

City Line

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The Circles Campaign is an innovative national movement to end poverty in our community one family at a time, and they can use your help.

Circles connects the heads of families struggling to escape poverty with middle- and upper-income volunteers. Participating families attend a 16-week class where they create a plan to permanently move out of poverty. Volunteers called "Allies" are trained to assist these families in moving closer to their goals and leaving poverty behind.

In September a new group of families will join Circles, and they will need committed volunteers to help them reach their goals. The commitment is simple: four to six hours a month. During that time you will build new relationships and learn more about poverty and its impact on families living in our community.

Read inspiring stories of success and hear from participant families what Circles is doing for them at BoulderCountyCircles.org.



To find out about volunteering with the Circles Campaign call Jessica Austin at 303-441-1503 or email jaustin@bouldercounty.org.

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

Be Prepared! How to Get Weather Alerts

Because the City's emergency sirens are no longer in use the Longmont Office of Emergency Management encourages residents to use the following National Weather Service (NWS) notification systems for Boulder County:

1. **Smartphone weather apps:** NOAA, Weather Live
2. **Social media:** Facebook (Facebook.com/NWSBoulder) or Twitter (@NWSBoulder)
3. **Website:** Weather.gov/bou
4. **Weather radio:** Information on weather radios is distributed directly from the National Weather Service in Boulder. Weather radios can be purchased at most hardware and retail stores that sell electronics.

The NWS provides weather, water, and climate data, and forecasts and warnings for the protection of life. This center is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide up-to-the-minute weather tracking. The National Weather Service is the most effective way to learn about impending bad weather.



WHY THE CHANGE?

The City of Longmont's Outdoor Emergency Warning System (OEWS) was used only for tornadoes and was part of a larger public warning plan, but the sirens were not effective at getting people to go inside for shelter, which was their purpose. The city council has directed OEM staff to implement a new public warning strategy that uses newer technologies. This includes automatically delivering customized severe weather information to smartphones and landlines, and using technology to deliver weather information to City facilities (outdoor pools, etc.).

For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 303-651-8438.

Celebrate Longmont Hospitality at the *Historic Callahan House and Garden* ICE CREAM SOCIAL & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, July 23
1 to 4 pm
Callahan House
312 Terry Street

The Thomas M. Callahan family donated their lovely Queen Anne home and garden to the City of Longmont in 1938 as a social center for local women. Now, almost 80 years later, you can visit this gracious historic home while helping raise funds for a permanent sign for the home.

** Cost: \$15/person or \$20 at the door (includes a \$10 donation)

Reserve your place at LongmontColorado.gov/Callahan or at the Longmont Recreation Center, St. Vrain Memorial Building or Centennial Pool. Or, call 303-651-8404.





A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Protecting the Environment and Ourselves

If you're a regular reader of this column, you know that I have devoted considerable space to talking about our natural environment and the efforts that the City of Longmont is making to protect it.

From sustainability efforts such as composting and recycling to investments in alternative transportation, Longmont is taking aggressive measures to protect the environment. In a similar vein, Longmont's integrated pest management program is focused on controlling mosquitoes, especially the type that carry the West Nile Virus, without damaging the environment. We strive to balance human health with environmental health.

This program focuses on first attacking mosquitoes in their larval stage before they become airborne. This is the best method since it eliminates mosquitoes before they hatch. This method also minimizes the need for fogging to kill the adult airborne bugs. The City also uses localized spraying around small ponds and streams. Rarely does the City conduct citywide spraying.

Although Longmont has a sophisticated mosquito control program, the most important component is residents protecting themselves. Follow these tips – the 4 Ds – to avoid mosquito bites:

- **Dusk:** Minimize activity between dusk and dawn.
- **Dress:** Wear long sleeves and long pants when you're outside between dusk and dawn.
- **Drainage:** Remove all stagnant water in your yard, including in pools, birdbaths, tires and pottery.
- **DEET:** Use a mosquito repellent when you're outside, preferably one that contains DEET.

Get more information at LongmontColorado.gov/westnile. You also can call the toll-free comment line at 877-276-4306 or 970-962-2582 to report problem areas or voice concerns.

These are effective measures that will protect the environment and at the same time protect the community from West Nile Virus.



Longmont city government observes the Independence Day holiday on **TUESDAY, JULY 4.**

These facilities will be CLOSED:

Civic Center | Service Center | Development Services Center | Longmont Museum | Longmont Public Library | Longmont Senior Center | Longmont Youth Center | Centennial Pool | St. Vrain Memorial Building | Waste Diversion Center

These facilities will be OPEN:

Recreation Center - 10 am to 4 pm
Roosevelt Activity Pool - 10 am to 4 pm
Kanemoto Activity Pool - 10 am to 5 pm
Sunset Pool - 9 to 10 am for lap swim, 10 am to 5 pm for open swim; holiday AquaZumba class at 9 am

There will be no trash and recycling collection that day. It will be collected one day later than usual for the rest of the week.

LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



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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, June 17, at Ute Creek Golf Course, 2000 Ute Creek Drive.**

Council members Moore and Finley are scheduled to attend. In July, Coffee with Council will be on July 22 at Firehouse Art Center.

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

Plug Into Electric Safety



Longmont has provided its own power since 1912, and it's found plenty to do with it, from brilliant marquees to rocking concerts to the quiet lights that welcome you home. Electricity powers every aspect of our lives – and it should also be treated with care to prevent injuries and accidents. Keep these things in mind to have a safer summer:

- Don't fly a kite, drone, or anything else near power lines. Not only could you get badly hurt, you could cause a fire or outage that endangers others.
- If you get something caught in the power lines, don't try to get it down yourself. Call LPC at 303-651-8386 to remove it.
- Don't climb a tree near power lines. And if your branches are growing near the lines, make sure to have a City-licensed professional trim the tree to prevent an outage. Call 303-651-8386 if you need LPC to turn the power off for tree work.
- Stay away from downed power lines. The nearby area can be energized as far as 35 feet away. Please call 303-651-8386 any time you see a downed line!
- For home projects, remember to unplug any electric device or appliance that you're working on, turn off the house breakers if appropriate, and test the wires to make sure the power is off.

For more tips, visit LongmontColorado.gov and search "electric safety."

Have fun and stay safe!



Longmont Startup Week brings together entrepreneurs, wannapreneurs, intrapreneurs, creatives, techies, inventors, business owners, and investors of all ages to connect and inspire. It's this support network that can make the difference between closing up shop and pushing through to success.

Over the course of five days, multiple startup community events, panels, fireside chats, and keynote speakers will be hosted at venues throughout Longmont, showcasing Longmont and northern Colorado's startup community in tech, bioscience, creative arts, culinary, and more. Topics include design, finance, development, marketing, legal, and entrepreneur basics. All events are FREE and provide outstanding learning and networking opportunities. Learn more at Longmont.StartupWeek.co.

The Fight Against Potholes

Every year, it's inevitable that potholes form on our roadways due to seasonal freeze-thaw cycles. As the temperature cools to freezing at night, water that has seeped below the pavement becomes ice and expands, forcing the pavement to rise. As the weight of traffic continues to pound on this raised section – and the temperatures once again rise above freezing – a shallow divot occurs under the surface and the pavement breaks, forming a pothole.

How Do We Repair Potholes?

In spring, the City's road maintenance crews begin filling potholes, and contractors often are called in to help. We start with the highest traffic roads then progress to side streets and neighborhoods. Potholes are filled with either temporary cold mix or longer-term hot mix patches. Hot mix asphalt is more readily available in summer, so temporary patches do receive permanent repair later in the season.

You Can Help!

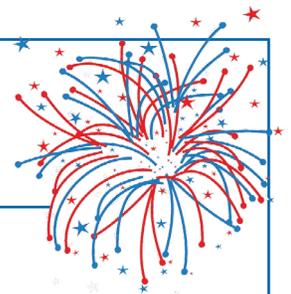
If you notice a pothole forming on a Longmont street, you can report it two ways:

1. Submit a Street Repair Request at ServiceWorks.LongmontColorado.gov
2. Call 303-651-8416

Ultimately, taking care of potholes in a timely manner will prolong a street's useful life and reduce future maintenance and rehabilitation costs. With everyone's cooperation, we can fight back against potholes and keep our streets well maintained.



Celebrate the 4th in Longmont!



FIREWORKS Beginning at about 9:30 pm, the sky over Longmont will explode with the brilliance of hundreds of fireworks. Fireworks take place at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. For the best view, park at a nearby shopping center and walk to the fenced area in front of the arena or watch from anywhere within one mile of the fairgrounds. Handicap-accessible parking is available at the fairground's south Nelson Road entrance with a handicap parking permit. Please leave pets at home and keep them inside, as fireworks can be very stressful for them.

CONCERT IN THE PARK Join the Longmont Symphony Orchestra at 11 am on July 4 in Thompson Park, 4th Avenue at Bross Street, for a free concert and Independence Day celebration. Bring your picnic and blanket, and enjoy the good company and great music.



GET YOUR GLOW ON!

Enjoy the night light fun of **Rhythm on the River Reversed** at Roger's Grove. Longmont's signature zero-waste event celebrates the environment, the community, art and music, and you'll get the glow from black lights throughout the venue that fluoresce white clothing.

Friday's musical highlights include Lady and the Gentlemen (5 pm), Pandas and People (6:30 pm), and Rob Drabkin (8:30 pm). Saturday night's guests include Triple Nickel (5 pm), The Burroughs (6:30 pm), and Wild Child (8:30 pm). Other featured musicians include Taylor Shae, Matt Flaherty, Euforquestra, Kerry Pastine and the Crime Scene, and Policulture throughout the weekend.

Create your own art with Home Depot or at Craft & Sip for teens and adults, play in the inflatable structures at The Play Place sponsored by Dizzy's Fun Center, paddle and climb at the Outdoor Adventure Land, and enjoy great food and beverages.

Free parking and shuttle service are available at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/ROTR or call 303-651-8404 for more information.

THE GREENWAY GLOW - ROGER'S RIVER RUN 5K – July 7 – Sponsored by UCHealth
Join us at 7:45 pm on Friday, July 7, in your glow and party apparel to run, walk, or dance the 5K, all the way to the GLOW afterparty! Early bird registration by noon on July 5 is \$17 for adults and \$15 for youth 14 and younger and seniors 60 and older. Race day fees increase \$5 on a space-available basis. For more information or to register, call 303-651-8406 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/ROTR.

Another chance to glow! Adult Glow Swim at Sunset Pool

Break out your glow gear, and come party at Sunset Pool, 1900 Longs Peak Avenue. From 9:30 to 11:30 pm on Thursday, July 20, enjoy glow-themed games, music, and, of course, swimming! Cost is \$8/person or \$14/couple; recreation passes are not valid. Don't miss your ONE chance this summer for this fun event geared for adults 18+. For more information, call 303-651-8406.

Youth and Adult Picnic Games in the Park



GAME ON! Preregister as a single or as a two-person team and get ready to play picnic games such as Cornhole, Kan Jam and Washer Toss to name a few. Each team plays three different games. Two-person teams must provide both names when registering. Individuals will be placed with a partner. For details and to register, visit rec.ci.longmont.co.us and search "Picnic" or call 303-651-8404.

- For ages 10 and older; kids ages 10 to 15 must register with an adult
- **Tuesday, July 25** — 6:30 to 8:30 pm Thompson Park, 4th Avenue at Bross Street
- **Wednesday, August 9** — 6:30 to 8:30 pm Left Hand Creek Park, 1800 Creekside Drive
- Team Fee: \$15 resident/\$18 nonresident
- Individual Fee: \$7.50 resident/\$10 nonresident

Men's City Championship Golf Tournament

Sunset, Twin Peaks and Ute Creek golf courses will host the Men's City Championship on July 14, 15 and 16. For a list of upcoming tournaments, Visit the Golf Longmont Facebook page or GolfLongmont.com.

Visit the Library... at the Rec Center!

The next time you head to the climbing wall or take a jog around the indoor track, you might also check out a DVD for movie night or sign up the kids for the Library's summer reading program.

The Library's new "Outpost Library" at the Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road, lets busy folks apply for library cards, check out books and DVDs, sign up for the summer reading program, and return materials – all without a visit to the main Library.

The schedule currently is **5 to 7 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays through August 16**. See you at the Rec Center!



Dynamic pricing debuts at City golf courses

The City of Longmont's public golf courses – Sunset, Twin Peaks, and Ute Creek – have implemented dynamic tee time prices on the GolfLongmont.com website and through the Golf Now portal. Although Longmont's municipal course pricing is already competitive for the area, the move to dynamic online pricing ensures that pros can fill their tee sheets every day while rewarding more flexible patrons with a discount. With dynamic pricing, the golf courses charge a few dollars more for high-demand times, then charge a few dollars less when the courses aren't as busy.

There's a catch, though: you must book your tee time online at GolfLongmont.com. You still can call or just show up, but you'll pay a fixed "rack rate."

