

Emerald Ash Borer is Here *Be aware. Be prepared.*



The invasive tree pest emerald ash borer (EAB) was confirmed in the City of Longmont this summer. EAB is a non-native, wood-boring beetle that is responsible for the death or decline of hundreds of millions of ash trees in the United States and Canada. This detection represents the first confirmation of EAB in Colorado outside the City of Boulder.

Longmont is estimated to have approximately 40,000 ash trees. Based on the City's Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, Forestry Services had already been working to remove low quality ash trees throughout town and replace them with new varieties.

Due to the confirmation of EAB in Longmont, the City is now focusing its resources on protective treatments for 900 of the approximately 2,800 City-owned ash trees. The City will not be treating private ash trees and recommends that residents take action now to assess and evaluate treatment for their trees.

Top five EAB tips for Longmont and Front Range residents

- **Determine now if you have ash trees.** Identifying features of ash trees include compound leaves with 5 to 9 leaflets; leaflets, buds and branches growing directly opposite from one another; and diamond-shaped bark ridges on mature trees.
- **If you have an ash tree, start planning.** Decide if the overall health of the tree merits treatment or if it would be best to remove and replace it with a different species. If you aren't sure, contact a certified arborist. If you opt for pesticide treatment, the applicator must be licensed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator.
- **Recognize signs of EAB infestation.** Be on the lookout for thinning of upper branches and twigs, loss of leaves, D-shaped 1/8-inch holes on the bark, vertical bark splitting or increased woodpecker activity. Report suspect trees by calling the CDA at 1-888-248-5535 or filling out the EAB Report Form at bit.ly/eab-report-form.
- **Be aware of EAB imposters.** Other insects such as lilac/ash borer, ash bark beetle and flat-headed apple tree borer may look like EAB or cause similar tree symptoms. For more information, visit eabcolorado.com.
- **Help prevent further spread of EAB.** Do not transport ash or any hardwood firewood, or any other untreated ash wood products, to other locations. Boulder County and some surrounding areas are under a federal EAB quarantine, allowing for stiff fines for those who move untreated wood from the area.



Do you have ash trees? Ash leaves have 5 to 9 leaflets growing directly opposite one another and diamond-shaped bark ridges.

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

For more information about ash tree identification, EAB symptoms and treatment options, visit eabcolorado.com.



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Make a plan to vote

The presidential campaign is dominating the political headlines these days, but it's equally important to pay attention to the state and local issues appearing on the November ballot. I urge you to be an informed citizen and be ready for this year's general election.

Since the last presidential election, there have been changes to how elections are conducted in Colorado. There are no longer "traditional" polling places. Instead all voters receive a ballot in the mail.

But, if a voter wants to vote in person, there are Voter Service and Polling Centers located throughout Boulder County – Longmont will have four centers available by Election Day with two opening two weeks prior to the election. The locations will be listed in the voter instructions that come with your mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed on October 17.

Check your voting registration early and make sure it's current. This is especially important if you've moved in the last year or if you haven't voted for a few years. Check online at BoulderCountyVotes.org.

If you haven't registered, registering is easy and can be done online in most circumstances. Also, there is no longer a registration deadline. You can register to vote up through and including Election Day, November 8, 2016.

There are no Longmont-sponsored election issues on this year's ballot, but there are issues that will affect Longmont residents that we should all pay attention to including a St. Vrain Valley School District bond measure, a question about single-payer health care in Colorado, renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) tax, and a measure to raise the minimum wage.

Please pay attention to these important issues, be informed and most importantly, please vote.

NEWS and EVENTS from Public Works & Natural Resources

SHRED EVENT • Saturday, October 8
9 am to 2 pm • Waste Diversion Center,
140 Martin Street. Take ID and your
most recent utility bill. Visit
LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or
call 303-651-8416 for more information.

MANY PARK RESTROOMS CLOSE
Saturday, October 15. A few park
restrooms remain open year-round,
and the restrooms at Clark Centennial
Park, Garden Acres Park, and
Sandstone Ranch ballfields remain
open until November 16. Visit
LongmontColorado.gov/parks
for a complete schedule.

**WASTE DIVERSION CENTER BEGINS
FALL/WINTER HOURS** • Saturday,
October 15. Hours are 7:30 am to
4:45 pm Monday through Saturday,
closed Sunday and holidays. Single-
stream recycling bins are available 24
hours a day, seven days a week. Take
ID and your most recent utility bill. Visit
LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or
call 303-651-8416 for more information.

PUMPKIN COMPOSTING at
the Waste Diversion Center,
140 Martin Street. Just toss
pumpkins on the tree limb pile.
Take ID and your most recent utility bill.

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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 from 9 to 10 am on Saturday,
September 24, at Perkins Restaurant,
2051 Main Street.**

Next month the final 2016 Coffee
with Council will be on October 22 at
the OUR Center, 250 3rd Avenue.

Passing through ...

Some things you should know about easements

Sometimes, even utilities need to visit the neighbors. It might be to work on your electric service, or repair a gas line, or even to build some of the new NextLight™ fiber-optic broadband system.

For all that, and more, your property may have an easement. Easements give utility workers a "service entrance" to your property so they can quickly and efficiently do necessary work that benefits not just your home or business, but also the numerous other properties that your utility lines cross. Until that work takes place, it's easy to forget that the easement is there! Here are a few facts to know:

- **How long does an easement last?** Easements don't expire. They remain part of the platted land regardless of who owns the property.
- **Can you let me know when you're coming?** In a city the size of Longmont, that's a lot of calls to make! Most utilities will knock on the door as a courtesy, but the easement does allow their workers to enter the property and work without prior notice, allowing them to be done and gone as quickly as possible.
- **Can I use the easement?** If it doesn't interfere with activities that need to happen in the easement and city code doesn't otherwise forbid it, yes. But be careful – anything that's placed in an easement or right-of-way, such as landscaping or a sprinkler system, is there at the owner's risk. If that use gets damaged by construction or repair work, the utility is not required to fix it, though in many cases, Longmont Power & Communications and Public Works & Natural Resources will try to get things back to their original state or close to it, in order to be a good neighbor.
- **How do I know if a worker belongs in the utility easement?** If you're not sure if a visitor is a utility worker, it's OK to ask for ID. City of Longmont employees and contractors carry a photo ID with a phone number that you can call for verification.
- **How is an easement different from a right-of-way?** A right-of-way is public land that allows a specific use to be placed on the location, such as water lines, storm sewers, or other utilities. An easement is typically on private property and allows the user – such as an electric or communications utility – to come on the property to install, maintain, or repair their equipment.

Remember, these visits happen only when they're needed. After all, having an easement should be ... well, easy!



In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley and LEVI (Longmont Ending Violence Initiative) will cohost the 3rd Annual Race Against Domestic Violence 5K Run/Walk at McIntosh Lake on Saturday, October 1. This is a professionally timed race that is well suited for both casual and competitive participants. Proceeds from this all-ages family event starting at Dawson Park, 1757 Harvard Street, will benefit victims of domestic violence and their families. Register online at RaceMenu.com/radv5k.

Recreation Services is looking for instructors

Do you have knowledge of a special subject, skills you would like to share with others, or perhaps a hobby that you love to talk about? Whatever it might be, we're always in search of new class topics and would love to hear your ideas. Call Elizabeth at 303-651-8394 for information.



Resilience planning moves into construction phase for creek post-flood work

While flooding can happen in an instant, the work to recover and prepare to avoid future devastation takes much longer.

As the third anniversary of the September 2013 flooding approaches, the City is preparing to break ground this fall on the initial two sections of Resilient St. Vrain, the extensive, multiyear undertaking to fully restore the St. Vrain Greenway and improve the St. Vrain Creek channel to protect people and property from future flooding.

Work in the Sandstone Ranch area will focus on restoring damaged portions of the St. Vrain Greenway trail through the park, including new bridges for pedestrians

and cyclists. Creek stabilization to protect trails, access roads and infrastructure from future flood damage is another key component of the work in this area.

A fall start also is planned for the first phase of the project's City Reach, from Main Street to Left Hand Creek. Work in this section will restore the greenway trail and improve the creek channel to protect public and private infrastructure from flood damage. Work will also take place on the creek areas of Dickens Farm Park, a planned district park that currently is scheduled for build-out in early 2018, after Resilient St. Vrain construction in the area is complete.

For more information and to sign up for updates, visit LongmontColorado.gov/ResilientStVrain or call 303-651-8376.

Longmont Celebrates Day of the Dead

At the Longmont Museum

400 Quail Road

LongmontColorado.gov/museum

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EXHIBITION

October 15 – November 5

Free admission

The Dia de los Muertos exhibition will be held this year in the Swan Atrium, a two-story light-filled space in the Museum's Stewart Auditorium. It will showcase original artwork by local artists Carlos Frésquez and Francisco Zamora. Altars for the dead, created by members of the community, will be a central part of the exhibit.

OPENING RECEPTION Friday, October 14, 6 to 8 pm. Free admission and refreshments.

DAY OF THE DEAD FAMILY CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 5

11 am to 3 pm, free admission

Enjoy live entertainment including music and dancing, sugar skull decorating, traditional food, community altars, paper flower making, face painting, Lady Catrina and more! Come dressed in your finest *calaca* (skeleton) apparel – Lady Catrina 2016 will be crowned!

In Downtown Longmont

DowntownLongmont.com

2ND FRIDAY

Friday, October 14 | 6 to 9 pm

Celebrate Day of the Dead with gallery openings, promotions and special Day of the Dead altars. A trolley tour will transport visitors from the 300 block east parking lot in downtown Longmont to the Longmont Museum's Day of the Dead opening reception from 5:45 to 8 pm. The cost for the trolley is \$5 (prepaid at DowntownLongmont.com) or \$8 on the day of the event. Receive goodies and enjoy learning about Day of the Dead while you ride.



And Halloween, Too, at the 40th Annual Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat Street

Saturday, October 29 | 10 am

Dust off your Halloween costume and march on Main Street! Kids of all ages are invited to be part of Longmont's free Halloween costume foot parade. No registration is required, and strollers or wagons are recommended for tiny feet. No motorized vehicles, please. Dogs are welcomed but must be leashed. Line-up begins at 9:30 at Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Avenue. Call 303-651-8404 for more information, and see the parade route map at LongmontColorado.gov/rec. Following the parade, visit participating Downtown merchants for Trick or Treat Street.



ZOMBIE SHOOT

The Longmont Firing Range and Training Center offers zombie fun for participants ages 12 and older. Solo or with your team partner, maneuver your way through a "research facility" using Simunition® handguns. Encounter numerous live zombie actors, eliminate them, and save Dr. Myers, who has the antidote to save the world. Register for a specific start time on October 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 or 29. A parent/guardian must be present with children age 12 to 14. Cost is \$40 per person or \$65 per team. Register online at LongmontColorado.gov/rec (keyword zombie).

Kindergarten/1st/2nd YAB Basketball

For kindergarten, first and second grade boys and girls, this program emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development and fun. First and second graders play games at the end of the season on weeknights. The kindergarten program is at 4:15 pm on Fridays; others choose between M/W and T/H 4:15 pm practices. Begins in early October at the Longmont Recreation Center, and each participant receives a t-shirt and a basketball. Call 303-774-4800 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for fee information and to register.

Parents' Night Out

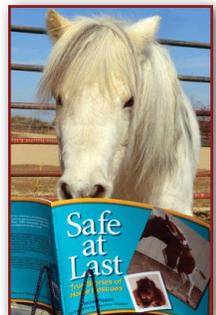
Drop your kiddos age 5 to 10 at Centennial Pool from **5 to 9 pm on Saturday, October 15** for a fun, supervised evening of swimming and a movie while you enjoy a parents' night out! Light dinner and snacks included. \$20 per resident; \$2 multichild discount. Call 303-651-8406 to register. No day-of registration.



Popular Authors Open House Returns to the Longmont Library

Meet 50 local authors – and a miniature horse! – on October 1

Book love is more fun when it's shared! Start the fun at **11 am** with children's author Elaine Pease, who will share her book "Safe at Last: True Stories of Horse Rescues" and introduce her companion and miniature horse Mini Pearl. **Call 303-651-8477 to register** for Elaine and Mini's visit.



The main Open House festivities will be from 1 to 3:30 pm. Meet dozens of authors from all the major genres. All ages and reading levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. No registration needed for the main Open House.

The Library is at 409 4th Avenue.