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Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas



Opening June 3 at the Longmont Museum, *Dinosaur Discoveries: Ancient Fossils, New Ideas* reveals a vivid picture of what living, breathing dinosaurs really were like.

This exhibition introduces how current thinking about dinosaur biology has changed over the past two decades and highlights current research by scientists from the American Museum of Natural History and other leading paleontologists around the world. Visitors can examine touchable, realistic models and casts, and see dinosaurs walk, run and move their long necks in fantastic computer simulations. You also will see real bones from a T-Rex found in Littleton, a modeled dinosaur trackway, and a soil sample of the K-T boundary, which shows the point 65 million years ago when many scientists believe the asteroid that caused mass extinction of dinosaurs hit the Earth.

Children can get their hands dirty excavating bones in the dinosaur dig pit, pretend they're part of the Jurassic Period in creative costumes, design their own dinosaur, assemble 3-D puzzles and more. In the Museum's courtyard, you can even feed a brood of chickens – today's feathered, living ancestors of dinosaurs!

LONGMONT MUSEUM
400 Quail Road

LongmontColorado.gov/museum
303-651-8374

Admission:

- \$8 adults
- \$5 students/seniors
- Children 3 and younger, Museum members FREE

FREE FAMILY DAY

Saturday, June 10 – 1 to 4:30 pm

Celebrate the new exhibition *Dinosaur Discoveries* with special guests from local nature and science organizations. Explore local fossils, learn about the connection between the ancient dinosaur and the modern chicken, find out about starting your own backyard flock, grab a book from the Longmont Library BiblioCycle, and so much more!

TIPS for Outdoor Water Conservation

- Make sure your irrigation system is functioning properly.
- Do not water lawn or gardens more than two days per week.
- Do not water lawns or gardens between 10 am and 6 pm.
- Adjust irrigation heads to avoid overspray onto sidewalks and streets.
- Adjust the automatic irrigation controller at least once per month to account for changes in weather.
- Consider installing a rain shutoff device; at the very least, don't water when it's raining.
- Water deeply for deep root growth. Use cycle irrigation, with an hour between cycles, to allow water to soak into the soil and reduce runoff.
- Select sprinklers that water evenly, in a low pattern and with large droplets.
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean decks, patios, and driveways.

For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov/water or call 303-651-8468.

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A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Exciting Times for Longmont Bicycling Community

Many of you know that I am an avid bicyclist. I ride more than 100 miles a week as I travel to business meetings, run errands and exercise, and sometimes I ride just for fun.

That's why I'm excited about new options available to the Longmont bicycling community.

In April, I was fortunate to cut the ribbon on a new addition to our trail and sidewalk system – the pedestrian underpass located just west of the busy Highway 119 and Hover Street intersection. The underpass provides a safe and convenient alternative to crossing at the intersection, and it offers a new connection between Dry Creek Drive and Pike Road.

Later this year, construction will wrap up on a Hover Street underpass, which will provide access to Village at The Peaks and tie into the Dry Creek Greenway trail. Once both underpasses are open to the public, bicyclists and pedestrians will have direct access from Left Hand Greenway on the south to the St. Vrain Greenway on the north without having to cross two of Longmont's busiest streets (Hover Street and Ken Pratt Boulevard) at street level.

During the grand opening celebration, the City announced a partnership with the Zagster bike sharing program. Zagster provides bicycles at several locations for community members to use for a fee to get around town. You can pay an hourly (\$3), monthly (\$15) or yearly (\$60) fee and use the bikes for one-hour trips without additional charges during your membership period. Riding a bike for longer than one hour will cost \$3 per hour.

When using the Zagster online app, you will receive an unlock code to “check out” a bike, and you're ready to ride. Just return the bike to any station, lock the bike and end your ride in the app, and the system will charge your credit card. It's that easy.

A great time to try out the new Zagster system will be on Bike to Work Day on June 28. The City will host a breakfast station with food and drink at the Civic Center, 350 Kimbark Street, adjacent to the west library entrance. Visit BikeToWorkDay.us for details of this annual event.

All signs point to a great summer bicycling season, and I hope you will take advantage of all the new biking options.

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New Tech Will Help Parking Enforcement

Longmont parking enforcement is going from analog to digital.

If you park in downtown Longmont, you've probably seen parking enforcement officers chalking car tires as a way to monitor parking zones. Those days are coming to an end.

Longmont parking enforcement is adopting a 21st-century method for identifying vehicles. Called LPR (license plate recognition), this new image-processing technology identifies vehicles by license plate. The system is mounted on a parking enforcement vehicle so that officers can drive through public parking lots and streets to monitor parking activity rather than walking and chalking tires. LPR allows parking regulations to be monitored more quickly and efficiently, which should help ensure adequate parking spaces being available for downtown customers, residents and visitors.

You can read FAQs at DowntownLongmont.com. For more information call 303-651-8658 or email ParkingEnforcement@LongmontColorado.gov.

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, May 20, at the OUR Center, 220 Collyer Street.** Council members Bagley and Christensen are scheduled to attend. In June, Coffee with Council will be on June 17 at Ute Creek Golf Course.

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

Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

Your home is often your biggest investment, so it's extremely important to maintain good living conditions and extend its life. The City of Longmont's Housing Rehabilitation Programs can assist qualifying low-income residents with home repairs with funds available through the Community Development Block Grant program. Income-eligible homeowners can receive loans or grants to put a watertight roof over their head, make their home safer or more energy efficient, or make their home accessible. The City offers four housing rehabilitation programs:

- The **EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM** offers grants to homeowners at or below 50% of the area median income (AMI) to make emergency repairs for issues that pose a serious threat to the health, safety or welfare of the family.
- The **GENERAL HOMEOWNER REHAB PROGRAM** offers deferred or low-interest loans of up to \$25,000 to homeowners whose incomes are at or below 80% AMI to correct housing code violations or make energy efficiency improvements or other housing upgrades.
- The **ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM** offers persons with disabilities whose income does not exceed 80% AMI the ability to make their housing accessible.

- The **MOBILE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM** offers owners of mobile homes whose income does not exceed 50% AMI a maximum one-time grant of \$5,000 to correct housing code violations or make emergency repairs or energy efficiency improvements.



For information about this program, including specific income qualifications, contact Molly McElroy at 303-651-8530 or Molly.McElroy@LongmontColorado.gov.

Supporting Action for MENTAL HEALTH

Supporting Action for Mental Health (SAM) is a movement of local community groups, nonprofit and faith organizations, residents, and local government to explore how we all can raise awareness of and take action to address mental health needs in Longmont.



In recognition of May as Mental Health Month, SAM is launching a yearlong schedule of educational activities and resources that are open to everyone in the community including:

- Mental Health First Aid training
- Community Conversations-In-A-Box
- The "Let's Talk" campaign to encourage open and honest communication about mental health and mental illness

Workshops and events will be added to the schedule throughout the year. You're encouraged to visit the website often to stay informed and register for events and activities. Everyone is encouraged to get involved!

For more information visit bit.ly/supportingactionformentalhealth or contact Project Coordinator Julie Phillips at Julie.Phillips@LongmontColorado.gov or 303-651-8469.

FREE SUMMER MEALS AVAILABLE ... at these locations:

For the third year, three City of Longmont divisions (Children, Youth and Families; the Longmont Public Library; and Recreation & Golf Services) along with many other community partners are collaborating to provide free summer meals and activities.

Meals are served from **11 am to 1 pm Monday through Thursday, May 30-July 27**, at three sites in Longmont and one in Firestone.

As part of summer enrichment programming, the Library BiblioCycle and Recreation Services will provide lunchtime activities. Any child who is 18 or younger is welcome at any of the sites, and there are grant funds to provide meals for adults, as well.

Volunteers are welcome, too, to help with activities or serve meals. If you'd like to volunteer or if you'd like more information about this program call the Youth Center at 303-651-8580.

- **Youth Center**, 1050 Lashley Street
- **Countryside Village**, 1400 S. Collyer Street
- **Rothrock Dell Park**, 700 E. 5th Avenue
- **Hart Park**, 467 Jackson Avenue, Firestone



Summer in Longmont Means Music!

Longmont loves its music, and summer is the time to enjoy the best of FREE outdoor concerts.

Check out the lineup at the Longmont Museum:

- Bonnie & the Clydes - June 22
- Quemando - June 29
- Dixie Leadfoot & the Chrome Struts - July 5
- Blue Limousine - July 13
- 101st Army Dixieland Band - July 20

These concerts are from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Museum courtyard.

For more information visit LongmontColorado.gov/museum



Or spend an evening downtown enjoying the shops, restaurants and galleries between songs, or just kick back and dance in the street!

The Downtown Summer Concert Series begins with the 5th Annual SVVSD High Schools Reunion from 6 to 9 pm on Friday, June 9. Concerts also will be held on July 28 and August 25.

Visit DowntownLongmont.com for a schedule of concerts and more free events.

Light Up the Lake at the LONGMONT SOLST-ISH KINETICS FESTIVAL For Food, Fun & Sun!

Now in its eighth year, Longmont Kinetics amazes with a family-fun event featuring the Kid's Recycled Raft Race, live music, Solstice Swim, beer garden, and the main event - the Kinetic Sculpture Race! Need inspiration to be a part of the race? See photos of kinetic crafts, learn how to build one, and peruse the complete event schedule at kineticists.org.

LONGMONT SOLST-ISH KINETICS

Saturday, June 24

Union Reservoir | 0461 WCR 26

Gates open at 11 am

\$10 per vehicle | \$2 per person for

bicyclists and pedestrians

Sorry, no passes



Visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for the complete summer schedule. No registration is required for Fitness in the Park classes.

Mix up your workouts this summer by taking them outside!

Join Longmont Recreation & Golf Services for six free classes at parks throughout the city. For ages 18 and older; no child care available. June classes include:

Friday, June 2 — 9 to 10 am

Zumba® at Roger's Grove, 220 S. Hover Road

Friday, June 16 — 9 to 10 am

TRX at Clark Centennial Park, 1100 Lashley Street

DRONES: What's all the buzz about?

Do you own a drone, or are you thinking about buying one? Wondering where to fly? Join Rick McCaskill, one of the Front Range's foremost drone experts and president of Longmont Electric Aircraft Flyers, from **1 to 4:30 pm on Saturday, June 24**, at the St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Avenue, to learn about drone safety, laws and regulations, and places you can and can't operate. Learn about types of drones from FPV to commercial. \$40 per person. For more information or to register call 303-651-8404 or visit Longmontcolorado.gov/rec.



Free ROCKIES Skills Challenge

Boys and girls ages 6-13 as of December 31, 2017, compete separately in four age divisions in throwing, running and hitting. Winners in each age and gender group advance to a sectional, then a regional competition. For details and registration information, call 303-774-4800 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.



Saturday, June 17

9 to 10:30 am

Sandstone Ranch Ballfields
3001 E. Highway 119