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Explore the great things Sandstone Ranch offers all ages

Sandstone Ranch at 3001 E. Ken Pratt Boulevard is often called “Longmont’s crown jewel” for good reason. This 313-acre district and community park is abundant in natural, cultural, and historic significance.

Sandstone Ranch is centered around the historic Morse Coffin homestead, which is now a Visitors Center. The Visitors Center includes hands-on displays reflecting the area’s environmental features and other early Longmont history. Walking trails with interpretive signs, an overlook atop the sandstone bluffs and restored historic buildings are located along the southern portion of the property straddling the St. Vrain River.

At this eastern terminus of the St. Vrain Greenway, visitors frequently see numerous species, including white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, bald eagles and red-tailed hawks.

Sandstone Ranch also is home to sports fields, a skatepark, an adventure playground, and several picnic shelters.

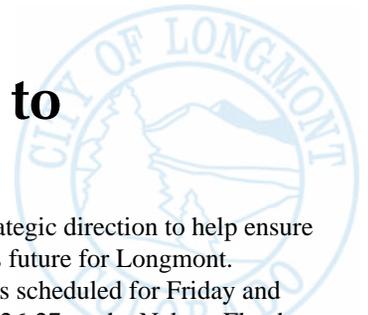
Throughout the year, Sandstone Ranch hosts nature programs, exploration camps for children, and special presentations and awareness walks. The summer program schedule will be available in May. And if you’d like to get involved with the park, volunteers and instructors are always welcome!

Beginning in May, check the Sandstone Ranch summer program schedule at www.ci.longmont.co.us; search “Sandstone Visitors Center.”

For information about available volunteer opportunities, call 303-651-8404.



Council Takes New Approach to Annual Retreat



There's excitement in the air, and the Longmont City Council is riding this wave of enthusiasm into the annual council retreat to be held at the end of this month.

Many of us are excited to embrace the changing times in Longmont – from a new management structure at city hall to the “new normal” in our economy to the City’s fresh approach of priority-based budgeting.

The times they are a-changin’ and city council members want to change with them.

With that in mind, at this year’s retreat we will:

- Examine Longmont’s history and review some historic milestones that have made Longmont the great community it is today;
- Engage in a profound discussion about leadership and the role of local government;
- Discuss economic development in the modern era; and

- Design a strategic direction to help ensure a prosperous future for Longmont.

The retreat is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, at the Nelson-Flanders Water Treatment Plant located at 13212 N. 53rd Street, on the north side of Highway 66 between Longmont and Lyons. Both sessions begin at 8:30 am. You can review the agenda at www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/reports.

I look forward to digging deeper into these issues with my fellow council members, and I’m confident that the Longmont community will benefit from this in-depth review.



Dennis L. Coombs



The Diagonal Shift program provides free transportation resources – maps, presentations, workshops, and more – to business representatives and residents along the Diagonal Highway (State Highway 119) and throughout Longmont to encourage people to carpool, vanpool, ride the bus, bike, and walk. Diagonal Shift can help your business or neighborhood start, advertise and promote these benefits and programs free of charge. Contact shift@bouldercounty.org or visit www.diagonalshift.com to get more information.

Free Landfill Drop Day

On Saturday, May 11, from 6 am to 2 pm, Longmont refuse customers can take one level pickup full of large items and debris, at no charge, to the Denver Regional Landfill at 1830 Weld County Road 5 in Erie.

Loads must be covered and secured for transport, and customers must bring a City of Longmont utility bill to verify Longmont refuse collection service. You also may be asked to produce identification. Some restrictions apply, and oversized loads and second loads will be billed accordingly.

Hard hats may be required in certain areas and can be purchased at the entrance.

For more information, call 303-651-8416.

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 April Coffee with Council will be held from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, April 20, at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Council members Bonnie Finley and Katie Witt are scheduled to attend.

In May, Coffee with Council will be on May 18 at Chick-fil-A at 215 Ken Pratt Boulevard.

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

West Side Alleyscape Work to Begin in May

The Alleyscape Project is heading west!

Construction is scheduled to begin in May on the alleys and breezeways on the west side of Main Street between 3rd and 6th avenues. The project will begin on the 300 block in May and the 400 block in August. The 500 block will be completed by June 2014. Work on each block should take about four months.



The goal of the Alleyscape Project is to create a more pedestrian- and shopper-friendly environment while correcting drainage problems and opening the breezeways for greater utility. **All businesses on these blocks will be open for business during construction.** Customers are asked to use Main Street entrances when the block is under construction.

Parking lots that adjoin the alleys will be closed in phases, but convenient on-street parking is available throughout the area and in the newly reconstructed lots on the east side of Main Street. There also is parking next to Jester's Dinner Theatre on the 200 east block of Main Street.

For up-to-date information on the construction schedule, parking lot availability and progress on this project visit www.downtownlongmont.com or call 303-651-8586.

Register Now for LPC's Renewable Power Purchase Program

While LPC provides 3% renewable power as part of its energy mix, some residents and businesses want to receive more. For those customers, LPC offers its Renewable Power Purchase Program.

With this program, you can elect to pay a little bit more each month to designate an additional portion of your electricity to come from a renewable source.

Residents can purchase 100 kWh blocks of power for the price of \$2.72 per month for each block. Businesses can purchase 500 kWh blocks at the cost of \$13.60 per month for each block.

Power purchased in this program is Green-e certified. That means you can be sure that it meets the environmental and consumer protection standards of the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions.

To sign up, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc and click on the image of the wind turbine, or call 303-651-8386.

Recreation Brochure is on the way to you!

Look for the Longmont Recreation Brochure that is mailed directly to Longmont households the week of April 8, and see all the great programs Longmont Recreation Services offers to help you "Get More From Life!"

Registration for all summer programs and activities begins April 16. Register in person at any Longmont Recreation Services facility, online at www.ci.longmont.co.us, or by phone at 303-651-8404.

Warm up your pipes! It's time for Longmont Idol

The annual Longmont Idol competition returns for 2013 with several great opportunities for the community to enjoy fun-filled family evenings while supporting some of our area's most talented residents.

The Longmont Idol singing competition is open to youth and young adults between the ages of 11 and 21 who reside in Boulder County or the St. Vrain Valley School District. From June through September contestants will perform at local community events, including Rhythm on the River and Festival on Main.

The top three contestants in each age category will be announced at the final performance and will receive a cash prize: \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place.

Applications must be received no later than 5 pm on Friday, April 26. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on the evening of Friday,

May 10, at Children and Youth Resources, 1050 Lashley Street.

If you or your business would like to support this year's Longmont Idol competition, please contact Children and Youth Resources at 303-651-8580. And if you're not performing, please come out to cheer on your favorite Idols!

Competition rules, registration forms, and sponsorship information are available at Children and Youth Resources, 1050 Lashley Street, or at www.ci.longmont.co.us/youth_services/idol. Or, call 303-651-8580 for more information.



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo Longmont Style



This year's 11th annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration aims to create awareness of the many diverse cultures that exist in our county and create a better understanding and recognition of the contributions of Latino culture in Longmont.

Longmont's Cinco de Mayo Celebration has a long history of being a healthy, family-oriented, alcohol- and tobacco-free event. Enjoy musical and dance entertainment groups, vendor and information booths, a car show, the famous Chihuahua contest, and tons of great food! There also are many fun activities for children, and admission is free.

This year's car show will be hosted by the Touch of Pride Car Club from 11:30 am to 6 pm. All entries must register between 7 am and 1:30 pm and have a signed liability waiver on file to participate. Entry fees are \$25 for cars, \$15 for bikes, and free for "under construction" entries.



Longmont's CINCO DE MAYO

Saturday, May 4

11 am to 6 pm

Roosevelt Park,
700 Longs Peak
Avenue

- Music
- Dance
- Shopping
- Car show
- Chihuahua contest
- Community information
- Great food



For more information visit
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Entertainment lineup to be announced soon!

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