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Calling All Angels ...

The Longmont Department of Public Safety is seeking volunteer "Angels" to work with the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative. This program encourages drug users to seek recovery and connects them to treatment programs and facilities. Program callouts can occur at any time of day or night; however, it is not a requirement to be available 24 hours a day. For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov and search "Angel volunteer," or call 303-774-4440.



Do you love Longmont?

Visit Longmont, the official tourist bureau for the city of Longmont, is looking for volunteers to staff the Visitor Center on Saturdays from May through September. Hours of operation are 10 am to 4 pm.

Guest Services volunteers field questions from visitors regarding things to do in Longmont and direct visitors to restaurants, breweries and retail boutiques throughout town. Knowledge of these resources is desired. For more information, call Nancy Rezac at 303-776-9011 or email nancy@visitlongmont.org.

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

Fire Service rating improvement might save you money

A change in the Longmont Fire Services ISO rating might put some savings in your bank account, effective May 1, 2017.

That's the date that Longmont Fire's ISO rating will move from 4 to 2. This improved rating is a result of many variables; however, the most significant are the opening of Longmont Fire Station 1 at 1070 Terry Street, increased training hours, changes in the city code to require sprinkler systems in businesses, and a robust water supply infrastructure.

What, exactly, is an ISO rating?

ISO stands for Insurance Services Office. This system helps insurance companies measure and evaluate major elements of a community's fire suppression system. In other words, it assesses the fire department's ability to protect life and property.

According to information from ISO, of the more than 48,000 U.S. fire departments, fewer than 920 obtain a Class 2 rating, which means Longmont Fire is in the top ranks of all fire departments in the country.

What does this mean for homeowners?

You could see a reduction in your insurance rates at an average of \$200 a year. However, it doesn't happen automatically. **You must contact your insurance company to report the drop in the ISO rating to see if you can get a lower rate.** Commercial occupancies in Longmont also should see a significant decrease in rates, but an average saving per business is difficult to determine.

This is a great achievement and certainly has been a team effort. Credit goes to the 85 men and women who make up the Longmont Fire Services Division and who train diligently and work hard around the clock, the Fire Marshal's Office, the Public Safety Support Services staff, the Longmont Emergency Communications Center, the Longmont Water Department, other City staff, and the Longmont City Council for supporting the mission and for providing the equipment and facilities that allow the job to be done as well as possible.

If you have questions about the ISO rating change, contact Deputy Chief Jerrod Vanlandingham at 303-651-8830.





A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Composting Only the Beginning of City's Sustainability Efforts

In a few short weeks, Longmont will begin providing voluntary curbside composting. By introducing this service and moving toward a more equitable rate structure for trash collection, Longmont is redefining waste and how we manage it. This is a wonderful example of our organization operating under the principles of sustainability.

What is sustainability? Simply, it is the concept of creating balance and synergy between environmental, economic, and social factors so that future generations will enjoy a quality of life equal to or greater than our own.

I believe we all have a responsibility to take care of our world for future generations, and the Longmont City Council agrees. Last fall, we adopted a Sustainability Plan designed to promote:

- Environmental Stewardship – responsible management of water, air, parks, open space, agriculture, and more;
- Social Equity – access to resources, shared responsibility, quality of life; and
- Economic Vitality – economic resilience, a diversified economy, sustainable business practices

The Sustainability Plan is a culmination of months of work by City staff and countless community members and organizations. It lays out clear and achievable goals to create a sustainable Longmont. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/community/sustainability to see the entire plan.

In the Longmont tradition of involving the community in our decision-making, the sustainability team will be forming a Sustainability Coalition this year to support implementation of Sustainability Plan strategies. If you would like to receive information about how to participate in the Sustainability Coalition, contact Sustainability Coordinator Lisa Knoblauch at Lisa.Knoblauch@LongmontColorado.gov.

I encourage community members to do your part in making Longmont a sustainable and resilient city.

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"Clean-up, Green-up" April 8 – April 30



Businesses, civic groups, schools, neighborhoods, families and individuals are invited to help spruce up the city.



Volunteers can pick a park, street, greenway, alley or open space to clean up, or an area of need can be assigned.

The Grand Kick-Off for the monthlong campaign will be

from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 8, at Sunset Campus, 7 S. Sunset Street. If you can't participate on kick-off day, you can help "Clean-up, Green-up" through April 30. For more information, call 303-651-8955 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/parks.

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, March 25, at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue.** Council members Santos and Peck are scheduled to attend. In April, Coffee with Council will be on April 29 at Perkins Restaurant, 2051 Main Street.

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

Water Rebate Available

The City provides a partial rebate of the previous year's water charges for Longmont residents who qualify for LEAP and pay the City directly for their water bill. Don't know if you qualify? The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federal program administered by Boulder County that helps low-income households with their heating costs. Visit bit.ly/bc-leap or call 1-866-HEAT-HELP to see if you qualify. Applications will be accepted through April 15. Apply online at bit.ly/water-rebate, or email waterrebates@longmontcolorado.gov for more information.

Curbside Tree Limb Collection

The City of Longmont offers residents FREE curbside collection of tree limbs every spring. **Your tree limbs must be placed curbside by 7 am on the MONDAY of your scheduled collection week.**

Limbs will be collected at residences:

- **North of 9th Avenue the week of April 3**
- **South of 9th Avenue the week of April 10**

Limbs must be stacked and cut into lengths no longer than 6 feet. No limb can be larger than 6 inches in diameter. For all guidelines, call 303-651-8416 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste.

Annual Water Line Flushing

In spring, City of Longmont water utilities staff flush the main water lines to keep water quality at its highest and to ensure that fire hydrants are operational. The benefits to water quality and fire protection far outweigh the comparatively small amount of water released during flushing.

You might notice low water pressure, discolored water, or no water for short periods when flushing is taking place. We recommend that you limit water use and avoid using hot water when flushing is in your immediate area. More information will be provided as flushing operations are scheduled in April - May. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/water for more information or call 303-651-8416.

Spring Street Cleaning

The City of Longmont conducts a citywide street sweeping operation every spring to remove dirt and debris that build up during winter. The City sweeps over 350 centerline miles of streets and removes tons (literally!) of debris and contaminants annually from the streets that would, otherwise, pollute our air and rivers. More information will be available at bit.ly/sweepinglongmont as sweeping is scheduled in April and May. Or, call 303-651-8416.

"I Have a Dream" Seeks Volunteers to Support Students Through College

"I Have a Dream" is looking for 73 community members to each mentor a Longmont student served by the "I Have a Dream" Foundation.

In addition to working with the Dreamers (students) after school and through a summer program, "I Have a Dream" pairs Dreamers with mentors. The mentor program deepens the support the Dreamers receive and fosters positive relationships between caring adults and program participants.

Volunteer mentors create a lasting one-on-one relationship of trust and fun with a Dreamer during the one-year commitment. Mentors meet with their Dreamer twice each month, serving as positive role models and supporting their social and emotional development while hiking, visiting museums, shooting hoops, getting ice cream, and other fun activities.

If you're interested in volunteering, visit IHaveADreamBoulder.org to complete an application.

You also can contact Mike Haims at mentors@IHaveADreamBoulder.org or 303-444-3636, ext. 19.

"I Have a Dream," which has worked in the St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley school districts for 26 years, supports low-income students from first grade through college by providing more than a decade of academic support, social and emotional development, cultural enrichment, and college preparation programming. Upon high school graduation, the foundation awards each Dreamer with a four-year \$10,000 tuition-assistance scholarship that can be used toward their higher education.

For more information visit IHaveADreamBoulder.org.



CONSERVE with Water-wise Gardening

This spring, the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) is partnering with the City of Longmont to offer Water-Wise Landscape seminars on xeriscape and other sustainable landscaping practices. These expert-led seminars are free to residents and open to everyone. Throughout the gardening season, CRC will host 23 seminars in 13 communities across the Front Range. To see the full schedule and to register, visit ConservationCenter.org/Water-Wise-Seminars.

Xeriscape: Landscaping for the Future with

David Bailey of Urban Oasis

Monday, April 3 • 6 to 8 pm

Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue

Creating a Pollinator Friendly Landscape with

CSU Extension Master Gardener Coordinator

Cassey Anderson

Monday, April 10 • 6 to 8 pm

Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue



ARBOR DAY TREE SALE

In honor of Arbor Day, City of Longmont Forestry Services will host a tree sale at Roger's Grove Nature Area from **8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, April 22**. The sale will be in the south parking lot off Boston Avenue. With the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Longmont in 2016, planting new trees is more important than ever. A variety of trees will be available at various price points. Forestry staff will be on hand to answer questions about EAB and other pests, planting, pruning and more! Learn more about Longmont Forestry Services at LongmontColorado.gov/forestry or call 303-651-8416.



Enroll now for SMALL WONDERS Preschool

Small Wonders Preschool is now taking enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. Located at the St. Vrain Memorial Building at 700 Longs Peak Avenue, Small Wonders offers an affordable, licensed two-day morning program for 3-year-olds and a four-day afternoon program for 4- and 5-year-olds. The afternoon class is also a great choice for children who would benefit from another year of preschool before starting kindergarten. Visit ow.ly/X0SdO for details or call 303-651-8396 before May 1 to schedule a classroom visit.



Register for Adult Basketball and Softball Leagues

Longmont Recreation & Golf Services offers seasonal sports leagues for adults. Register now for men's Wednesday recreation or Thursday leisure 8-game spring basketball leagues. Games begin the week of April 4. The men's, women's and coed summer softball registration deadline is April 30. The summer season runs May 8 through August 11. Not on a team? Sign up as a free agent, and we'll get you connected to form teams. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec or call 303-774-4758 for more information.

Activities at Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center

10:30 am to noon | \$4 per person suggested donation

Pollinators Panel | Saturday, April 8 Most people are aware that pollinators – bees, beetles, and other insects and animals – are vitally important to agriculture and healthy ecosystems, and are in decline. Members of the Longmont Coalition for People and Pollinators will talk about simple and concrete ways we all can work to save the pollinators. Our community can make a big difference! There will be crafts and activities for kids. \$4 per person suggested donation.



Colorful Colorado | Saturday, April 22 Whether you've been in Colorado your whole life or are brand new to the state, there are many wonderful surprises in every corner. Plan new adventures for your summer while learning more about our state's parks, wildlife and history.

Programs at the Visitors Center, 3001 Sandstone Drive, are family friendly and have limited seating. Preregistration is encouraged at least one week in advance either online at LongmontColorado.gov/rec (keyword SSRVLC) or by calling 303-651-8404. Suggested donations are collected at the event.

Special Spring Fitness Opportunities

Bring a buddy to fitness class

It's more fun to work out with a friend, and during the weeks of March 6-12 and April 17-23 you can bring a friend to a featured fitness class at one of our recreation facilities for free! During each Bring-a-Buddy week, use your pass, or pay the drop-in fee for the featured class, and your friend gets in at no charge.

Meet with a personal trainer

Also this spring, stop by the Memorial Building at 700 Longs Peak Avenue from 10 to 11 am on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, or from 9 to 10 am on the 4th Tuesday at the Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road, and get a free consultation from a personal trainer about your fitness questions, concerns or workouts. Regular admission fees apply. For complete details, visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.



Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

1 to 3 pm | Saturday, April 15
Centennial Pool | 1201 Alpine Street

Swimmers of all abilities can collect weighted eggs from the bottom of Centennial Pool and receive treats for their efforts! A paying adult must be in the water with children age 5 and younger. Cost is \$10 per family/\$3 per swimmer/\$1 per observer. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for more information or call 303-651-8406 to register.



Make Park Shelter Reservations Online

Recreation Services is your one-stop shop for reserving a Longmont park shelter for events and celebrations. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/park-shelters and click on the name of the park you want to reserve. The resident fee for small shelters is \$40 per day (April 15 - May 14 and August 15 - October 15) and \$60 per day during peak season, May 15 - August 14. Call 303-651-8404 for information about large events with more than 100 people. For an overview of Longmont trails, parks and amenities, visit bit.ly/parkfinder.

