

# City Line

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## Get Golf Ready!

The City of Longmont's three golf courses - Sunset, Twin Peaks and Ute Creek - offer a variety of golf experiences for youth, adults and seniors. Beginning in May, Ute Creek Golf Course, 2000 Ute Creek Drive, offers adult group instruction from 5:30 to 7 pm on Tuesdays. Learn etiquette, putting, chipping, pitching, and much more in this social, fun way to learn the game of golf. No experience necessary.

This summer, get your kids involved with lessons and golf camps for youth as young as 5. SNAG Golf at Sunset focuses on fun as grade school-age students learn the basics of club handling, aim, stroke, and basic golf form using provided clubs and balls. Ute Creek offers no-registration Junior Golf for youth ages 8 to 17.

Visit [GolfLongmont.com](http://GolfLongmont.com) or call the golf course of your choice for details about these and other opportunities. Private instruction also is available.

## Maintaining our roads ...

With more than 350 centerline miles of paved roadways, it is critical that Longmont take care of its streets to provide a safe and efficient transportation system. The City's annual Pavement Management Program contracts with private companies for replacement of broken curbs and sidewalks; preventive maintenance such as crack sealing, chip sealing, and pavement overlay; and reconstruction. The Pavement Management Program is made possible through the City's  $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent Street Fund sales and use tax.

Cars and heavy trucks, along with sun, rain and snow, cause the streets to deteriorate over time. The Pavement Management Program maintains streets that are in reasonably good condition by applying inexpensive surface treatments to preserve the road for many more years. Each year, the program also selects streets that are in poorer condition for more extensive rehabilitation efforts. It is important to not only work on the worst local streets but also to preserve the good streets we already have.

Street projects for the Pavement Management Program are selected based on systemwide needs and priorities. This year, one of the streets selected for improvement is Main Street between 3rd and 9th avenues. Starting in May, repairs will be made to crosswalks, sidewalks, curbs and street surface. Vehicle and pedestrian access will be affected for a period of 10-12 weeks, so be sure to check area signage. Access to all businesses and the alleys will remain open during construction, and we encourage you to continue to support downtown businesses in the cone zones.

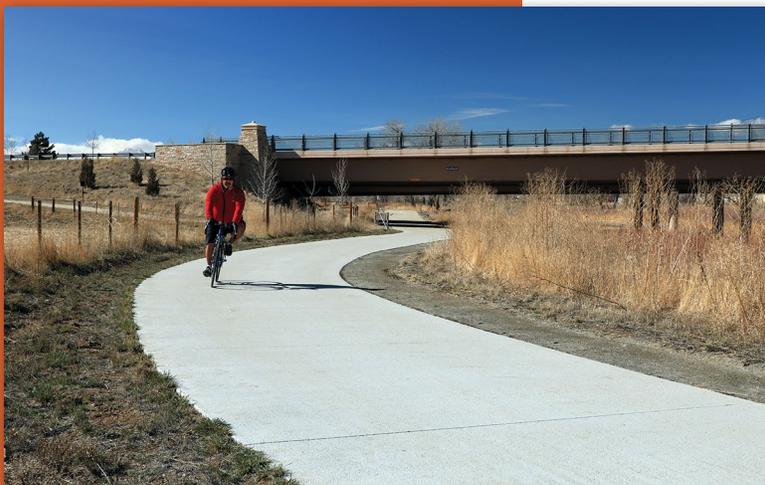
If you live or work on any of the streets that have been selected for treatment this year, you will receive a project notification letter. For larger projects, door hangers also are posted on affected homes and businesses with more details about upcoming work.

For more information about the Pavement Management Program, visit [LongmontColorado.gov/PMP](http://LongmontColorado.gov/PMP) or call 303-774-4446.

## ... and our greenways

As spring approaches, you may begin to see Natural Resources crews out and about on open sections of greenway doing various maintenance activities. It is the City's goal to use greenways to maintain and enhance native habitats, conserve water, and enrich residents' enjoyment of nature areas and open spaces, as well as offer alternative travel routes. The design and maintenance of greenways focuses primarily on habitat enhancement by increasing cover, removing non-native plants and noxious weeds, and managing wildlife, while maintaining access trails for people. In addition to providing for the needs of wildlife, the City also reduces water use, lessens operating costs for mowing, and improves the environment by reducing weeds and filtering stormwater.

To learn more about where, how or why certain maintenance procedures are performed, visit [bit.ly/greenwaymaintenance](http://bit.ly/greenwaymaintenance) or call 303-651-8446.



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## A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

# Pay As You Throw

April marks the official start of Longmont's new era in solid waste management, and we're all going to notice changes. The goal is twofold: to encourage waste reduction (send less stuff to the landfill) and to provide more equitable rates for service. In previous columns, I've talked about the importance of waste reduction for our community and how new rates, plus the option of curbside composting, support that. However, beyond encouraging waste reduction, the new rates also create a more fair cost structure for customers.

After several public hearings, consultant surveys and studies, and a review of how other communities approach solid waste, it became clear that Longmont's waste management approach was outdated. One of the primary lessons was that the volume discount we had been applying to curbside trash collection was counterproductive. It failed to encourage waste diversion and distorted the true cost of service.

In Longmont's previous model, the price difference between the 48- and 96-gallon carts was very small and not equitable based on the cart size. In the new model, service costs are spread out more proportionately based on usage. This is referred to as a "Pay as You Throw" pricing structure. It puts trash in line with how other City services, such as water and electricity, are charged.

I also want to be sure customers know that rates for trash and composting are independent of each other. It was important to Council that composting be an optional service. For this reason, it has been set up so that composting fees pay for the entire cost of that program and are not subsidized by fees for trash service.

If you haven't already, take a close look at your household's disposal needs and make sure you are subscribed to the right services. Consider taking full advantage of recycling and composting options that are available to reduce your trash. When it comes to trash, you don't have pay for more than you actually make. Longmont now offers three levels of trash collection so that customers can best tailor size to need. By taking advantage of recycling, composting and a smaller trash bin, it's very possible that you could find yourself with a greater total volume for disposal at a lower cost.

Visit [LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste](http://LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste) to find all the details and service options. You can also adjust your services online or by calling 303-651-8416.

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## MEMORIAL DAY Schedules



Longmont city government observes Memorial Day on **Monday, May 29**, as a holiday. These facilities will be CLOSED:

- Civic Center
- Service Center
- Development Services Center
- Longmont Museum
- Longmont Public Library
- Longmont Senior Center
- Longmont Youth Center
- Waste Diversion Center
- St. Vrain Memorial Building
- Centennial Pool (also closed May 27 and 28)

The Longmont Recreation Center will be open from 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunset and Kanemoto pools will be open from 10 am to 5 pm.

All trash, recycling and compost collections will occur one day later than normal that week.

## 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, April 29, at Perkins Restaurant, 2051 Main Street.** Council members Moore and Peck are scheduled to attend. In May, Coffee with Council will be on May 20 at the OUR Center, 220 Collyer Street.

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

# Callahan Open House

The historic Callahan House & Garden at 312 Terry Street will host an open house with tours from 4 to 8 pm on Saturday, May 20. Admire works created by several local artists while you enjoy live music in the garden. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For more information about the Callahan House, including rental options for weddings, special events and parties, visit [LongmontColorado.gov/Callahan](http://LongmontColorado.gov/Callahan).



# Music, Art & Youth SVVSD Appreciation Month



In May Downtown Longmont will celebrate the students, teachers and staff of the St. Vrain Valley School District. The Downtown 2nd Friday event from 6 to 9 pm on May 12 will feature music and art from students and teachers throughout the district. In addition, the Downtown Longmont Creative District will feature gallery openings and receptions, extended retail business hours and activities (inside and outside), and restaurant promotions. And you can take it all in by hopping on the 2nd Friday Trolley that runs throughout the Downtown District for just \$1.

Downtown businesses will show their appreciation with special offerings for students and school staff in May. For more information, visit [DowntownLongmont.com](http://DowntownLongmont.com).

# Spring Youth Tennis Lessons

Youth tennis lessons on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, May 9 - 25, are for beginners to advanced beginners ages 4 to 17. Lessons for 4- to 10-year-olds use the QuickStart Tennis format. Participants must supply their own racket; tennis balls are provided.



For more information or to register call 303-774-4800 or visit [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec).

**SHOCK ART**, a multiyear project of Longmont's Art in Public Places program, has painted 35 switchgear boxes around town, and the call is out for artists to paint even more.

Is there a green switchgear box that you would like to see painted? Or, maybe you have an idea for a design that will make those boxes look great. The community will vote on the designs, and winning artists each receive a \$1,550 stipend to paint their box.

**The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 12.** You can find all the current Shock Art boxes and more information at [LongmontColorado.gov/AIPP](http://LongmontColorado.gov/AIPP), or call 303-651-8924 or email [Lauren.Greenfield@LongmontColorado.gov](mailto:Lauren.Greenfield@LongmontColorado.gov).



# Crosswalk Confusion?

Do you suffer from crosswalk confusion? Crosswalks can be confusing because there seemingly are different rules in every municipality. To ensure safety for everyone, we all must be aware of other users. Here are some of Longmont's rules:

- Vehicles are required to stop when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk.
- Pedestrians should wait until all approaching vehicles are stopped before proceeding across the street; "standing and chatting" next to a crosswalk often confuses drivers.
- Cyclists crossing in crosswalks are considered pedestrians and should walk their bikes and yield to pedestrians.

- If the traffic signal is green but the pedestrian "walk" sign is not lit press the "walk" button again. The walk indicators are timed, and it's likely that there is not sufficient time for a pedestrian to cross the street.

More good practices:

- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Be visible with bright clothes and lights if you're on a bicycle.
- When walking at night, pedestrians can see well but often can't be seen well by others. Be aware.
- Turning right on red? Always look both ways for pedestrians.
- Heads up. Phones down.

For more information, contact Lauren. [Greenfield@LongmontColorado.gov](mailto:Greenfield@LongmontColorado.gov).

## Longmont Triathlon Weekend June 3 and 4



Longmont Recreation Services presents a weekend of triathlons for elite racers, beginners, long-time athletes, kids and everyone in between. Details and registration are available at [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec), [Active.com](http://Active.com), and [RaceEntry.com](http://RaceEntry.com), or pick up a registration form at any City of Longmont recreation facility. Longmont Triathlon Weekend is brought to you by title sponsor Altitude Physical Therapy.

Volunteers are needed as course marshals to cheer and direct the runners and bikers on the race course. Volunteers age 14 and younger must volunteer with someone age 16 or older. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn volunteer hours. Call Heather at 303-774-4718 or email [Heather.Deal@LongmontColorado.gov](mailto:Heather.Deal@LongmontColorado.gov) to volunteer.

## It's Spring at the Ranch!

Discover the historic Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center at 3001 Sandstone Drive where you can experience hands-on displays of environmental features of the area while learning about early Longmont history, and a scenic nature trail. Numerous species of wildlife and birds are seen in the area.

Beginning May 16, the house is open to the public every Tuesday from 9 am to noon, and on the second and fourth Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free; donations – and volunteers – are welcomed.

Special programs in May include:

- Tuesday Treasures
- A guided bird walk
- Adult art workshops
- The Sandstone Greenway & Bike Path Update and Seasonal Grand Opening on May 13

Most programs have limited seating. Please



register in advance, either online or by calling 303-651-8404 at least one week in advance. Visit [bit.ly/ssrevents](http://bit.ly/ssrevents) or call 303-774-4692 for a schedule of events.

## Second Start Community Garden Celebrates 20 Years

What started as the vision of Longmont resident Keith Williamson blossomed into the city's first community garden. Twenty years later, Second Start Community Garden continues



to give gardeners the opportunity to grow their own organic vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers. Garden members also maintain an orchard, beehives, grape arbors, children's play areas, compost bins, and areas for rest and social events. Located at 11th Avenue and Baker Street, 60 plots are available at reasonable rates. Find more information at [LongmontColorado.gov](http://LongmontColorado.gov) (search "community garden"), or email [SSCG.longmont@gmail.com](mailto:SSCG.longmont@gmail.com).

## Time for spring cleaning?

The City is offering two free events on **Saturday, May 13**, to help you clean up and clear out.

### Landfill Drop Day

Longmont residents can take one level pickup load free of charge to the Front Range Landfill at 1830 Weld County Rd 5 in Erie from 6 am to 2 pm. Loads must be covered and secured for transport; oversized loads and second loads will be billed accordingly.

### Paper Shredding

Take your boxed or bagged documents to the Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street between 9 am and 2 pm. This event is for residential documents only; no business materials will be accepted.

For both events, take a photo ID and your most recent utility bill to show that you're a City of Longmont customer. For more information call 303-651-8416 or visit [LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste](http://LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste).

## Summer means outdoor swimming!



All outdoor pools have private rental and party opportunities. Visit [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec) or call 303-651-8406 for details.

**SUNSET POOL** - 1900 Longs Peak Ave - opens for the season on Friday, May 26. This heated pool for the entire family features six lap lanes, a large wading area, three diving boards, and two fast waterslides.

**KANEMOTO ACTIVITY POOL** - 1151 S. Pratt Parkway - opens May 27 and is a heated outdoor activity pool for youth age 10 and younger. Kanemoto has a zero-depth entry, a fast and fun water slide into 2" of water, and a 4" deep end great for jumping and swimming.

**ROOSEVELT ACTIVITY POOL** - 903 8th Avenue - opens Friday, June 2. Located in Roosevelt Park, this heated pool for children age 8 and younger features zero-depth geysers, tumble buckets, water cannon, and a spray garden.

### MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS HOW TO SWIM!

Longmont Recreation & Golf Services offers indoor swim lessons at the Longmont Recreation Center and Centennial Pool, as well as outdoor lessons at Sunset Pool, every day of the week. Classes are available for children as young as 6 months to senior citizens. Swim teams and diving lessons also are offered during summer. Check the schedules in the Summer Recreation Brochure, available online in early April, at [LongmontColorado.gov/rec](http://LongmontColorado.gov/rec).

