Public Places program were a few of the reasons cited for this recognition.

All-in-one

Cart-based recycling may become available throughout Loveland thanks to a pilot program conducted last year. Putting all recyclables in a wheeled, lidded cart means no sorting, lugging of bins or wind-blown litter.

Full circle

Three locations in Loveland now have bins for drop-offs of glass bottles and jars to be recycled at a bottle-making plant. All of the glass collected at the drop-off sites is recycled, compared to only about 30 percent from curbside bins.

E-waste added

Computer equipment along with appliances, hardbound books, plastic bags and large plastic items can now be dropped off at the Loveland Recycling Center. Most computer components contain toxic substances that can contaminate groundwater near landfills.

Your words, not ours

A new online *Get Connected* feature helps get folks to the City office or staffer they are seeking. By entering a keyword, users can find the phone number, e-mail address or web page without having to know the City's terminology. Click on “Contact Us” at www.cityofloveland.org.

Literacy efforts

The library received a federal grant for *Loveland Kids Love to Read*, a literacy outreach program for children living at Loveland Housing Authority complexes. The grant helps bring school age children to the library and also takes literacy programs to meeting rooms at the apartment complexes.



Demand savings

More than 1,800 Loveland households are participating so far in the Partnering with Power program. Offered by the Loveland Water and Power Department, the program helps reduce peak power demands caused by air conditioners during the summer. Peak power reductions help save money for the whole community.

Pipeline placement

A major mile-long sanitary sewer line rehabilitation project was completed this year. This work is part of a larger plan to protectively rehabilitate or replace aging water and sewer lines within the City service territories.

Less juice use

In partnership with some local retailers, the Water and Power Department has reduced the price to local consumers for compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. This Lighting with a Twist buy-down program promotes purchase and use of CFLs that last 10 times longer and use 90 percent less energy than regular light bulbs.

Accreditation received

The Loveland Police Department Communication Center has been certified as an Accredited Center of Excellence for its certification to provide life saving first aid instructions over the telephone whenever a medical emergency is reported. Only 116 public safety dispatch centers in the world have received this recognition.

Helping hands

The City, along with federal housing grants, provides more than \$670,000 to local not-for-profit Loveland organizations. These grants help people stay in their homes with rent assistance, help feed Loveland families through the Food Bank, provide shelter to homeless, deliver meals to seniors and help in many other ways during difficult times.

Better prepared

City staffers from several departments have concentrated on improving emergency communication planning. During a crisis or special situation, information will travel more efficiently both to the community and among City staffers.

We're listening

The City received almost 900 responses from residents to its Quality of Life survey. The results indicate approval ratings on a variety of City services and assists with planning decisions.

All aboard

Two additional bus routes began serving Loveland in 2008. The Orange Route is an express route between the Transit Center and downtown. The 34 Express takes riders between Loveland and Greeley.

More power

A new electrical generator at the City's water treatment plant can handle all the plant's operations if necessary, providing greater functionality. The plant can now switch to the generator during electric peak load situations, reducing online power demands and saving the City money.

Loveland's roots

More local historical resources are now available through the Loveland Public Library. The Zethyl Gates Archive of local history documents is now available, plus the 1892-1893 *Loveland Leader* newspapers have been digitized and are available on the Colorado Historical Newspapers Collection website.

Historic activity

Several historic preservation projects moved forward in 2008. These include 14 Historic Preservation Month events, 5 new buildings designated to the Loveland Historic Register and almost \$64,000 in grants including one for the now-open Timberline Farm Museum.

Downtown investments

More than \$9.1 million is going toward downtown restoration and new buildings. The projects include restoration of the 1905 Lincoln Hotel facade, rehab of the 1908 Buggy Top building into engineering offices, the new Park Place Plaza with condos and offices, Blue Ribbon Automotive, Friendly Pawn, Anthology/Workforce, and Mercury Plaza.

Job preservation

Retention and expansion of local businesses remains a major goal of Loveland City Council. Council adopted an official Economic Development Policy that establishes minimum standards for companies requesting incentives from the City.

Chasteens tank

Construction is now complete on a 4 million gallon treated water storage tank near the City's water treatment plant at Chasteens Grove. The tank cost was \$4.7 million and will support the growing demands of Loveland.

Continuity Counts

If there's a local disaster or special situation, minimizing disruptions can be crucial. Loveland has begun a Continuity of Operations Plan outlining how the City will recover from a disaster and continue to provide critical services such as water and power.