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## Employers optimistic about economic future

Primary employers throughout Loveland and northern Colorado are optimistic about the next five years, according to a recent survey.

The Northern Colorado Primary Employers Research Project conducted interviews with 38 large and small area primary employer firms representing a total of 21,000 employees. The report was sponsored by the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation, Colorado State University and Loveland Commercial, LLC.

Businesses that bring funds into our local economy by providing goods and services outside our region are primary employers and are especially valuable to the economy. These primary employers generate incoming revenue and pay local salaries, benefits, bonuses, tax revenues and more that are spent here and

benefit every Loveland resident.

More specifically, the report showed that:

- 80 percent of the firms believe the economy will be better during the next five years.
- smaller local businesses are more confident than the larger employers.
- businesses plan to add about 6 percent additional employees during the next three years.
- 42 percent of businesses have been increasing investment in their facilities.
- many of the businesses anticipate future sales growth.
- all City services were ranked good or excellent.

The report strongly recommended that the

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# ***Police car not just a 'black-and-white'***

Loveland residents are well aware and proud of the many artists in our community: sculptors, painters, cops. Cops??

Yes, indeed. A small group of Loveland police officers headed by Sgt. Mark Stone created the new graphics for the City's patrol cars. Their work recently was named top design in an international competition sponsored by Law and Order magazine.

In fact, Loveland's patrol car with the award-winning design graced the cover of the magazine's July issue. Loveland won the

award among departments with more than 50 officers.

The design combines silver and purple, easy-to-read text with a "mountain swoosh" as Stone describes it that's representative of our region. The stylized design is integrated with the traditional back-and-white of the patrol car.

About ten of the department's vehicles currently carry the design. Older police cars still carry the old design. As vehicles are retired, the replacements will receive the new insignia

In addition to the honor, the award included \$300, which the police department donated to charity.



**Lookin' good**--The graphics of Loveland's new police vehicles have won a top award in an international design competition.



**Smooth, wide and safe**—Almost a mile of N. Taft Avenue is now a better place for motorists, bike riders and pedestrians after completion of a major road widening project. The road was transformed from a narrow two-lane to a broad five-lane section with on-street bike lanes. And although the construction required closing the road for more than two weeks, it was completed and reopened ahead of schedule.

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# Wards change for November election

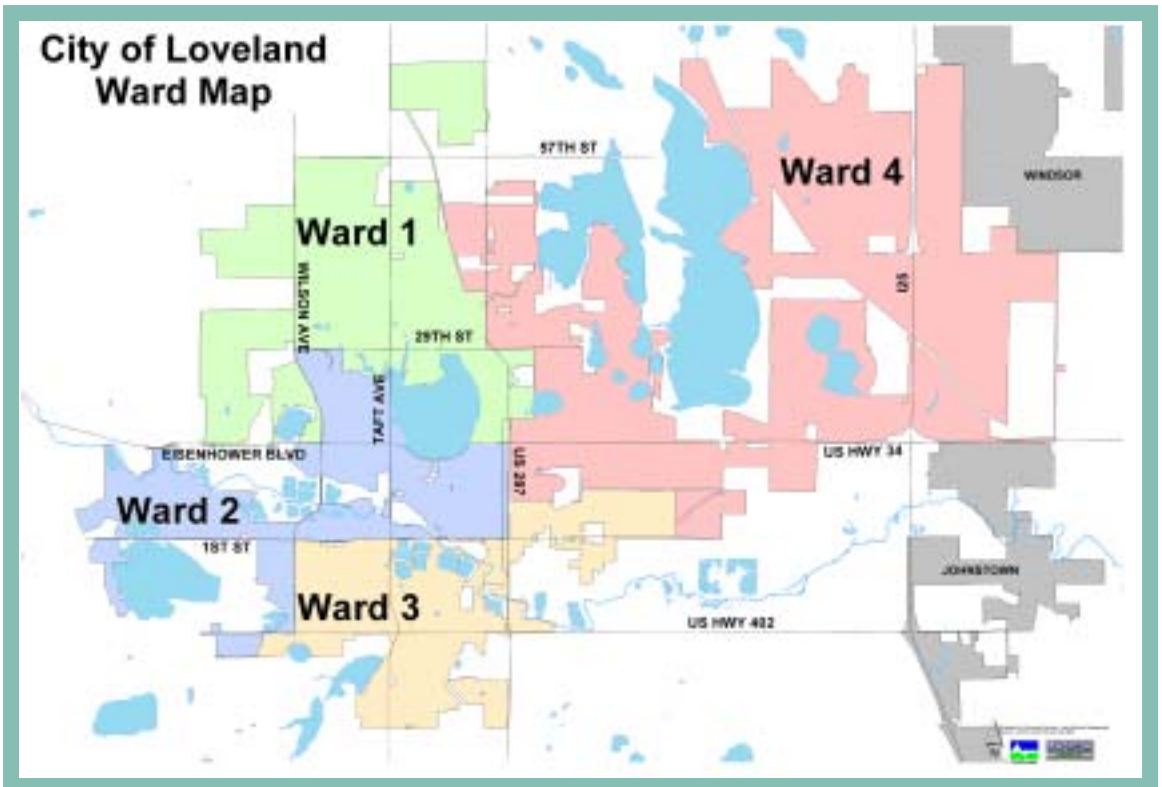
Change marks this year's local Loveland election in November. Five seats are up for election and some changes have been made to the ward boundaries from which the councilors are elected.

A new mayor will be elected this year. Current Mayor Kathy Gilliland has announced she will not seek another term.

In addition, one of the two council seats in each ward is up for election. In Ward 1 the seat is currently held by Jan Brown, Gene Pielin in Ward 2, Steve Dozier in Ward 3 and Larry Heckel in Ward 4.

The November election will be the first with the current new ward boundaries. Changes to the boundaries of the City's four wards is necessary from time to time to comply with the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which requires voting districts to be as equal in population as possible.

In determining new boundaries, several factors were required to be considered, the most important being the requirement that the population difference between the largest and smallest wards could not be greater than 10 percent.



# Take a trip to Your Address

Been to Your Address lately? Not physically, but virtually? Using the City's web site at [www.ci.loveland.co.us](http://www.ci.loveland.co.us) and clicking on Your Address in the left-hand column, you can take a cyber trip to much of the public information about your house, apartment or business.

You can see

- a detailed lot-by-lot map
- zoning districts
- whether it's within the city limits
- what city voting ward you're in
- who your city councilors are and their email links
- what public schools serve that address
- what days your trash is collected
- census data
- subdivision history documents
- global map coordinates

You can link to the Larimer County records and see

- real estate sales history



**Our address**--Aerial photo of the Municipal Building, 500 E. 3rd St.

-tax valuation  
-site and building improvements  
and perhaps most fascinating, you can see a zoom-in/zoom-out aerial photo of your property.

All this information just a click or two away can help residents find out more about their neighborhood, community and government services available to them. It can assist new home buyers in evaluating a property they may be considering and help connect citizens to their city council representatives.

## ***New bike map details 100+ miles to ride around town***

Loveland's bikeway system has hit the century mark and is still growing. A recently-released map shows how to enjoy all 103.5 miles of bike lanes, bike routes and the recreation trail.

"Loveland is a great place to bicycle," said Nancy Cifelli, bicycle operations coordinator. "The new map shows you the best ways to get around town by bicycle, and also updates you on our fast-growing bikeway network."

Since the City's bike program was established about four years ago, the bikeway mileage has doubled and the rec trail length has increased from 10 to 13.5 miles.

The rec trail is open to walkers, runners, skaters, bikers and others using non-motorized conveyances. Motorized wheelchairs are permitted and encouraged.

The map displays 77 miles of bike lanes and 13 miles of bike routes throughout town. Bike lanes are specifically marked and signed lanes along roadways. Bike routes are recommended, non-striped, low traffic streets.

Copies of the free, easy-to-read full-color map are available at most City buildings and local bicycle stores. For more information or to request a map, call 962-2624.

# Vehicle Violations: 'Know the Code?'

Dealing with parked vehicle violations is keeping the City's Community Service Officers (CSO) busy. Too busy.

In general terms, CSOs are police officers' on-site assistants. They handle a great deal of police follow-up needs and can write tickets for city code violations.

In recent months, code violations regarding parked vehicles have increased significantly,

requiring much of the CSOs' valuable time. It also means citizens are receiving more tickets and having to spend more money on fines.

CSOs believe part of the problem is that citizens don't always know what's allowed and what isn't regarding their vehicle.

For these common parking violations, see if you "know the code":

'Know the Code' Quiz--Can you get 10 correct answers?

1. The fine for parking facing the wrong direction is \$\_\_\_\_.
2. Parking more than \_\_\_\_ inches from the curb is a violation.
3. Handicapped parking violations cost \$\_\_\_\_.
4. Handicapped parking is enforceable on both public and private property: True or false?
5. Parking is prohibited within \_\_\_\_ feet of a fire hydrant.
6. Blocking a sidewalk is a \$\_\_\_\_ fine.
7. Parking within \_\_\_\_ feet of a driveway is a violation.
8. Parking in a fire lane is not enforceable on both public and private property: True or false?
9. Leaving an unattached trailer on the street for more than \_\_\_\_ hours is a violation.
10. Parking a licensed vehicle on the street for more than \_\_\_\_ hours is a violation.
11. Parking an unlicensed vehicle on the street for more than \_\_\_\_ hours is a violation.
12. Parking an inoperative vehicle on the street for more than \_\_\_\_ hours is a violation.
13. Except for SUVs and standard trucks (pickups, vans), it's a violation to park a vehicle heavier than \_\_\_\_ pounds on a residential street.
14. It's a violation to park a vehicle on the street primarily to display it for sale: True or false?

How did you do?

7. 5 feet
6. \$20
5. 15 feet
4. True; enforceable everywhere.
3. \$50
2. 12 inches
1. \$20

8. False; enforceable everywhere.
9. One hour
10. 72 hours
11. Anytime
12. Anytime
13. 6,000 pounds
14. True

# Economic future--

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region's leadership understand and work to "address issues and develop solutions" for the primary employers because they are vital to the local communities' economies and lifestyle. The report describes these businesses as the "pulse of our economic health" and calls for efforts for their success.

Key areas where action is needed, according to the report, deal with transportation, tax credits and incentives, investment encouragement and expertise availability.

The report concludes that it is "imperative that we provide the best possible business class environment so our primary employers may thrive and grow."



## Food Sales Tax Rebate Program

Depending on your income level, you may be eligible to receive a rebate for food sales taxes paid in 2002. Individuals and families must meet HUD income guidelines to qualify.

Applications and guidelines are available at:

- Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave.
- City Municipal Building, Utility Billing Office, lower level, 500 E. 3rd St.
- House of Neighborly Service, 565 N. Cleveland Ave.

Completed applications must be returned by Sept. 30. For info, call 962-2311



## Tune in and learn about your town

Have you noticed there's more to watch lately on the City of Loveland's cable TV channel 16?

A new two-hour Tapes of Interest segment of programs has been added to the channel's schedule. The segment is highlighted by "Let's Talk," the locally-produced show featuring Mayor Kathy Gilliland.

The mayor discusses issues and programs of current interest each month with special guests. Recent guests have included the city's human services director and the top officials of both McKee and Poudre Valley hospitals.

Also produced locally is "Loveland's Talking," which offers discussions with City staff members, especially the "hands-on" workers residents may encounter in their neighborhoods. Recent shows have focused on Loveland's bus system, water conservation and mosquito control.

In addition to these two talk shows, the Tapes of Interest segment includes professionally produced programs from other sources offering information on health, safety and local issues. Programs have dealt with the Big Thompson Project that supplies our water, bicycle safety for children, how to avoid being scammed, teen driving risks and xeriscaping.

A new Tapes of Interest segment is offered every month on channel 16 and broadcast eight times per week all month. To learn about it and other channel 16 programming, visit [www.ci.loveland.co.us](http://www.ci.loveland.co.us), click on the Community menu, then on Channel 16.