



Business as usual--and more--for 2008

2008 will see the continuation of the quality and quantity of the many services provided by the City of Loveland. In addition, many new, enhanced or completed additional services and projects will occur this year.

These new efforts for 2008 include projects for fundamental services like water, power, streets, and public safety, plus lifestyle enhancements for golf, the library, parks and other departments.

Some highlights for 2008 include a continued focus on revitalizing downtown, an expansion to the Chilson Recreation Center, more roadway improvements and continued focus on natural resource preservation.

What's Ahead for 2008

Downtown garage?

On tap for downtown in 2008 is a parking study leading to possible purchase of land for construction of a multi-level parking garage. Revitalization of downtown Loveland continues to be a major City priority.

Lights and flashers

As they do every year, traffic flow and safety will get plenty of attention this year. New and improved traffic signal lights will be installed in a few locations around the city. Also, two new school flasher zones will be created. Design and construction of an improved Traffic Operations Center is also planned for 2008.

Two, not fore

About \$2 million will be spent in 2008 for City golf course improvements, equipment replacement and preliminary design of a new clubhouse at the Mariana Butte course. The current "temporary" clubhouse made from a double-wide mobile home frame has served the course since it opened in 1992.



Another level

Loveland's fire investigation team expertise continues to expand, with personnel having already received basic certifications and taking more advanced training this year. Fire safety and education programs remain a high priority, with special attention to school programs and Safe Kids events.

Too much load

Replacement will begin this year of overloaded electric power transformers throughout the city. This three-year project will help prevent outages during the high electric power demands of summer months.

Español para la policia

Some Loveland police officers will spend 10 days in Estes Park at a Spanish language immersion course. The officers will live 24 hours a day in a Spanish speaking environment. Upon return to duty, the officers will be able to utilize their bilingual skills in their daily duties.

More for free

Even more free programs from the Loveland Public Library will be available to residents during 2008. Opportunities will include preschoolers' literacy programs, activities for teens, family together time, retirement planning for baby boomers, lifelong learning and the summer reading program.

Working together

The Business Development office will continue to work with local organizations to promote economic sustainability. Support will continue for the Rocky Mountain Innovation Initiative to establish a "virtual"

incubation network. Also, the Loveland Business Assistance Network serves as a business development roundtable and "think tank" to address issues such as underemployment and regionalism.

When help is needed

Whenever new residential or commercial developments are proposed, Loveland's Fire Prevention Bureau reviews the blueprints to make sure that fire safety precautions are properly addressed. If the bureau becomes overloaded, a private firm is brought into the process to ensure that all plans are reviewed in a timely fashion.

Lots of asphalt

Every year, the City spends a great deal of time, energy and money in keeping Loveland's streets in good repair. 2008 will be no exception, with more than \$3 million budgeted for rehabilitating about 30 center-line miles of roadway.



Being Prepared

Loveland continues to plan for the worst-case scenario through its emergency management team. This year's efforts will include seeking additional funding through grants, proactive planning for sustaining business operations during emergencies and working with the Citizen Corps to ensure a disaster resistant community.

Keyword search

To better connect citizens with the person or office that can best respond to their needs, a new online contact list with keyword search capability is under development. Users can search by function rather than terminology. For example, entering "trash," garbage," "refuse," or "recycle" will result in contact information for the Solid Waste Division.

Greater acceptance

The Loveland Recycling Center continues to serve the community through its broad-based acceptance program. The center now accepts additional items including milk and juice cartons, and #2 and #5 plastics. These items are in addition to the long-established drop off of metal, paper, yard waste, motor oil, tires and more.

Drainage control

Stormwater projects totaling more than \$2 million in various areas of the city—including downtown—are planned for 2008. These efforts include new and continued construction, engineering design for upcoming projects and equipment replacement.

Improvements continue

Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and its infrastructure will total more than \$5.4 million during the year. The specific projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant include influent pumping, headworks and odor control improvements, and installation of a second

standby generator for emergency power and peak shaving. The work allows the facility to keep pace with growth, comply with federal and state regulation, control odors and replace aging pipeline and equipment where needed.

Down by the river

By autumn 2008, Loveland will be enjoying Fairgrounds Park. The park, alongside the Big Thompson River, will offer many amenities for enjoyment of this beautiful area. The park will offer river access, large group areas, a water playground, basketball courts, a dog park, a skate park and four new baseball/softball fields for community use.

Water

Work continues on the construction of a \$4.3 million, 4 million gallon treated water storage tank at the water treatment plant that will be completed late spring this year. Staff hopes to initiate a two-year design on the Windy Gap Firming project that will allow the City to firm a total of 3700 acre-feet of water at an estimated design cost of \$1.2 million. Several projects are underway that will meet federal and state regulations to keep pace with system growth and rehabilitate or replace portions of Loveland's aging water infrastructure.



Another dozen

New staff and facilities will make Loveland safer from fire in 2008. Twelve new volunteer firefighters will join the team beginning with firefighter academy training next month. And also next month, the "burn building" will be ready for use at the training facility.

Improving Taft

Right of way acquisition and roadway design for further improvements to Taft Avenue are planned for this year. Efforts will be focused from the Hwy. 34 intersection and to the south.

SWAT support

A new state-of-the-art SWAT van will become part of the Loveland Police Department fleet this year. Loveland SWAT officers and vehicle maintenance personnel helped with the design. A Wisconsin specialty firm is building the vehicle.

Increasing reductions

In 2008, the Loveland Water and Power department seeks to double participation in its Partnering With Power (PWP) program. PWP places cycling devices on home central air conditioning units to reduce peak electrical demands during the summer. Last year's inaugural program saved more than \$25,000 in electric charges. Information is available at 962-3000 and www.cityofloveland.org/pwp.

On target

Firearms training is a critical component of law enforcement. Major upgrades to the 30-year-old shooting range near the Green Ridge Glade Reservoir will become a reality this year. The changes will greatly improve training capacity while also reducing noise.

History focus

Consolidating resources dealing with Loveland's history will be a special focus for the Loveland Public Library this year. The effort will include a dedication of local historian Zethyl Gates' collection of notes, papers, newspaper clippings, photos and interviews with Loveland pioneers. A project to digitize early Loveland newspapers and make them available through the Colorado State Library will also begin this year.

Rec center expansion

The planning process for expansion of the Chilson Recreation Center will begin this year. Expansion plans will address key areas including locker rooms, parking, class space and new amenities.



Smoother flow

The intersection of Hwy. 34 and Madison Avenue sometimes experiences a traffic bottleneck. More than \$1 million is budgeted in 2008 for preliminary designs to unclog the intersection.

Heading to Quantico

For the first time in more than a decade, a Loveland Police Department supervisor will attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The prestigious command school runs 11 weeks and is designed to hone leadership skills and create an environment for networking among law enforcement managers.

Reliability continues

Loveland's electric power division is actively responding to the city's growth by extending existing power lines and adding new switchgear to provide continued reliability. Areas receiving these improvements will include those near the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, the McKee Medical Center and the Promenade Shops at Centerra.



Partnering with Power

Celebrate Kids at 5th Annual Children's Day - March 5

Loveland youngsters can again enjoy a day of fun and activities dedicated entirely to them. The annual City of Loveland Children's Day will be held 1-4 p.m., Wed., March 5, at designated City facilities downtown.

Activities include:

- 'Touch-a-truck' - police cars, fire engines, trash trucks, road graders and more at Fire Station #1 (410 E. 5th St.)
- Free cartoons at the Rialto Theater (228 E. 4th St.)
- Horse-drawn wagon rides, north side of Civic Center. \$1/ride (500 E. 3rd St.)
- Dr. Seuss story time and other activities at the Loveland Public Library (300 N. Adams St.)
- Arts and crafts at the Museum/Gallery (503 N. Lincoln Ave.)
- Kids can swim, run & shoot hoops all day free with a paying adult at the Chilson Recreation Center (700 E 4th St.)
- Coloring contest and Disney on Ice prize pack giveaways at the Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald (201 E. 5th St.)
- Vendor and Sponsor booths and activities at Fire Station #1 and Civic Center

• Win prizes from Chick-Fil-A by collecting stamps on a Children's Day passport
The City of Loveland, with the help of the Thompson School District, has been celebrating Colorado Children's Day since 2002. Children's Day is the result of the long-time dream of Loveland resident Annie Hall. Through her efforts the day is now celebrated in other cities throughout Colorado. Hall is working to make Children's Day a nationally recognized holiday.

2008 Children's Day is sponsored by the City of Loveland, Thompson School District, Loveland Daily-Reporter Herald, Tri-102 Radio, Chick-fil-A, Kiwanis Golden K, and allabout loveland.com.

For more information call 962-2410 or visit www.cityofloveland.org.

