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Have Fun and Help Longmont Spruce Up for Spring

The City's annual "Clean-up Green-up" campaign, sponsored by the City of Longmont and the Times-Call, begins on April 6 and runs through April 30.



Businesses, civic groups, schools, neighborhoods, families and individuals are invited to help spruce up the city. Volunteers can pick a park, greenway, alley or open space to clean up, or an area can be assigned to you.

The kick-off for the month-long campaign is from 7:30 to 10:30 am on Saturday, April 6, at the Parks & Forestry Administration Building, 7 South Sunset Street, across from Izaak Walton Park. The City will provide the famous 35-gallon orange garbage bags and recycle bags to get you going. If you can't participate on the kick-off day, you can help "Clean-up Green-up" through April 30. Participants' names will be printed in the Times-Call after the clean-up effort ends.

For more information call Lore Blattner at 303-651-8446.

Clean-up Green-up Calendar



Saturday, April 6

7:30 to 10:30 am

Clean-Up Green-up Campaign kick-off
at 7 S. Sunset St.

Saturday, April 27

8:30 am to noon

Downtown Longmont Clean & Green. Volunteers are needed to help clean up Main Street and around buildings, parking lots, alleys, breezeways, sidewalks, and other downtown structures that need a little extra TLC to help them shine again. Come with a friend or form a team and make downtown a beautiful and vibrant destination for everyone. Breakfast and t-shirts will be provided for all volunteers. To sign up or get more information call Deborah Whitcomb at 303-547-2914, or visit the Longmont Downtown Development Authority website at www.downtownlongmont.com.

Celebrate Earth Day!

Saturday, April 20

8:30 am to noon

Earth Day 2013! at the Longmont Senior Center,
910 Longs Peak Avenue

To celebrate Earth Day the Hoe & Hope Garden Club is sponsoring **free** education and information sessions on topics including Square Foot Gardening, Starting Spring Gardening Indoors, Growing in the Shade, Basic Flower Design and Arranging, and more! This is open to all ages, but geared to adults. Call the Senior Center at 303-651-8411 for more information and to register.



Update: City Broadband Services

With the passage of ballot question 2A, Longmont's residents voted to allow the City to leverage its own fiber optic infrastructure. Since then, Longmont Power & Communications (LPC) has been actively working to use this asset for the benefit of the community's businesses and residents. In 2012 alone:

- Free Wi-Fi was deployed in five City parks as well as at the airport, at the City of Longmont Job Fair, and at community events.
- Systemwide testing of the City's broadband infrastructure was completed, and a gigabit fiber switch on the network was deployed.
- City council passed an ordinance allowing staff to establish rates and provide service.
- A broadband services business plan was begun. The completed plan will be presented to council this spring.

In 2013, there is limited funding available to provide services, including high speed Internet connections, as an initial deployment to businesses and residents. Some neighborhoods that are in close proximity to aerial fiber points or underground conduit will receive the earliest residential services. In addition, LPC has identified 1,280 businesses that are within 500 feet of City fiber. These will be the first businesses eligible to use the network. During the first phase of development, customer fees will cover any costs associated with the expansion of infrastructure required for these connections.

More than a century ago, the citizens of

Katie Witt Appointed to National Transportation Committee



Council Member Katie Witt has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2013 Transportation Infrastructure & Services Policy and Advocacy Committee. This committee has the lead

responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving transportation, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit; streets and highways; aviation; railroads and ports.

As a member of this committee, Witt will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions. With Longmont's emerging importance in transportation issues along the Front Range, Witt's position will bring the voice of her constituents to national level discussions as well.

Longmont had the foresight to create a municipal electric utility for the community's benefit. Since that time, LPC has provided low rates, reliable power, and local utility staff who offer strong customer service. This has contributed to a high quality of life for residents and has proved to be an advantage to businesses that locate to our city.

Over the past year, LPC has been working to responsibly develop broadband services so that they offer the same high value. If you'd like ongoing updates about LPC's progress, information is available at www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc/TC. You also can subscribe to the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts, where news is posted regularly.



Dennis L. Coombs

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!

In March, Coffee with Council will be held from **9 to 10 am on Saturday, March 30, at Ziggi's, 400 Main Street**. Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Santos and Council Member Brian Bagley are scheduled to attend. In April Coffee with Council will be from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, April 20, at the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 400 Quail Road.

For information about city council meetings and agendas, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council or call 303-651-8649.

Volunteer to Help as a Victim Advocate

The Longmont Department of Public Safety is recruiting volunteer Victim Advocates, who are on call to help families in crisis. Advocates could be helping a victim of domestic violence, comforting a family who unexpectedly lost a loved one, or meeting with a victim of crime who needs support. These volunteers help ensure that victims receive all the rights they are entitled by law. To apply visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/police or call 303-651-8855 for additional information.

You belong on an advisory board!

What's your passion? Preserving history? Protecting the environment? Longmont's beautiful parks and open spaces? Ensuring that community services are available to everyone?

The City of Longmont has 22 citizen-based boards, committees, and commissions on which more than 150 residents serve. Citizen participation helps ensure that our local government is truly addressing the needs of the Longmont community through the services, planning and decision making provided by each board.

The Longmont City Council recently adjusted the terms for various boards to more equally balance the recruitment process. **Applications are now being accepted for terms that begin in July 1.**

What are the requirements? Primarily a desire to serve and to participate in deliberation on topics of importance to the city. In addition, all board applicants must be residents of Longmont for at least one year prior to serving, and they must be registered voters.

Current volunteer board vacancies:

- Art in Public Places Commission
- Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- Board of Environmental Affairs
- Cable Trust Board
- Longmont Downtown Development Authority (special qualifications; please contact the City Clerk's office for information)
- Longmont Housing Authority
- Library Advisory Board
- Museum Advisory Board
- Transportation Advisory Board
- Water Board

It's easy to apply!

- 1. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/boards/application.**
- 2. Click on "Complete and submit your application online."**
- 3. Fill out the application and submit!**

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649.

Hack Your Way Into Local Government

Take a hack at improving local government services by participating in the Longmont Hackathon during the weekend beginning April 12 at Skyline High School.

Sponsored by the City of Longmont, the Hackathon is open to anyone interested in using the City's information (open data sets) to build software and apps to enhance City services. From experienced developers to young wizards, everyone is invited to come make a difference in our community.

Bring your own ideas or use one of the many submissions listed at LongmontHackathon.com. Ideas submitted so far include apps for a community calendar, a crime map, making park reservations, library happenings, road conditions, volunteering, real-time bus location, and an app that gauges public opinion. Submit your ideas any time, and vote for your favorite suggestions online.

Hackathon participants are encouraged to work in teams, and single developers can join a team on the first night of the event. Registration is free at the Hackathon website.

You're also invited to volunteer at the Hackathon; just sign up on the Hackathon website.

Organizers are working with sponsors to provide awards for the most innovative software ideas. Businesses interested in sponsorship opportunities can contact Scott Converse at sconverse@gmail.com or 303-875-1243.



Outdoor Warning Tests Begin in April

Every year from April through August, the City of Longmont tests the outdoor emergency warning system the first Monday of each month at 10 am. Other than for testing, the system will be used only to notify the community when action should be taken.

The sirens are for OUTDOOR warnings, although you might hear a nearby siren indoors. If you hear the siren and it isn't 10 am on the first Monday of the month, you should immediately seek shelter inside and tune to a local television or radio station to learn more about the nature of the emergency.

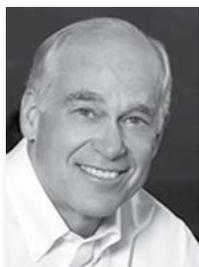
Comcast channel 8 and radio station KOA 850-AM are good choices.

Please DO NOT CALL 911 when you hear the siren unless you have a real emergency. It is critical to keep the 911 lines open for people who require immediate assistance. Residents are encouraged to use battery-operated weather radios that activate automatically during severe weather.

For more information, contact the City of Longmont Office of Emergency Management at 303-651-8438 or email donna.platt@ci.longmont.co.us.



T. A. Barron



John Fielder

The Longmont Public Library will host a two-week festival from Sunday, April 7, through Saturday, April 20, that begins with a kick-off party for the whole family. Many author appearances and an anthology of work by area residents are just two of the festival highlights.

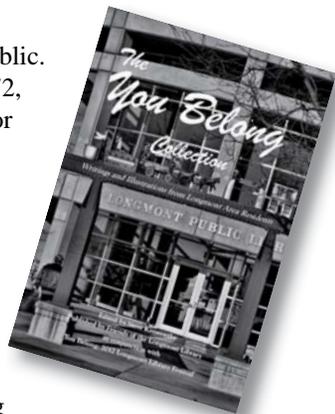
Among those scheduled to appear are author T. A. Barron (*Merlin* books), winner of the 2011 de Grummond USM medallion for “lifetime contribution to the field of children’s and young adult literature,” and nature photographer John Fielder, author of many books on Colorado, both of whom will be discussing their works.

Author/illustrator team Karla Oceanak and Kendra Spanjer, who produce the Aldo Zelnick comic novel series, will conduct a drawing workshop for children and hold a book signing. A poetry slam, a “Teen After Dark” party, and a writers workshop also will be featured. The festival closes with the “75 Colorado Authors Open House.”

All events are free and open to the public.

Stop by the Library, call 303-651-8472, or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/library for more information and a complete event schedule. Also, check out the Library’s pages on Facebook and Twitter.

This festival is made possible through funding from Friends of the Longmont Library (www.friendsofthelongmontlibrary.org). The Friends support programs at the Library through membership, fundraising and donations.



2013 Ralph Price Reservoir Fishing Permit Sale Kicks Off on April 1

Local anglers know that April 1 isn’t only for fools – it’s for fishermen!

Six hundred annual fishing permits for Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 am on April Fool’s Day.

Ralph Price Reservoir, Longmont’s primary water supply located within the preserve, is open for fishing by permit only from May 1 through October 31.

Annual permits cost \$20 for City of Longmont and Town of Lyons water utility customers and \$30 for non-utility customers.

Anyone may purchase a fishing permit on behalf of another person; however, there is a limit of four annual permits sold per person, per day. In addition, a **valid Colorado state fishing license must be presented at the time of purchase for**

Purchase fishing permits beginning April 1 at:

Longmont City Clerk’s Office
350 Kimbark Street (303-651-8649)
Cash or check only

St. Vrain Memorial Building
700 Longs Peak Avenue (303-651-8404)
Credit card, cash or check

Lyons Town Hall
432 5th Avenue (303-823-6622)
Cash or check only

each permit purchased; neither photocopies nor mail-in applications are accepted. Youth age 15 and younger are not required to hold a fishing license or a fishing permit as long as a permitted angler accompanies them.

If you miss the boat on April 1, you can buy daily fishing permits beginning in mid-May for \$10 per angler, per day. Call the City Clerk’s office at 303-651-8649 for details.

For information about Button Rock Preserve, call the City of Longmont Water Department at 303-651-8376.

