

City Line

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Building community Neighborhood by neighborhood

Longmont's Neighborhood Group Leaders Association is a robust network of registered neighborhoods throughout the city. Each neighborhood group works to build community within their neighborhoods and to strengthen a citywide network that works across neighborhoods to increase network opportunities and enhance communication between neighborhoods and the City. Volunteers serve as leaders in each neighborhood group.

Earlier this year the City's Community & Neighborhood Resources Division recognized these neighborhoods for the good work they're doing:

- **Reynolds Farm** for Best Attendance. This neighborhood reported the highest attendance at its community meeting with 77 percent of neighbors participating.

- **Historic Eastside Neighborhood** for Most Impactful New Representatives. This neighborhood's new leaders have reinvigorated the neighborhood group and increased participation.
- **Madison Court** for organizing roving football games that bring youth and adults together.
- **Golden Ponds Estates** for organizing a farm-to-table-dinner and movie night for children, which includes the kids decorating and converting cardboard boxes into their car for movie night. The adults also gather for poker nights.
- **Bohn Farm** for its local music festival that brings neighbors together to enjoy music and some of the talented musicians who live in the neighborhood.

Community of Christ Church also was recognized for providing meeting space for several neighborhood groups and for its support of building community through strong neighborhoods.

Community building takes many forms, and each neighborhood group develops a unique character. The City of Longmont's Community & Neighborhood Resources Division offers many resources to neighborhoods. **For more information on these resources or how your neighborhood can join the Neighborhood Group Leaders Association call 303-651-8444 or email CNR@LongmontColorado.gov.**

SPRING IS THE PERFECT TIME TO LEARN GOLF!

The City of Longmont's three golf courses - Sunset, Twin Peaks and Ute Creek - offer a variety of lessons for youth, adults and seniors. Beginning in April, the Twin Peaks *Get Golf Ready* program will offer no-registration, drop-in group lessons (\$20 per session) on various days for specific work on both the short game and golf swings. This summer, all three courses will offer youth instruction or golf camps for children as young as 5. *Snag Golf* at Sunset focuses on fun as grade school-age students learn the basics of club handling, aim, stroke and basic golf form using provided clubs and balls.

Visit GolfLongmont.com or call the golf course of your choice for complete details. Private instruction is also available.



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A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Library Receives National Recognition

We in Longmont know that our library is an incredible asset for our community, and now the rest of the country is taking notice.

The Longmont Public Library is a finalist for the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) National Medal for its series of programs and services targeting children diagnosed on the autism spectrum and their families. The IMLS National Medal is generally regarded as the nation's highest honor for a library.

As only one of 15 libraries to earn this achievement, and the only one from Colorado, the Longmont library is in very exclusive company.

As this recognition demonstrates, public libraries are no longer just about books. As technology changes and the Internet thrives, the Longmont library has evolved into a modern day hub – not only for information, but for entertainment, education, meeting space, computer access and cultural events.

The library offers a wide variety of programming for children and for adults – everything from fun and engaging story times for toddlers to lectures on current geopolitical issues by national authorities. Library staff offer personalized book recommendations, assistance with research questions, and guidance on locating government information, which is particularly useful around tax time. The library's summer reading program for children regularly registers thousands of local youngsters, and its third annual Adult Summer Learning Program, this year called "Xplore," promises to be an enjoyable and fascinating opportunity for adults.

By staying ahead of the curve, our library excels at meeting and exceeding the needs of our community.

IMLS will select 10 National Medal Award winners later this spring, and representatives from winning institutions will travel to Washington, DC, to be honored at the National Medal Award ceremony.

Regardless of the outcome, I'm proud and honored to know that Longmont has a world-class facility to call our own.

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Holiday Schedules

Longmont city government observes Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, as a holiday. These facilities will be CLOSED:

- Civic Center
- Service Center
- Development Services Center
- Longmont Public Library
- Longmont Senior Center
- Longmont Youth Center
- Waste Diversion Center
- St. Vrain Memorial Building
- Centennial Pool

The Longmont Museum will be open from 9 am to 5 pm, the Longmont Recreation Center will be open from 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunset and Kanemoto pools will be open from 10 am to 5 pm.

All trash and recycling collections will occur one day later than normal that week.

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, April 30, at Big Daddy Bagels, 1940 Ionosphere Street.

Mayor Coombs and Council Member Moore are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on Saturday, May 21, at The Brewing Market, 1520 S. Hover.

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

BeReady LONGMONT



Winter storms, floods and fire are Longmont's most common natural hazards. They can result in severe disruptions in utility and other services that we rely on every day.

How will you and your family cope in the event of a natural disaster?

The Longmont Office of Emergency Management wants you to be prepared for any emergency. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your civic group on how to be ready for whatever comes, email OEM@LongmontColorado.gov or call 303-651-8438.

Maintaining our greenways



As spring approaches, you might see Natural Resources crews on open sections of greenways performing maintenance activities. It is the City's goal to use greenways to maintain and enhance native habitats, conserve water, and enrich residents' enjoyment of the district parks and open spaces,

as well as offer alternative travel routes.

The design and maintenance of greenways focus predominantly on enhancing habitat by increasing cover, removing non-native plants and noxious weeds, and managing wildlife while maintaining access to trails for people. In addition to providing for the needs of wildlife, the City also reduces water use, lowers operating costs for mowing, and improves the environment by reducing weeds and filtering storm water. To learn more about where, how or why certain maintenance procedures are performed, visit bit.ly/greenwaymaintenance or call 303-651-8446.

Caring for our streets

With over 350 centerline miles of paved streets, it is critical that Longmont take care of its streets to provide a safe and efficient transportation system. The City's annual Pavement Management Program (PMP) contracts with private firms for replacement of broken curbs and sidewalks; preventive maintenance such as crack sealing, chip sealing and pavement overlay; and reconstruction. The PMP is made possible through use of the City's 3/4-cent Street Fund sales and use tax.

The Pavement Management Program aims to maintain streets that are in reasonably good condition by applying inexpensive surface treatments to preserve the road for many more years. Each year, the program also targets streets that are in poorer condition for more expensive rehabilitation efforts. It is important to not only work on the worst local streets but to also preserve the good streets we already have.

Projects are selected for the Pavement Management Program based on systemwide needs and priorities. If your street has been selected for treatment, you will receive a project notification letter. In the case of larger projects, as construction approaches door hangers are posted on affected homes to inform residents more specifically of upcoming activities.

To learn more about the Pavement Management Program, visit LongmontColorado.gov/PMP or call 303-774-4446.

Be vital in the lives of others Become a volunteer driver



You can help Longmont-area seniors and people with disabilities live a more independent life by becoming a volunteer driver for Via.

- Drive a Via Prius or your own car
- Set your own schedule
- Training and insurance provided

If you want to give and enjoy helping people, call Liane Shaffer at 303-444-3069 or email Volunteer@ViaColorado.org.

For more information on the many services Via provides, call 303-447-2848, ext. 1014, or email mobilityspecialist@viacolorado.org.

Get ready to dive in

Outdoor pools to open in May and June

SUNSET POOL - 1900 Longs Peak Avenue
Opens Friday, May 27, with preseason hours May 27-June 5. This heated pool designed for the entire family features six lap lanes, a large wading area, three diving boards, and two fast and fun waterslides.

KANEMOTO ACTIVITY POOL - 1151 S. Pratt Parkway
Opens Friday, May 27. Kanemoto Pool is revitalized, reconstructed, and ready for summer 2016! Check out the new heated outdoor activity pool for youth ages 10 and younger. Kanemoto has a zero-depth entry, a new fast and fun water slide into 2" of water, and a 4" deep end, great for jumping and swimming.

ROOSEVELT ACTIVITY POOL - 903 8th Avenue
Opens Friday, June 3. Located in Roosevelt Park, this heated pool for children age 8 and younger features zero-depth geysers, tumble buckets, water cannon, and a spray garden.

All outdoor pools offer private rentals and parties. Call 303-651-8406 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for details.



Try a Tri! 36th Annual Longmont Triathlon is June 4-5

Got a swim suit, bike, and a pair of running shoes? The Longmont Triathlon Weekend has a triathlon for everyone: youth, beginners, experienced, and recreational triathletes. Register now at LongmontColorado.gov/rec and put your gear to use.

Volunteers are needed as course marshals, who cheer and direct the runners and bikers on the race course. Youth age 14 and younger need to volunteer with someone age 16 or older. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn volunteer hours.



Call Heather at 303-774-4718 or email Heather.Deal@LongmontColorado.gov to volunteer.

Walk and Roll!

Springtime means longer daylight hours with more time to walk and bike. The City of Longmont's Traffic Safety program offers rides and instruction for your whole family. Whether you're interested in starting to bike after time off, teaching your kids about safe walking or pedaling to school, creative commuting, or just choosing a route and feeling comfortable biking to the pool, there are some great opportunities for you. Classes begin in May and range in length from one hour to a half day. Class fees start at \$10. For more information, contact Lauren at 303-651-8924 or lauren.greenfield@LongmontColorado.gov.

Sandstone Ranch Nature Art Show & Sale

Saturday, May 7 | 10 am to 2 pm
Free admission

Enjoy the talents of local artists at the historic Coffin family homestead, 3001 Sandstone Drive. Experience nature through crafts, woodwork, photography, paintings and more! A portion of all sales will be donated to Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center. Call 303-774-4757 for details.

Spring Youth Tennis Lessons

May 10-26 on Tuesday and
Thursday evenings

Youth tennis lessons are for beginners to advanced beginners ages 4-17. Lessons for 4-10 year olds use the QuickStart Tennis format. Participants must supply their own racket. To register, visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec or call 303-774-4800.



CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO LONGMONT STYLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
11 am to 7 pm

Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Avenue

Celebrate Longmont's Latino community at this family-friendly event. Enjoy food, shopping, live entertainment, a lowrider car show, the famous chihuahua beauty contest, and free activities for all ages.

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