

# LOVELAND

## 2007 was another productive year

Loveland has a lot to show for 2007. Whether it was improvements to the infrastructure, advancements in public safety practices, beautification and care of the natural environment or more, much was accomplished.

This month's *Dateline: Loveland* offers summaries of many of the City's accomplishments during 2007.

### Not just a pretty face

The Downtown Façade Grant Program was initiated to assist building owners with historically authentic renovations. Rejuvenating downtown buildings enhances the overall economic viability of the area.

### Next reservoir?

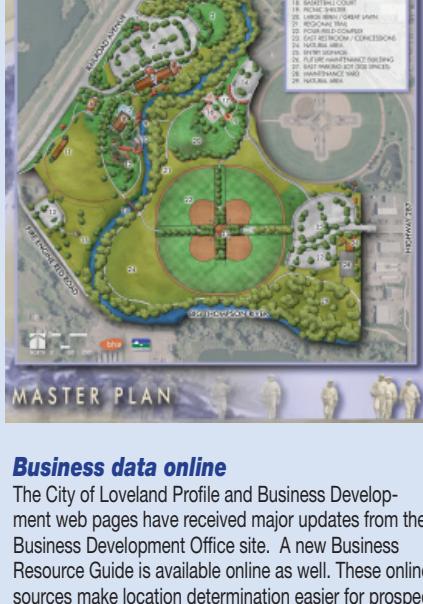
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### Heading toward completion

Now under construction, Fairgrounds Park will be completed in the fall of 2008 and offer Loveland a dynamic new park adjacent to the Big Thompson River. This park will offer four new softball fields, a water playground, skate park, dog park, areas for community events and many more features.



### Business data online

The City of Loveland Profile and Business Development web pages have received major updates from the Business Development Office site. A new Business Resource Guide is available online as well. These online sources make location determination easier for prospective Loveland businesses.

### Another first

The annual Boards and Commissions Summit meeting with city council was initiated in 2007. The gathering is a forum to highlight board and commission achievements and to communicate priorities for the following year. It provides city council an additional resource for gaining a sense of what is important to citizens.

### Function and beauty

Construction of two 30 acre-foot regional detention ponds with wetland/wildlife habitat in southwest Loveland is now complete. These new ponds provide needed detention capacity and environmental benefits.

### Immediate advice

When someone calls 911 because of a medical emergency, help begins virtually immediately, before the arrival of an ambulance. Using a nationally-accredited medical guide, the 911 dispatcher provides instructions to the caller for dealing with the situation. Loveland's Emergency Medical Dispatch operation has a compliance rating of more than 97 percent and is the first agency in northern Colorado to be nationally accredited.

### Easy viewing

Over the course of the year, the City's Traffic Division improved signs and markings throughout Loveland for increased visibility and resulting traffic flow. The original roundabouts that opened in 1998 received new paint, several new signs were added with the opening of the new hospital and about 800 traffic signs citywide were replaced.

### Thanks, Priscilla

The library's new Priscilla's Book Shelf provides reading materials specifically recommended for book clubs and discussion. Ten copies of books are placed in book bags and are available for a six week loan period. The program is named for Priscilla Beal, a former library board member.

### Wastewater work

Construction was completed on \$3.1 million in improvements for a third final clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Construction has begun on improvements to the headworks building, emergency power generation and odor control systems. The estimated cost is \$5.4 million and completion is scheduled for 2009.

### “Business by the numbers” for your City government

65,700+ Loveland residents received City services in 2007.

(Numbers may include approximations through Dec. 31, 2007.)

4.4 billion gallons of water were processed for citizens' use in City budget net revenue

\$158,809,680 kilowatt hours of renewable energy purchased

2,227,000 visits to the City website—[www.cityofloveland.org](http://www.cityofloveland.org)

878,000 sq. ft. of new commercial/industrial buildings

\$641,796 in grants to 33 local not-for-profit agencies

400,000 visits to the library

396,000 City Update newsletters sent to residents

364,100 utility bill payments processed

315,000 visits to the Chilson Recreation Center

275,000 online library catalog queries

170,000 calls to public safety dispatchers

\$155,000 downtown façade grant money available

132,000 rounds of golf played on City courses

110,000 landings/takeoffs at the airport

78,000 calls for police service

70,000 hours worked by City volunteers

60,000 Leisure Times recreation brochures distributed

45,600 seats filled at Rialto Theater events

38,114 tons of discards collected from Loveland households

24,200 weekly stops by trash collectors

20,000 youth who attended Loveland Public Library programs

16,450 feet of stormwater pipes cleaned

15,000 new library items added

10,000 attendees at museum-sponsored Foote Lagoon concerts

3,765 more potholes filled than last year; severe winter

2,637 fire hydrants maintained

2,200 building permits issued

1,300 Partnering With Power participants

709 drainage catch basins inspected/cleaned

714 full and part-time benefit-eligible City employees

513 City vehicles plus 110 Thompson R2-J school buses maintained

290 indoor and outdoor public artworks

280 new single/multi-family dwelling units

50 percent citywide recycling rate

23 years since the City sales tax rate has changed

1 homicide in Loveland

0 police officers seriously injured by assault

### Lighting with a Twist

More than 9,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) were sold at several Loveland retailers at special down prices through Lighting With A Twist—a joint program from Platte River Power Authority and Loveland Water and Power. CFLs last much longer and use far less electricity than conventional bulbs.

### 911 accuracy

The City's Information Technology office completed a 911 Data Review and Revision. The project provides better accuracy for 911 calls, resulting in more efficient service by public safety first responders.

### Pipeline progress

New, rehabilitated and replacement water and wastewater pipes and other infrastructure construction occurred at various locations around Loveland during 2007. A major sanitary sewer line rehabilitation project was completed this year along North Garfield Avenue downstream from the new Wal-Mart complex. This work is part of a larger plan to proactively rehabilitate or replace water and wastewater lines within the City's service territories.

### Off the road

Loveland's GreenSwitch customers, through their purchase of 5.16 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy, saved more than 8 million pounds of CO2 from being generated. That's equivalent to 675 cars being removed from the road all year long.

### Developers pay more

To offset the costs of providing police, fire, street maintenance and other services for a new development, the City imposes impact fees on the project. Those fees were increased in 2007 due to higher City building and equipment costs, new county assessment values and inflation.

### Improvements completed

Construction has been completed for \$7.3 million in improvements to meet service demands and comply with EPA/Colorado mandated water quality and treatment regulations at Loveland's Water Treatment Plant. An additional \$2.5 million in improvements is planned during the next five years.

### More renewal

The once-old Rialto Theater enjoyed more renewal in 2007. Audiences now enjoy brand new seats, a paging system in the lobby and new front doors. And now, visits to the box office to buy tickets are no longer needed, thanks to the new online ticket purchasing system.

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### Preparedness continues

Loveland Fire and Rescue continues to place great emphasis on preparedness for major situations. The City's emergency plan was revised, a disaster drill was conducted at the airport and local citizens and firefighters participated in the Larimer County Citizen Corps that assists in disaster circumstances.

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