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Avoid the Scam

Ask for ID or call the City directly

You commonly see City employees and contractors out repairing streets, reading water meters, picking up trash, and installing fiber optic cable.

Sometimes they have to come onto your property to get their work done. But **how can you be sure that they really work for the City?**

Keep these six things in mind when someone claims to work for the City of Longmont:

1. **Look for a City of Longmont logo on their clothing.** Employees always wear a t-shirt or uniform or jacket with a City logo or emblem. For example, Longmont Power & Communications employees wear clothing with "LPC" or "NextLight" on it; others wear clothing with the City logo. (NextLight is Longmont's broadband service.) Sometimes, LPC hires contractors – they don't have City logos on their clothing, but they must have an ID badge.
2. **Employees working for the City usually drive vehicles that are clearly marked with City logos.**
3. **City of Longmont employees are required to carry identification** with the City's phone number printed on the back. Call the number if you're in doubt.
4. **A City utility worker will never ask to be paid directly by a customer** and will not take money from you.
5. **A City utility worker will ask to come inside a house only for a scheduled appointment:** a NextLight installation, indoor water meter reading, or similar work. There should be no other reason for a City employee to enter your home.
6. **If a contractor doing work for the City comes to your home, that person will have City identification as well.** Contractors are sometimes assigned work inside residents' homes, and they are required to have City ID badges.



If you want to be sure that people who say they're City workers really are, just call:

- Longmont Public Works & Natural Resources - 303-651-8416
- Longmont Power & Communications - 303-651-8386



From April 28 through May 1, the Longmont Front Range Film Festival celebrates its fourth year promoting distinctly local film and craftsmanship. Longmont's Front Range Film Festival curates a program to further the cause of Colorado film by showcasing the work of local directors, writers, actors, and motion picture artists. The region is proud of its emerging filmmakers and their unique perspectives on adventure lifestyles, the cannabis industry, environmental and social issues, and the collaborative, innovative

spirit that makes Colorado a thriving force for creative expression. This year's event features over a dozen venues, workshops and panel discussions, a film contest, and closing night at the Longmont Theatre Company. For more information visit FrontRangeFilmFest.org.

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



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Resiliency is a Council Priority

2016 can be summed up in one word: Resiliency.

Resiliency is strength. Resiliency is durability. Resiliency is the ability to recover.

Resiliency is Longmont.

During the annual Longmont City Council retreat in mid-February we discussed how to enhance the City's infrastructure, neighborhoods, and affordable housing, so it's even more resilient - built to withstand whatever comes our way.

No Easy Answers

Resiliency is not created overnight; it's a long-term endeavor.

Over the years Longmont has survived many challenges, from an economic downturn to a devastating flood. And we've done it together, as a community committed to creating our own future. During the retreat, we reaffirmed our commitment to building a resilient community.

- The City Council is committed to sustain this legacy by investing in long-term community planning projects such as the Envision Longmont initiative that strives to create a comprehensive plan that will guide our community planning efforts for the next decade.
- The Council supports creating livable centers, corridors and neighborhoods that will boost individual resiliency. Yes, that means tackling the question of affordable housing. We aim to work cooperatively with the private sector to provide a variety of housing solutions for our residents at all income levels.
- Council members endorse the Resilient St. Vrain project, a multiyear project that will protect the community by reducing the size of the floodplain through Longmont and improving St. Vrain Creek's resilience for future flooding, while also restoring the valuable community asset of the St. Vrain Greenway.

These are very ambitious goals, but because Longmont has never shied away from challenges, I have no doubt that together we are building a healthy, safe and resilient community.

The Envision Longmont project is getting closer to completion! Have you shared your thoughts on our community's future?

This spring the draft Envision Longmont Plan will be released for review. Please share your thoughts on this important planning document that will guide the City over the next 10 to 20 years. Join us at a community meeting in late March, weigh in online, or talk to a member of the project team.

Find project information, provide comments, and engage in the community discussion at **EnvisionLongmont.com**. If you have additional questions about Envision Longmont call a member of the project team at 303-651-8330 or email info@envisionlongmont.com.

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, March 26, at Ziggis, 1139 Francis Street. Council members Santos and Peck are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on Saturday, April 30 at Big Daddy Bagels.

For information about city council meetings, visit LongmontColorado.gov/city_council or call 303-651-8649.

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It's time for *spring cleaning* in Longmont

Annual water line flushing

Every year, City of Longmont water utilities staff flush the main water lines to keep water quality at its highest and to ensure that fire hydrants are operational. The benefits realized in water quality and fire protection far outweigh the comparatively small amount of water released during the flushing program.

Residents may notice low water pressure, discolored water, or no water for short periods when flushing is taking place in their neighborhood. We recommend that residents limit water use and particularly avoid using hot water when flushing is occurring in their immediate area.

More information will be provided as flushing operations are scheduled in April and May. Call 303-651-8468 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/water for more information.

Spring street cleaning

Each spring, the City of Longmont conducts a citywide street sweeping operation to remove dirt, debris and pollutants that build up during the winter months. The City sweeps over 350 centerline miles of streets and removes tons (literally!) of debris and contaminants annually from the streets

that would otherwise pollute our air and rivers. More information will be provided to residents as sweeping operations are scheduled in April and May. Visit bit.ly/sweepinglongmont or call 303-774-4446 for information.



Water-wise landscaping

The City of Longmont partners with the Center for ReSource Conservation to present two free seminars on the how-tos of xeriscaping and other water-wise landscape practices:

- Xeriscape: The Basics and Beyond on Thursday, April 7
- Xeriscape Maintenance: Keeping Your Landscape Happy and Healthy on Thursday, April 14

Visit ConservationCenter.org or call 303-999-3820 to register and for more information.

Clean-up, Green-up

From April 9 - 30, businesses, civic groups, schools, neighborhoods, families and individuals are invited to help spruce up the city. Volunteers can pick a park, greenway, street, alley or open space to clean up, or an area of need can be assigned. The Grand Kick-off for the month-long campaign is from **7:30 to 10:30 am on Saturday, April 9, at Sunset Campus, 7 South Sunset Street**. If you can't participate on kick-off day, you can help "Clean-up, Green-up" through April 30. For more information, call 303-651-8446 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/parks.

Curbside limb collection

The City of Longmont offers residents FREE curbside collection of tree limbs each spring. **To participate, your limbs must be placed curbside by 7 am on the MONDAY of your scheduled collection week.** Limbs will be collected at homes north of 9th Avenue the week of April 4 and at homes south of 9th Avenue the week of April 11. Limbs must be stacked and cut into lengths no longer than 6 feet, and no limb can be larger than 6 inches in diameter.

For complete guidelines, visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

13th Annual Chick Clark Kids' Fishing Program Kick-off
Saturday, April 2 | Izaak Walton Park, 18 S. Sunset Street



The Chick Clark Fishing Program at Izaak Walton Pond provides a special opportunity for Longmont youth (ages 15 and younger) to learn how to fish, participate in fun outdoor activities, and catch their own fish year-round. The April 2 kick-off includes a free kids' fishing clinic (preregistration required), free lunch, and free fishing for kids. Parents can get more information about the event and registration at bit.ly/kidsfishlongmont.

Pharmaceutical Take Back Event

8 am to 2 pm | Saturday, April 30

Longmont United Hospital, 1950 Mountain View Avenue

Never discard medications down the drain! Drugs can pass through the wastewater plant and into St. Vrain Creek without treatment. Instead, take them to this free event for proper disposal. All pharmaceuticals (prescription and over-the-counter) from residents will be accepted. This includes pills, capsules, liquids, inhalers, patches, etc. And this is for pharmaceuticals only; no needles, thermometers, controlled substances, medical equipment, personal care products, or household hazardous wastes will be accepted. Businesses cannot dispose of their wastes at this event. For more information call 303-651-8376 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/environment.



Plan Ahead!

Register now for summer activities and day camp ... and adult sports leagues



School will be out before you know it, and it's time to think about summer child care plans.

Look for the City of Longmont's Summer 2016 Recreation & Golf Services Brochure online and in your mail the week of March 28. It includes activities, programs, and special events from mid-May to August. Day camp registration is underway and ongoing, and registration for other youth and adult summer classes begins Tuesday, April 5. For more information, call 303-651-8404 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

Longmont Recreation & Golf Services also offers seasonal sports leagues for adults. Register now for men's Wednesday recreation or Thursday leisure 8-game spring **basketball** leagues. Games begin the week of April 13.

The men's, women's and coed summer **softball** registration deadline is May 1. The summer season runs May 9 through August 12.

Just want to play for fun? Coed **kickball** is a blast! This social sport is great for groups, coworkers and friends to play together. Register now; league play begins in June.

Not on a team? Sign up as a free agent, and we'll get you connected to form teams.



Call 303-774-4758 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for more information.

Got SPRING BREAK Plans?

Longmont Recreation & Golf Services offers fun and educational activities for children during spring break. Interested in sports? Choose from half-day morning multisport camps, basketball dribbling and shooting camps, or girls' fast-pitch softball clinic. Horseback riding at Sun Pony Ranch is offered for youth as young as 5, and kids age 8+ can learn to crochet or discover glass fusing at Crackpots. The American Red Cross Babysitter's Boot Camp provides certification in babysitting, first aid and CPR all in one class. For more options, including bike safety, lifeguard/water safety instructor training, tree climbing, and discovering robots, outer space, bugs and nature, visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec and search for "noschool."

The City of Longmont employs 70 lifeguards and 60 swim instructors to keep the City's five pools safe and to teach people of all ages how to swim. Our team is made up of happy, motivated, fun-loving aquaholics, and we're accepting new staff members. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a rewarding summer job with the opportunity to work year-round, sign up for one of the upcoming certification classes and apply for a job today! Call 303-651-8406 for details.



OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM TESTS

The City's Outdoor Emergency Warning System will be tested at 10 am every Monday in April. The system also will be tested the first Monday of every month from May through August. Other than for testing, the system will be used only to notify the community when immediate action should be taken. If you hear the sirens and it isn't the first Monday of the month at 10 am or a Monday in April, seek shelter immediately and tune to local media for information. For more information, visit LongmontColorado.gov and search "OEWS."

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APRIL 1: Ralph Price Reservoir fishing permits go on sale On Friday, April 1, annual fishing permits for Ralph Price Reservoir will go on sale. A Colorado Parks & Wildlife fishing license is required at all City of Longmont fishing areas, and an additional, special permit from the City of Longmont is required at Ralph Price Reservoir inside Button Rock Preserve. Permits will be on sale in Longmont and Lyons at the cost of \$20 for City of Longmont and Town of Lyons water utility customers, and \$30 for non-utility customers. Get all the details, including where and how to purchase, at LongmontColorado.gov/parks or call 303-651-8446.

APRIL 9: Shredding event Take boxed or bagged documents to be shredded to the Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin

Street from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, April 9. Also take ID and your most recent Longmont utility bill. For more information, visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

APRIL 15: Park and trail restrooms open for the season from 5 am to 11 pm daily.

APRIL 15: Waste Diversion Center spring/summer hours Beginning April 15, the Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street will be open from 8:30 am to 5:45 pm, Monday through Saturday. Single-stream recycling bins are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

APRIL 22: Annual compost bin sale In honor of Earth Day, the City of Longmont offers residents a special opportunity to purchase backyard compost bins at the Waste Diversion Center, 140 Martin Street. This sale begins Friday, April 22 - cash or check only, please. To confirm 2016 pricing, call 303-651-8416.

