

City Line

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Rhythm Reversed

Get your glow on!

Enjoy new activities and Night Light Fun at Rhythm Reversed – a new twist on Rhythm on the River, Longmont’s signature zero-waste event.

Come celebrate the environment, the community, art and music during the NEW hours: 5 to 10 pm on Friday and Saturday to embrace the cool Colorado evenings. Black lights throughout the venue will fluoresce white clothing.

Friday’s Grove Stage musical highlights include Delilah’s Revenge (5pm) Boogie Machine (6:15 pm) and Funkiphino (8 pm). Saturday night’s guests include Last Men on Earth (6 pm), Intuit (6:45pm) and White Water Ramble (8 pm). The Sunset Stage will feature Syrup, Something Underground, Post Paradise, Brent Cowles, The Reminders, and the Burroughs throughout the weekend.

Create your own art with either Home Depot for the younger visitors within Dizzy’s Play Place, or at Craft & Sip for teens and adults; play in the inflatable structures at The Play Place sponsored by Dizzy’s Fun Center; paddle and climb at the Outdoor Adventure Land; and enjoy great food, beverages and fun for kids of all ages.

Free parking and shuttle service are available at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/ROTR or call 303-651-8404 for more information and a complete schedule.

The Greenway Glow: Roger’s River Run 5K

Along with the new Rhythm Reversed theme, the Roger’s River Run 5K has been flipped for you to glow! Join in at 7:30 pm on Friday, July 8, in your glow and party apparel to run, walk, or dance the 5K, all the way to the GLOW After Party! Early bird registration fees are \$17 for adults and \$15 for youth age 14 and younger and seniors 60 and older. Race day fees increase \$5 on a space-available basis. For details and to register, visit LongmontColorado.gov/ROTR or call 303-651-8406.

New Utility Bill Payment System Coming Soon!

The City of Longmont will launch a new utility bill payment system later this year. The new system, hosted by Paymentus, will provide several convenient new ways to manage your utility account and make payments online.

If you wish to take advantage of the auto pay feature you must register your payment in the new system method in advance. If you have already set up a recurring credit card payment, you will have to reconfirm your details.

To follow the progress of the new system, get details of how and when to register your payment for auto pay, and to reconfirm existing payment details, visit bit.ly/LongmontUtilityBillPay.



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A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Stringent oil and gas regulations protect residents

Despite the Colorado Supreme Court's decision to overturn Longmont's fracking ban, the City's oil and gas regulations, passed by the Longmont City Council in 2012, remain in effect.

Back then, after much debate, Longmont secured important protections for the community that will protect the health and safety of our residents.

The regulations generally restrict new oil and gas surface operations in residentially zoned areas, require disclosure of fracking chemicals to the city's first responders, set groundwater monitoring rules, and limit visual and noise disturbance, among other things. The regulations also require industry to incorporate best management practices used throughout the state in their Longmont operations.

As you may recall, the State of Colorado and the Colorado Oil and Gas Association sued Longmont over these restrictions, but they voluntarily dismissed that lawsuit in October 2014, agreeing never again to sue the City to challenge these regulations, and the regulations remain in effect today.

When Longmont residents voted to impose the fracking ban in 2012, we knew the City would be sued, but the Council also knew it had an obligation to fight this battle. Longmont can hold its collective head high knowing that our legal team put together an excellent case and made the right legal arguments. I have been very pleased with our vigorous defense of Longmont's charter in accordance with the will of the people.

And we can be proud of the oil and gas regulations we have in place. Although not perfect, we believe that these rules will withstand any legal challenges. We will continue to protect the health and welfare of Longmont residents and fight for the right to control our own destiny.

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Holiday Schedules

Longmont city government observes the Independence Day holiday on **MONDAY, JULY 4**. These facilities will be **CLOSED**: Civic Center | Service Center | Development Services Center | Longmont Museum | Longmont Public Library | Longmont Senior Center | Longmont Youth Center | Centennial Pool | St. Vrain Memorial Building | Waste Diversion Center

These facilities will be **OPEN**:

Recreation Center - 10 am to 4 pm
Roosevelt Activity Pool - 10 am to 4 pm
Kanemoto Activity Pool - 10 am to 5 pm
Sunset Pool - 9 to 10 am for lap swim, 10 am to 5 pm for open swim; special holiday AquaZumba class at 9 am.

There will be no trash and recycling collection on the holiday. It will be collected one day later than usual throughout the 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, June 25, at Ute Creek Golf Course, 2000 Ute Creek Drive. Council members Christensen and Finley are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on Saturday, July 23, at La Vita Bella, 475 Main Street.

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

The Fight Against Potholes

Warmer weather brings out potholes that were created through the winter's freeze-thaw cycles. Each spring, our road maintenance crews begin working to fill potholes. Our strategy is to start with the highest traffic roads and then progress to side streets and neighborhoods.

You Can Help!

City maintenance personnel routinely inspect major roadways and connecting streets, monitoring them for many conditions, including the development of potholes. If you notice a pothole forming on a street in Longmont, you can report it two ways:

1. Submit a Street Repair Request at ServiceWorks.LongmontColorado.gov
2. Call 303-774-4446.

Ultimately, taking care of potholes in a timely manner will prolong a street's useful life and reduce future maintenance and rehabilitation costs. With citywide cooperation, we can fight back against potholes and work together to keep our streets well-maintained.

Planning for Sustainability

The City of Longmont has been updating the City's Sustainability Plan. The plan supports the guiding principles of Envision Longmont while focusing on a 10-year time frame in which to advance social equity, environmental stewardship, and economic vitality for all residents of Longmont. The plan uses an integrated, relational approach to identify objectives, targets, timelines, and activities in 10 primary areas, including Built Environment, Natural Environment, Air Quality, Community, Food System, Economic Vitality, Energy, Transportation, Water, and Waste. For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov/sustainability.

Stay safe this summer against West Nile virus

And don't miss notification of mosquito spraying!

The City's Mosquito Control Plan is a multifaceted program to prevent the spread of West Nile virus caused by affected mosquitoes.

The plan includes extensive monitoring and testing of mosquitoes in areas that are known breeding grounds, application of larvicide in areas where mosquitoes that carry West Nile (*Culex spp.*) are detected, and localized spraying of mosquito adulticide where high numbers of adult mosquitoes are present.

When necessary, spraying takes place on Thursday evenings, and notices of spraying locations are placed in the Times-Call and on the City's website. **You also can register to receive email notification when spraying will take place.** Just visit LongmontColorado.gov, click on the "News" tab near the top of the page, then select "eNotification Subscription."

But the most important thing you can do to protect yourself from West Nile virus is to observe the four Ds of mosquito prevention:

- Use **DEET** or an alternative mosquito repellent
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants
- Avoid being outside between **Dusk and Dawn**
- **Drain** standing water

FIGHT THE BITE

For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov/westnile and CoMosquitoControl.com. You also can call 970-962-2583 to request that your residence be excluded from spraying.

Know the "ground" rules: CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

There's a lot more to Longmont than most people see. And when that includes gas, electric, water, and telecom lines, it's good to be careful where you put your shovel.

In Colorado, this means following the "Call Before You Dig" law, which helps prevent utility lines from being cut during underground work of any kind. Following the law is simple:

- **If you're going to dig in your property or in a nearby easement or right-of-way call 811.** This warns anyone who has an underground line in the area, so they can mark the location with paint or a flag. You **MUST** call at least two business days in advance.

- **If you own an underground line in an easement or right-of-way, call 303-205-6367.** This lets you register your line with the Utility Notification Center of Colorado (UNCC). This isn't just for large companies like Xcel; smaller HOA irrigation systems also need to be registered. This costs \$25 a year, along with a small charge for each notification. Failing to call could leave you on the hook for repair costs if a line is broken and could disrupt service to an entire area. This can be especially dangerous in the case of gas and electric lines.

Finally, if there are flags in your yard, please leave them in place – they're protecting your lines from harm. If the flags seem to have been on your property for a long time, call UNCC at 800-922-1987 to ask if it's safe to remove them. The flag colors indicate the service being marked:

- Blue – Water
- Green – Wastewater
- Yellow – Natural gas
- Red – Electric
- Orange – Communications (phone/cable/internet)
- Purple – Storm drain or irrigation
- Pink – Engineering survey mark

So remember, stay safe and call ahead! That's something we can all dig.



Where there's music in the air



The **LONGMONT MUSEUM'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** will present three great shows in July beginning at 6:30 pm.

- Thursday, July 7: Mariachi Vasquez
- Thursday, July 14: Take Down the Door
- Thursday, July 21: Bringers of Swing

The **RECREATION SERVICES SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** is on the road in 2016! Concerts begin at 6:30 pm.

- Tuesday, July 12: Bonnie and the Clydes perform at Blue Skies Park, 1520 Mountain Drive.
- Tuesday, July 26: Get the blues with the Delta Sonics at Dawson Park, 1757 Harvard Street.

The **DOWNTOWN LONGMONT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** wraps up its season on Friday, July 22, with Split Lip Rayfield performing at 4th Avenue and Main Street during the ColoRODans annual event. Gates open at 5:30 pm.

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 the complete summer concert schedule visit <http://ow.ly/NCzyg>.

Men's City Championship GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunset, Twin Peaks and Ute Creek golf courses will host the Men's City Championship Golf Tournament on July 15, 16 and 17.



For a list of upcoming tournaments and other golf events, visit GolfLongmont.com.

Celebrate the 4th!

** CONCERT ** IN THE PARK

Join the Longmont Symphony Orchestra at noon on July 4 in Thompson Park, 4th Avenue at Bross Street, for a free concert and Independence Day celebration. Bring your picnic and blanket, and enjoy the good company and great music.

** FIREWORKS **

Beginning at about 9:30 pm, the sky over Longmont will explode with the brilliance of hundreds of fireworks sponsored by the City of Longmont with the generous support of the Skyline Kiwanis Club. Fireworks take place at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. For the best view, park at a nearby shopping center and walk to the fenced area in front of the arena or watch from anywhere within one mile of the fairgrounds. Handicap-accessible parking is available at the fairground's south Nelson Road entrance with a handicap parking permit. Please leave pets at home and keep them inside, as fireworks can be very stressful for them.

Get your **SPORT** on with **LONGMONT ATHLETICS and GOLF**

Longmont Recreation & Golf services offers summer camps and educational classes for youth and adults of all ages. Youth sports camps and lessons beginning in July include t-ball, tennis, archery, basketball handling, and more!

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES Registration has begun for Fall Softball, Fall Kickball and new 8v8 GLOW Kickball, a less competitive league focused on fun. League fees vary; games begin in August. Sign up as an individual or with a team.



Check out the large selection of adult sports at LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

LET'S PLAY GOLF! Have fun while learning the basics of club handling, aim, stroke and form. Drop-in golf lessons for youth at Twin Peaks and Ute Creek golf courses continue in July. Optional 9-hole play is available after lessons at Twin Peaks for those age 9 and older.

Beginning golfers ages 5-10 will focus on fun while learning the basics of grip, stance and swing during SNAG Golf Camps at Sunset Golf Course. SNAG is the perfect starter class to get your child hooked on golf. Private instruction also is available at all City of Longmont courses. Visit GolfLongmont.com for details.

Itty Bitty City is taking a break for the summer, but children ages 2 through 12 can enjoy weekly themed crafts and activities from 9 to 11 am every Friday through July 29 at the Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center, 3001 Sandstone Drive. Parents must supervise their children, and please consider carpooling due to limited parking. The Visitors Center is closed July 1.

Fun Fridays are FREE with a \$2 per child suggested donation to cover the cost of craft supplies.

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