

*Get in now!*

## CURBSIDE COMPOSTING SERVICE begins in Longmont in spring 2017.

City of Longmont sanitation customers can choose to add compost collection to their trash and recycling services; compost service is provided only by subscription. Residents are encouraged to sign up now to reserve a cart and be among the first served.

**Cost:** \$6.60/month for a 96-gallon cart with pick-up every other week

### Sign up by phone:

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 5 pm  
303-651-8416

### Sign up online anytime:

[LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste](http://LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste)

## Link2LONGMONT

Service and information 24/7

- Report a problem
- Register a concern
- Check the status of your request
- Ask questions → Get answers

ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT:  
[LongmontColorado.gov/Link2Longmont](http://LongmontColorado.gov/Link2Longmont)



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# LoCo for COMPOSTING

Longmont, Colorado, soon will be another on the list of cities across the Front Range and the nation in which residents can enjoy curbside composting service in addition to trash and recycling. Reducing our community's waste is a sustainable choice that brings environmental, economic and social benefits.

### What is compost?

Compost is organic material made from the decomposition of living things. Food and yard waste break down in the composting process and can be used to enhance and condition soil.

### Why compost?

By choosing to compost, you help:

- Save landfill space and delay building a new one
- Reduce methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas
- Enrich our Colorado soil, reducing the need for pesticides and herbicides
- Move Longmont one step closer to zero waste

### How do I compost at the curb?

- Curbside composting is as easy as curbside recycling. Simply put your food (including meat, dairy and bones), soiled paper (e.g., napkins, paper towels, tissues), shredded paper, yard waste and branches in the curbside compost cart.
- Your compostables will be picked up every other week and taken to a commercial facility where they are "cooked" at temperatures of up to 150 degrees, breaking down materials that won't decompose in your backyard compost pile and destroying disease-causing bacteria.
- A complete curbside composting guide will be provided inside your compost cart when it is delivered. The guide also is available online at [LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste](http://LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste).

Visit [LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste](http://LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste) to learn more about the curbside compost service. There, you'll also find answers to lots of frequently asked questions.

Make the choice to reduce your household's waste. Get in now and **Go LoCo for Composting!**





## A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

# Saving water for the future

Longmont residents enjoy some of the best water in Colorado. We have former civic leaders, including Ralph Price, Milt Nelson, and Larry Flanders, to thank for their incredible foresight and planning to provide our community with great water quality and ample supply. These visionaries created the groundwork for Longmont to provide a critical basic service that allows us to remain a vibrant and prosperous community.

Just as our forefathers did, we have the same obligation to plan and pay for water that is needed today and will be used by future generations. That's why the Longmont City Council recently voted to increase our level of participation in the development of a new regional raw water storage reservoir to be constructed west of Carter Lake, referred to as the Windy Gap FIRMING Project. The purpose of the project is to increase storage capacity to meet current and future water needs of the communities it will serve.

This change in Longmont's level of participation does impact the financial plan previously put in place by the water utility.

In early 2015, the city council adopted water rate increases for 2015 through 2019. The average increase for customers from these adopted rates is 9% each year for five years. These increases do not include the additional revenues needed to fund Longmont's expanded involvement in the Windy Gap FIRMING Project. The City is now considering ways to fully fund our share of the project, including paying cash or using a combination of cash and debt financing.

Because this decision will affect water rates\*, the City is gathering feedback from the community. A web page at [bit.ly/windy-gap-funding](http://bit.ly/windy-gap-funding) provides full detail on the project and financing options, as well as an online form for residents to submit comments. We're also working with an independent research company to conduct a scientifically valid survey, which was mailed to 3,000 randomly selected households in Longmont.

If your household received the mailed survey, thank you for taking the time to complete it. I encourage others to visit the web page to share your comments. They will be extremely valuable as council considers the best funding option.

\* Note: All rate adjustments must be adopted by the city council before becoming law in the City's municipal code. This process comprises two readings of the ordinance, including a public hearing. It is anticipated that potential rate adjustments will go before city council in November or December of 2016.

## LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



Standing, left to right: Mayor Pro Tem Brian Bagley, Joan Peck, Jeff Moore, Gabe Santos, Seated, left to right: Bonnie Finley, Mayor Dennis Coombs, Polly Christensen

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# Holiday Schedules

Longmont city government observes the **Veterans Day** holiday on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**. All City facilities will be **CLOSED** except the **Longmont Recreation Center, St. Vrain Memorial Building and Centennial Pool, which will be open regular hours.**

All City facilities also will be closed for **Thanksgiving on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**, except **Centennial Pool**, which will be open for lap swim from 7 to 11 am. Thursday trash and recycling will be collected on Friday.

Although Longmont city government observes the day after **Thanksgiving, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**, as a holiday, the Longmont Museum, Longmont Recreation Center, St. Vrain Memorial Building, and Centennial Pool will be open regular hours. All other facilities will be closed.

## 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, the final Coffee with Council for 2016 will be from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, October 22, at the OUR Center, 220 Collyer Street.** Council members Christensen and Moore are scheduled to attend.

For information about council meetings, visit [LongmontColorado.gov/city\\_council](http://LongmontColorado.gov/city_council) or call 303-651-8649.

# Bag Your Leaves and Take Advantage of Curbside Collection

The City of Longmont offers residents FREE curbside collection of bagged leaves each fall. Know the rules, tips and schedule to be ready!

## RULES

- Leaves must be bagged (paper or plastic).
- All bags must be out **before 7 am on the MONDAY of your scheduled collection week.**
- Place bags in front of your house by the curb.
- Bags on private property or in alleys will not be collected.

## TIPS

- Pick up free leaf bags at the Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street beginning October 15 while supplies last.
- Only one pass will be made through each neighborhood, so be sure to have leaves out before 7 am on the Monday of your collection week.
- For those who miss the curbside collection or prefer to dispose of leaves on their own, the Waste Diversion Center accepts yard waste all year.

## SCHEDULE

<i>If your trash day is:</i>	<i>Place bagged leaves curbside:</i>
Monday.....	before 7 am on Monday, November 7
Tuesday.....	before 7 am on Monday, November 14
Wednesday.....	before 7am on Monday, November 21
Thursday.....	before 7 am on Monday, November 28

Visit [LongmontColorado.gov](http://LongmontColorado.gov) or call 303-651-8416 for details.



## Everything you want – and need – to know!

A lot has changed in Colorado since the last presidential election. Here's what you need to know to be ready for November:

- **All active voters in Colorado receive a ballot in the mail**, so check your voter registration! Make sure it's current. This is especially important if you've moved or if you haven't voted for a few years. Check online at [BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://BoulderCountyVotes.org).
- **Track your mail ballot.** Visit [BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://BoulderCountyVotes.org) now to sign up for Ballot Track to receive messages by email, text, or phone when your mail ballot has been printed, mailed, and received back by Boulder County Elections during election periods.
- **In-person voting is available.** A list of Voter Service and Polling Centers will be included in your mail ballot packet in case you prefer to vote in person.
- **Vote early!** Once you decide how to vote, return your mail ballot or go to a Voter Service Center to vote. Voting early helps reduce campaign phone calls for you and helps the county process ballots throughout the election period (no votes are tabulated before election night, though). Returning your ballot early has never been easier since there are now 11 secure videotaped 24-hour mail ballot drop boxes throughout Boulder County.



For more voter and election information, visit [BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://BoulderCountyVotes.org) or call 303-413-7740.

## Longmont VITA Needs You!

Would you like to be part of a fun, dynamic, and hardworking team that helps hundreds of low- to moderate-income people with free income tax preparation and e-filing? Longmont VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is seeking volunteers for these positions:

- **Tax Preparers** work with clients to prepare tax returns. VITA provides all the training, equipment, and resources. Tax preparers must pass a certification test using course materials.
- **Spanish/English Translators** ensure accurate communication between Spanish-speaking clients and English-speaking tax preparers.
- **Greeters** welcome clients and help them through the process.

**Tax preparation experience is not required.** The only requirements are a desire to help, the ability to use a computer, and a willingness to share your time.

Following training, you're asked to volunteer once a week for the 11 weeks that the site is open. You'll be finished by mid-April and free to enjoy the beautiful Colorado spring.

Email [info@longmontvita.org](mailto:info@longmontvita.org) for more information. You also can learn more about the program at [ColoradoVITA.org](http://ColoradoVITA.org).



# Experience lowrider cars and culture at the **LONGMONT MUSEUM**



**Longmont Museum | 400 Quail Road**

**Monday - Saturday | 9 am to 5 pm**

**Sunday | 1 to 5 pm**

**NEW! Late night hours on Thursdays through November 10 | 5 to 9 pm**

**Admission: \$8 adults | \$5 students and seniors | children 3 and younger and museum members FREE**

**LongmontColorado.gov/museum  
303-651-8374**

*Cars & Culture* features cars, custom bicycles, pinstriping and upholstery examples, old-school military hydraulics, vintage posters, and historic accessories all related to the lowrider scene.

You'll also learn about the steps required to transform a car from the junkyard into art on wheels. You'll see the entire right side of a Lincoln Town Car showing the progress from rusted to restored. Tomas Quiroz, co-owner of Tomas and Alberto Quiroz Brothers Auto Glass and Body of Longmont, showcases his talents with this one-of-a-kind piece. The project required slicing the car in half lengthwise, mounting it to a 20-foot long platform, and moving the colossal piece to the Museum. As you walk through the gallery you'll witness the stages involved in the creation of a lowrider champion.

**This exhibition is open through May 14, 2017.**

## Be part of the **LONGMONT LIGHTS** Winter Wonderland Parade

**December 10 on Main Street in Downtown Longmont**

The 2016 Longmont Lights Holiday Parade application deadline is quickly approaching! Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your organization in lights. All parade entries are eligible for prizes. A panel of judges will make their selection before the parade begins, and each winning entry will be awarded a banner to display along the route.

For more information and to apply, visit [ow.ly/RLMeu](http://ow.ly/RLMeu). The application deadline is **November 28**.



## Fun from Longmont Recreation

### November 5 ICE PAVILION Opens

Located in Roosevelt Park at 725 8th Avenue, the Longmont Ice Pavilion is a seasonal full-service outdoor ice facility offering public ice skating, hockey, skating lessons, and party facilities throughout the winter, weather permitting. Private rentals also are available.

The youth hockey program continues its expanded season in 2016-17! Practice begins the week of November 6, and registration is open until games begin.

For more information, call 303-774-4777 or visit [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec).



### November 12 TURKEY TROT

Register now for the 42nd Annual Longmont Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 12.

Sign up by October 23 to receive a personalized bib. You can register at all City of Longmont recreation facilities, on the City's website, or at [active.com](http://active.com).

The cost for the 10K run is \$20 - \$24 and \$18 - \$20 for the 2-mile.

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Heather at 303-774-4718. If you'd like your business to be a sponsor or vendor, call Sara at 303-774-4771.

For more information, visit [ow.ly/RLw9a](http://ow.ly/RLw9a).

### Parents' Day and Night Out

**Centennial Pool, 1201 Alpine Street**  
**Saturday, November 19 | 5 to 9 pm**  
**Saturday, December 17 | 12:30 to 4:30 pm**



For children ages 5 to 10.

Includes swimming, a movie, and a light meal.

\$20/resident;

\$25 nonresident.

Call 303-651-8406

to register.