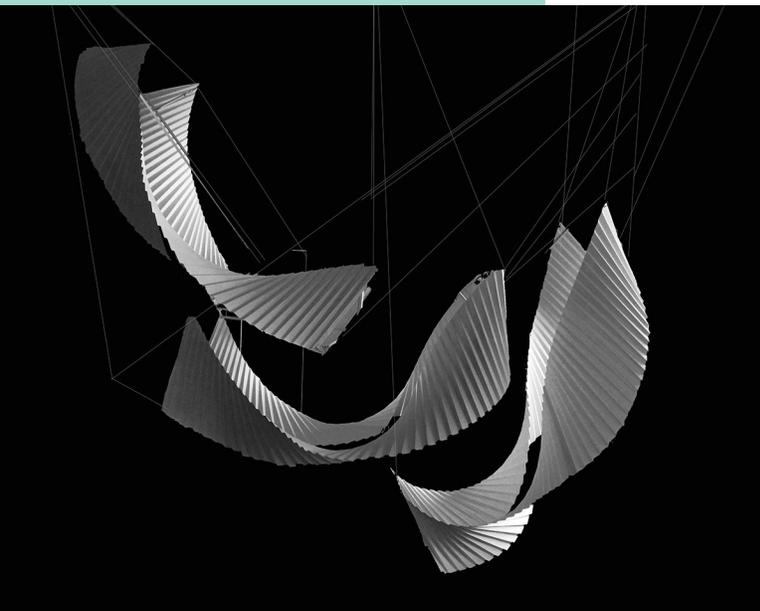


## Longmont Museum Opens New Special Exhibition **ABOVE THE FOLD: NEW EXPRESSIONS IN CONTEMPORARY ORIGAMI**



**Richard Sweeney, Air, 2014**

Folded paper, paper, wood, metal fixings, cotton cord. Photo courtesy of Alyssa Hockenberry.

### ***Above the Fold: New Expressions in Contemporary Origami***

February 13 - May 1

Longmont Museum | 400 Quail Road  
303-651-8374

LongmontColorado.gov/museum

Monday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 1 to 5 pm

Thursday: 6 to 9 pm through April 28

Exhibition admission:

- \$8 adults
- \$5 students/seniors
- Ages 3 and under and Museum members admitted FREE

**Lee usted español? Para recibir City Line en español, llame al 303-651-8601.**

The Longmont Museum's newest special exhibition, ***Above the Fold: New Expressions in Contemporary Origami***, opens on February 13 and runs through May 1.

*Above the Fold* demonstrates the extraordinary power and potential of contemporary origami. In the hands of nine international artists, what was once considered a children's craft becomes a sophisticated global art form. Paper is transformed into breathtaking sculpture, large-scale installations and conceptual works that express contemporary social, political and aesthetic ideas.

Each artist created pieces specifically for this tour; their collective works have never been shown together anywhere in the world. These nine internationally celebrated folders comprise a cross section of contemporary origami artists, ranging in age from 29 to 71 and hailing from four different continents and working in six different countries. Their origami creations will present original "above the fold" commentaries on diverse aspects of modern life and art.

The exhibition celebrates these artists who are redefining a traditional Japanese craft as a modern global genre, inventing unexpected forms of artistic expression. *Above the Fold* was developed by International Arts & Artists and independent curator, author and educator Meher McArthur. This presentation at the Longmont Museum is one of the few stops in the United States on the exhibition's international tour.

## **iHablemos! ... Let's Talk!**

Longmont is home to thousands of bilingual speakers, but becoming bilingual – in any language – takes practice. The Longmont Library can help with a free meet-up for those learning Spanish or English who would like to practice their language skills.

Stop by the library at 409 4th Avenue on **Thursdays between 5:30 and 6:30 pm** to share refreshments while practicing your Spanish or English through general conversation. Each week, there is an interesting and entertaining theme and games to prompt conversations and help improve language skills. Speakers of all ages and levels are welcome.

So join us – ¡Hablemos! Let's Talk!

For more information, visit [bit.ly/1Qt8sn3](http://bit.ly/1Qt8sn3) or call 303-651-8472.





## A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

# Talking on Sunshine

In the middle of winter, Longmont is having its day in the sun.

Our city recently was named a “Solar Friendly Community” by the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association. This designation recognizes all the work we’ve done to make it easier for residents to “go solar.” It then makes it still easier, by giving Longmont residents a \$500 discount from participating solar contractors.

And we’re still spreading the sunshine. This year, Platte River Power Authority – which is co-owned by the cities of Longmont, Loveland, Estes Park and Fort Collins – will bring a new 30-megawatt solar farm online at the Rawhide Energy Station. That’s enough to power more than 7,000 homes! It also strengthens an already solid portfolio of green energy for us. Right now, about 23% of the energy used by our city-owned utility, Longmont Power & Communications, comes from renewable sources.

If you’d like to be a greater part of our renewable energy efforts – well, sometimes, it *is* that easy being green:

- **To set up your own solar electric system**, go to [LongmontColorado.gov/lpc](http://LongmontColorado.gov/lpc) and click “Electric Service,” “Renewable Energy,” and “Solar Energy” for links to installation instructions and permit applications, or call 303-651-8386 for information.
- **If you’d like to encourage renewable energy but you’re not ready or able to put up a solar panel**, why not become part of the Renewable Power Purchase Program? For a small additional charge (but still significantly below most Colorado electric rates), you can source part or all of your electric usage from Green-e Energy certified renewable energy. Under the LPC link, click “Electric Service,” “Renewable Energy” and “Wind Power” for details and a link to an application. Or call 303-651-8386 for information.

So go ahead. Put a little sun in your life. At this time of year, who could blame you?

## LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



Standing, left to right: Mayor Pro Tem Brian Bagley, Joan Peck, Jeff Moore, Gabe Santos, Seated, left to right: Bonnie Finley, Mayor Dennis Coombs, Polly Christensen

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## SHRED IT

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 | 9 am to 2 pm  
140 Martin Street

At this event Longmont residents can safely recycle sensitive documents. This is for residential documents only; business documents are not accepted.

## HARD TO RECYCLE Event

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 | 9 am to 1 pm  
140 Martin Street

Recycle items such as cell phones, plastic bags, block Styrofoam, and printer cartridges that are not accepted for curbside recycling. Many items are accepted at no charge, but there are fees for some. A full list of accepted items and their fees (if applicable) is available at the website below.

To participate, bring ID and your most recent City of Longmont utility bill showing the waste management fee. For more information on these events, call 303-651-8416 or visit [LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste](http://LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste).

## Talk to your representatives at Coffee With Council

At Coffee with Council you can talk with two council members on any topic of your choice, and the coffee’s on us!

This month, Coffee with Council will be held from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, February 27, at the Peaks Care Center, 1440 Coffman Street. Council members Christensen and Finley are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on Saturday, March 26.

For information about city council meetings and agendas, visit [LongmontColorado.gov/city\\_council](http://LongmontColorado.gov/city_council) or call 303-651-8649.

# 2016 “Big Projects” Open House

Please join us for an open house to learn more about several important planning and construction projects in Longmont this year.

- **NEXTLIGHT™ BROADBAND** – Longmont’s community-owned 100% fiber-optic broadband network, providing customers with the best combination of high speeds, low rates, and superior customer service in the nation.
- **RESILIENT ST. VRAIN** – an extensive project to protect the community by reducing the size of the St. Vrain Creek floodplain through Longmont, while also restoring the valuable community asset of the St. Vrain Greenway.
- **ENVISION LONGMONT** – communitywide planning effort by the City to update and integrate the Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan and the Longmont Multi-Modal Transportation Plan.
- **SUNSET STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – a project to replace the Sunset Street Bridge at St. Vrain Creek, which was severely damaged in the flood of 2013.
- **FOCUS ON SOUTH MAIN** – a multiyear effort to improve the southeastern gateway to Longmont’s core along Main Street.
- **DOWNTOWN ALLEYSCAPE & BREEZEWAY** – an improvement project on the west side of Main Street. Read more about it at right.
- **SOUTHWEST UNDERPASSES** – a project to provide two new pedestrian/bicycle connections: one between Dry Creek Drive and Pike Road and a second at Hover Street and Dry Creek Drive.
- **DICKENS FARM PARK** – a district park that will be developed on the 52-acre site between Main and Martin streets along the north side of St. Vrain Creek.



## BIG PROJECTS OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Drop in between  
4:30 and 6:30 pm

Longmont Civic Center  
350 Kimbark Street

City staff and project consultants will present information on each project, as well as answer your questions.

For more information visit  
[LongmontColorado.gov](http://LongmontColorado.gov)  
or call 303-776-6050.



## Downtown ALLEYSCAPE & BREEZEWAY Project

It’s an exciting time for downtown Longmont as the Alleyscape & Breezeway Project resumes on the west side of Main Street. The City of Longmont, in coordination with the Longmont Downtown Development Authority, has contracted with DeFalco Construction Company to complete this improvement project, which is slated to begin in late winter/early spring 2016.

Construction will center on parking lot, alley and breezeway improvements to further support the growth and development of downtown Longmont. Infrastructure improvements will include moving overhead utilities underground, installing new lighting, adding landscaping, and installing porous pavers to increase drainage capacity.

- Find project information and updates online at [DowntownLongmont.com/alleyscape](http://DowntownLongmont.com/alleyscape)
- Project phone number: 303-883-3709
- Project email: [westalley@defalcoconstruction.com](mailto:westalley@defalcoconstruction.com)



Access to shops and restaurants will be provided throughout construction via Main Street entrances, so be sure to “Support Business in the Cone Zone!”

## Need a ride? Make a call!

CALL-N-RIDE is a personalized RTD curb-to-curb bus service within Longmont that connects passengers to other bus routes, shopping areas, places of worship, workplaces, and schools.

Call-n-Ride operates from 6:30 am (6 am for school service) to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 6 pm on weekends and holidays. When the bus arrives, passengers pay the exact cash fare: \$2.60 or \$1.30 discount. RTD passes and tickets are accepted on Call-n-Ride, and passengers with valid RTD Access-a-Ride ID cards ride free on Call-n-Ride. Children under 6 ride free with a paying adult. Customers must use seatbelts and provide age appropriate car seats for children.

Call or register online at least two hours or up to two weeks in advance. For reservations and more information, call 303-994-3551 or 303-994-3552, or schedule a pickup online at [rtd-denver.com/callNRide.shtml](http://rtd-denver.com/callNRide.shtml).

## Youth Career & Job Fair

Thursday, March 10 | 3 to 6 pm  
Boulder County Fairgrounds

Youth ages 14 through 21 are invited to learn about various careers and how to prepare for the job market. Talk with employers to discover what different types of careers are really like, take part in mock job interviews, have your resume critiqued, and apply for actual jobs at the fair.

**Admission is free.** For more information, visit [www.wfbc.org](http://www.wfbc.org) or call 303-651-1510.



## Have you weighed in on Longmont's future?

The Envision Longmont project team is soliciting input about what policies should guide the City over the next 10 to 20 years. Based on community feedback, a vision for Longmont's future has been developed. This vision comprises six guiding principles:

- Create livable centers, corridors, and neighborhoods.
- Foster job growth and economic vitality through innovation and collaboration.
- Provide a complete, balanced, and connected transportation system.
- Be responsible stewards of our resources.
- Encourage a safe, healthy, and adaptable community.
- Support accessible services, amenities, and opportunities for all.

Accompanying each of these principles is a set of goals that identify the desired outcomes. We are now looking at policy direction to help us determine how we will achieve our vision through decision making. We need your input!

Policy summary sheets have been developed that provide an overview of policies being considered for each guiding principle.

The full policy framework document also is available for comment. Take a look and let us know if we're on the right track or if we've missed something.

Visit [EnvisionLongmont.com](http://EnvisionLongmont.com) to review these documents, get project information or engage in the community discussion.

Please contact a member of the project team if you have questions about Envision Longmont – call 303-651-8330 or email [info@envisionlongmont.com](mailto:info@envisionlongmont.com).



# Garden In A Box sale begins March 1

*Beautiful landscapes made easy*

Garden In A Box, a selection of professionally designed perennial gardens that feature Xeric (low water) plants, offers residents a simple approach to an eye-catching yard. These affordable, do-it-yourself garden kits come with starter plants, a Plant and Care Guide, and plant-by-number maps.

Gardens are offered by the City of Longmont in partnership with the Center for ReSource Conservation. \$25 discounts are available while supplies last. To see the full garden collection and to order visit [ConservationCenter.org/gardens](http://ConservationCenter.org/gardens).



## Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 | 1 to 4 pm (hunt begins at 1:30)  
Centennial Pool, 1201 Alpine Street



At this special event, egg hunters of all abilities can collect weighted eggs from the bottom of the pool. The cost is \$10 per family/ \$3 per swimmer/ \$1 per observer, and a paying adult must be in the water with children age 5 and younger. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 303-651-8406 or visit [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec).

## Youth Sports Begin Soon!

Longmont Recreation & Golf Services offers organized team participation programs for boys and girls ages 6 to 14. The emphasis is on fun and participation. Teams practice two hours per week. Times, days and location of practices depend on coach availability. For more information, call 303-774-4800 or visit [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec).

**CARA LACROSSE** for boys and girls age 6 to 14 begins the week of March 7. Games are played in Front Range communities on Saturdays beginning March 26. Mandatory equipment includes stick, gloves, arm pads, shoulder pads, mouthpiece, and NOCSAE-approved helmet.

**GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL** for girls 6 to 18 years old is affiliated with the IPGSA league. Teams meet two to three times per week for games and practices. Games are played in Longmont and surrounding communities. Practice begins March 28; games begin May 1.

**YOUTH VOLLEYBALL** is for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Practice begins the week of March 28. Games are played on Saturdays at the Longmont Recreation Center beginning April 16.



## Take a Walk Through History at Sandstone Ranch

Saturday, March 12 | 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm  
Sandstone Ranch & Visitors Center, 3001 Sandstone Drive  
Come enjoy a guided tour inside and, weather permitting, outside the historic Coffin family home. Learn about Morse Coffin and his family and what life was like when he homesteaded here in the 1800s, about the major renovation to the house in the 1900s, and about all that Sandstone Ranch offers our community today. All ages are welcome. \$4/person suggested donation.



**WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!** Do you like nature, history, wildlife, geology, crafts, photography, people, children, helping others, or helping behind the scenes, or do you just love Sandstone Ranch? If so, please join us from **8:30 to 9:45 am on Saturday, March 12**, to learn about the joys of volunteering at Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center. If you can't make it but are interested in volunteering, please call Robin at 303-774-4692.