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Summer in Longmont Means MUSIC!

Longmont loves its music, and that is never more apparent than in summer. This year, the City of Longmont will have your toes tapping with 24 FREE concerts and family programs in June and July.

All events are held outdoors. Bring your chair or blanket and a picnic if you'd

like. You may not bring alcohol onto City property, but at some concerts there will be food and beverages for sale. For dates, locations and performers, check with these concert presenters:

* **PARK CONCERT SERIES Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 pm**

LongmontColorado.gov/rec - 303-651-8404

* **LONGMONT MUSEUM SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 pm

LongmontColorado.gov/museum - 303-651-8364

* **LONGMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER FAMILY SHOWS**

Thursdays, 10 to 10:45 am

LongmontColorado.gov/library - 303-651-8470

* **DOWNTOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Fridays, 5:30 to 9:30 pm**

DowntownLongmont.com - 303-651-8484



Supporting Action for Mental Health

SAM is a movement of local community groups, nonprofit and faith organizations, residents, and the City to explore how we all can raise awareness of and take action to address mental health needs in Longmont. All community members are invited to participate in an upcoming conversation about mental health issues, to get engaged, and to take part in solutions to support people who are struggling with their mental health. In these community conversations people engage with each other to:

- Increase understanding about mental health issues,
- Reduce stigma and misconceptions about mental health,
- Identify mental health needs in our community,
- Generate and prioritize ideas on how to address those needs, and
- Inspire all of us to take action in both small and big ways.

The conversations are formatted identically and are facilitated by trained community volunteers. View the schedule and register for an upcoming conversation at LongmontColorado.gov/ADayForGrace. Or, contact:

- Karen Roney, Community Services Director, 303-651-8633, Karen.Roney@LongmontColorado.gov
- Michele Waite, Senior Services Manager, 303-651-8415, Michele.Waite@LongmontColorado.gov

Please consider participating in one of these important conversations; your thoughts, compassion, and ideas for action are needed.



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Airport brings fun, excitement and revenue

Come to the airport and look to the skies on June 25 as Vance Brand Municipal Airport hosts an aviation expo to showcase Longmont's airport and celebrate the aviation community.

It's a great opportunity for families to get a firsthand look at the fun side of aviation. A commemorative Air Force C45 will be on display along with an Air Life medical helicopter, aerobatic demonstrations, and skydive and unmanned aerial system demonstrations.

While this will be a fun event for all who attend, I want to remind residents about the successful business side of the airport, too.

The most recent Colorado Department of Transportation Statewide Aviation Economic Impact study indicates that Vance Brand Municipal Airport makes a substantial impact on the local economy. Annual local and state taxes linked to the operation of Longmont's airport totaled \$891,000 in this 2013 study.

The study looked at economic activities related to the airport and its visitors and concluded that "the airport generates significant local and state tax revenues. Visitors pay taxes on lodging, rental cars, restaurant meals, and other purchases. Workers whose jobs are supported by airports and visitor spending also pay sales tax and state income taxes."

General aviation airports provide safe and convenient travel options, but as this study shows they also create employment opportunities and contribute to state and local tax revenues. To see more study results visit LongmontColorado.gov/airport.

As you enjoy the Airport Expo, remember that general aviation is an exciting and visionary industry filled with immense promise for the future. And the present looks pretty good, too.

LONGMONT AIRPORT EXPO

June 25 | 7 am to 3 pm
229 Airport Road | LMOexpo.org

- Free family-friendly event
- Vintage, military and experimental aircraft
- Air Life Denver medical helicopter
- Boulder County Sheriff Mobile Command and Bomb Squad demonstrations
- Aerobatic performances
- Skydiving demonstrations
- American Legion Post 32 Longmont Honor Guard
- Pancake breakfast
- Vendors
- Food



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, May 21, at The Brewing Market, 1520 S. Hover Street.

Council members Santos and Peck are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on Saturday, June 25, at Ute Creek Golf Course, 2000 Ute Creek Drive.

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

LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



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SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

For the second year, the City of Longmont's Children, Youth and Families division, Longmont Public Library and Recreation Services, along with many community partners, are collaborating to provide summer meals for youth ages 18 and younger.

Summer meals will be served from **11 am to 1 pm, Monday through Thursday, May 31 - August 4**, at:

- Youth Center, 1050 Lashley Street
- YMCA, 950 Lashley Street
- Affolter Park, 1400 Holly Avenue
- Rothrock Dell Park, 700 E. 5th Avenue
- Centennial Park, 630 8th Street, Frederick

As part of the summer enrichment programming, the Library's Bibliocycle, Ollin Farms, Recreation Services, and others will provide lunchtime activities.

Activities are geared to younger children at the YMCA and Affolter and Rothrock Dell parks and to older youth at the Youth Center. Volunteers are needed to help with activities and with serving meals. To volunteer or for more information call

303-651-8580.



Photo courtesy Times-Call

Longmont's Vision for the future is expressed in Envision Longmont! After extensive input from the community and over a year of work, a public draft version of the plan is available.

The City wants you to add your voice and provide final input on this important planning document. The draft plan will be presented to the city council for formal

adoption in June. For project information and to review the draft plan visit **EnvisionLongmont.com** or call the Planning &

Development Services Department at 303-651-8330.



TAKE THE SURVEY!

At DowntownLongmont.com

The Longmont Downtown Development Authority, the City of Longmont and Boulder County are conducting a **Parking and Access Study for Downtown Longmont through June 3.**

Please take a minute to share your experiences, perceptions, ideas and concerns related to accessing Downtown Longmont using the transportation method of your choice: car, bicycle, motorcycle, scooter, or public transit or as a pedestrian.

Your feedback will be used to develop recommendations that are both customer and business-focused and that support the community's larger economic development and quality-of-life goals. Call 303-651-8484 to request a paper copy.

BIKE TO WORK DAY

Join thousands across the Front Range who will leave their cars at home and bike to work on June 22. You'll not only get good exercise and save on gas, you can get a free breakfast, too! Several Longmont businesses will offer free coffee and breakfast to those who ride their bike to work. After work, bicycle commuters are invited to participate in Bike Home when local watering holes offer discounts for bike commuters. Visit the website for a list of locations and more information.

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 22**

BiketetoWorkDay.us



How to navigate those flashing yellow arrows

Several intersections in Longmont are equipped with the latest in traffic signal technology: the flashing yellow arrow. The flashing arrow is part of a new signal display system that more clearly indicates to drivers when it's okay to make a left turn across traffic.

When making a left turn, you've traditionally seen a green ball, which means you can make a left turn but you must yield to oncoming traffic. Research shows that many motorists are confused by the green ball and either fail to yield or think they are not allowed to make the left turn.

Federal Highway Administration research found that motorists more clearly understand what to do when presented with the flashing yellow arrow. Further, the flashing arrow provides more flexibility in signal timing operations as it can be optimized for certain times of day. This ultimately improves safety and traffic flow.

Flashing yellow arrows have been installed at many intersections in Longmont and will continue to be added in the future.

For more information, visit LongmontColorado.gov and search "traffic engineering."



Steady red arrow

Stop and wait until you're signaled to turn.

Steady yellow arrow

Prepare to stop, or clear the intersection

Flashing yellow arrow

Proceed with turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

Steady green arrow

You have the right of way; proceed with left turn.

HOW PEOPLE MAKE THINGS

Inspired by the Mister Rogers' Factory Tours

The Longmont Museum's newest hands-on exhibition for families

Open through August 28

Admission: Adults \$8 | students and seniors \$5 | museum members and children age 3 and younger - free! The second Saturday of every month is a free day.

**LONGMONT MUSEUM | 400 Quail Road
303-651-8374 | LongmontColorado.gov/museum**



Every object in our world has a story of how it's made. **How People Make Things** tells that story by linking familiar childhood objects to a process of manufacturing that combines people, ideas and technology.

How People Make Things offers hands-on activities using real factory tools and machines to create objects with four manufacturing processes: molding, cutting, deforming and assembly. Many common products help tell the story of how people, ideas and technology transform raw materials into finished goods.

"This exhibit brings children close to the real stuff, the nuts and bolts of how products are manufactured, which is very easy to feel removed from these days," said Wes Jessup, Director of the Longmont Museum. "When kids

operate the 3-axis mill and the die cutter, issues of design, engineering and function in everyday items become very real. Plus, it's a lot of fun!"

Featured products include 10,000 Crayola crayons in 90 colors, 10,000 plastic pellets, 300 ice cream cups, stoplights, cooking pans, sneakers, baseball bats and mitts, and Matchbox® cars.

How People Make Things was created by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Family Communications, Inc. (FCI), the producer of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and the University of Pittsburgh Center for Learning in Out-of-School Environments (UPCLOSE). It is made possible with support from the National Science Foundation and The Grable Foundation.

LIGHT UP THE LAKE! Longmont Solst-ish KINETICS Festival

Saturday, June 25
Union Reservoir
Gates open at 10 am
\$10 per vehicle or \$2 per person
for bikes and walkers [no passes]



Now in its seventh year, Longmont Kinetics is a family-fun event featuring the Kid's Recycled Raft Race, live music, radio station 93.7 The Rock, dragon boats, Solstice Swim, beer garden and, of course, the main event: the Kinetic Sculpture Race!

Need some inspiration to join in the race? See photos of Kinetic Crafts - and learn how to build one - and find the complete event schedule at kineticists.org.

Tips for OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

- Make sure your irrigation system is functioning properly.
- Get a FREE sprinkler inspection from the Center for ReSource Conservation, a nonprofit partner in Longmont's efforts to conserve water (ConservationCenter.org).
- Do not water lawns or gardens more than two days a week.
- Do not water lawns or gardens between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm.
- Adjust irrigation heads to avoid overspray onto sidewalks and streets.
- Adjust the automatic irrigation controller at least once a month to account for changes in weather.
- Consider installing a rain shutoff device; at the very least, don't water when it's raining.
- Water deeply for deep root growth. Use cycle irrigation, with an hour between cycles, to allow water to soak into the soil and reduce runoff.
- Select sprinklers that water evenly, in a low pattern, and with large droplets.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean decks, patios and driveways.

For more tips visit LongmontColorado.gov/water or call 303-651-8468.

2ND friday

Art | Music | Food
Performances
Shopping | More

From 6 to 9 pm on the 2nd Friday of each month the Downtown Longmont Creative District features gallery openings, promotions and activities taking place throughout the district. Come down to see what's new and join the excitement! Visit DowntownLongmont.com for more information.

