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Update on the City of Longmont's EAB MANAGEMENT PLAN

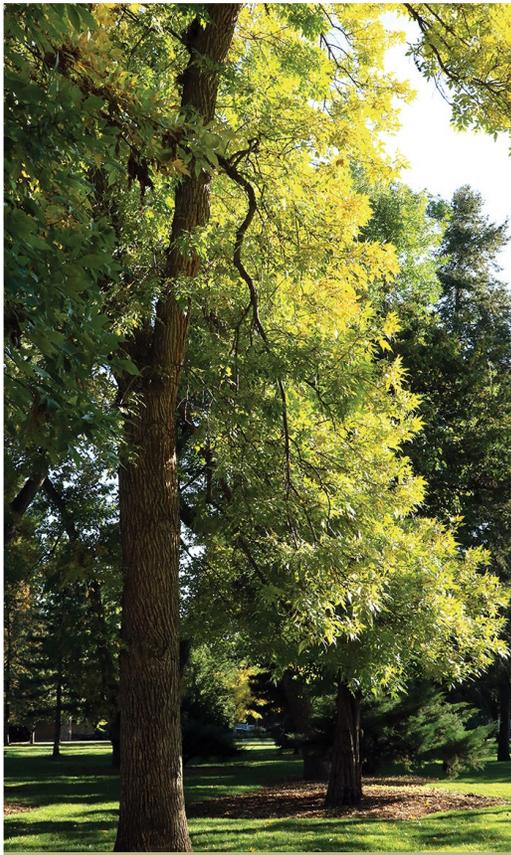
A non-native pest is spreading across our country and creating devastation in our urban forests. That pest is Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). EAB has been confirmed in 31 states, including Colorado. It's not only killing ash trees but also creating costly ripple effects that communities and residents are left to bear. The best action for all is to have a plan.

Emerald ash borer was discovered in Longmont in June 2016 near the intersection of 9th Avenue and Hover Street. Forestry Services has identified 2,790 City-managed ash trees, accounting for approximately 13% of the public tree population. In the summer of 2016, Forestry Services started contracting treatment of high-value ash trees that are 10 inches in diameter or greater. To date, a total of 725 City-managed ash trees have been treated, and another 200 to 250 ash trees will be treated in 2018. This treatment will help maintain many of the high-value ash trees that provide environmental benefits, shade, and character to the City of Longmont.

Treating high-value ash trees to protect them from EAB is critical, but pruning is also necessary to maintain healthy structure and prevent branch failures during bad weather. Forestry Services has pruned 506 ash trees since finding EAB but will continue to struggle to meet the pruning demands of Longmont's public trees.

To date, Forestry Services has removed 349 ash trees (with about 50 more removals planned this fall) that do not meet Longmont's criteria for treatment. Only about half of the stumps from ash tree removals have been ground thus far, and further backlogs are projected.

EAB will continue to challenge Forestry Services to meet the workload it creates as it spreads through Longmont. Learn more about the City's EAB Management Plan and find information to create a plan for your property at LongmontColorado.gov/forestry. There, you also can see maps of City-managed trees that have been treated as well as those planned for treatment in 2018.



Retail Night Out
6 to 9 pm | December 8
Holiday shopping continues in Downtown Longmont with holiday specials and promotions from businesses.

Visit DowntownLongmont.com for more information.

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

Celebrate the Holidays at Longmont Lights!



Enjoy the mystery and magic of millions of sparkling lights and free family activities December 8-9 at Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Avenue, at the City's annual Longmont Lights holiday celebration!

Friday, December 8

All activities except the Parade of Lights take place between 5 and 8 pm on Friday, December 8 (times vary). Returning favorites include The Home Depot Santa's Workshop (5-7:30 pm) for younger kids at the Memorial Building, musical entertainment at the Longmont Senior Center, a holiday ice skating show at the Longmont Ice Pavilion, and in Roosevelt Park, hot cocoa carts, balloon glow, train rides, and fireworks (7:45 pm) sponsored by WK Real Estate. Local food trucks will have menu items for purchase at the Longs Peak parking lot next to the park.

Saturday, December 9

Beginning at 5 pm on Saturday enjoy the March of the Toys holiday parade on Main Street. Parade float applications are available online and will be accepted until Monday, November 27. All entries are eligible for prizes. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/LongmontLights or call 303-651-8404 for a complete schedule of weekend events.

The lights around Roosevelt Park, sponsored by Comcast/Xfinity, will be lit nightly beginning in December through early January 2018.

Book Your *Holiday Rentals* Now

Fall is here, and that means the holidays—and the holiday parties!—are right around the corner. Have you booked your banquet hall or rental facility?

The City of Longmont has a room for every size and budget. Whether you're having an intimate tea for 10 or a raucous reception for 50, we can help you find the right space for your special event.

Many City rental facilities can be styled to suit your needs, and several locations include tables, chairs, and food preparation areas. Prices vary by location, day, and time, and some restrictions apply for those serving alcohol. City rentals are handicap accessible and have plenty of free parking available nearby.

What are you waiting for? Call today to discuss arrangements for your holiday party, birthday, retirement, memorial or wedding reception. To learn more, visit LongmontColorado.gov or call 303-651-8404.



The Izaak Walton Clubhouse can accommodate up to 95 guests for all types of gatherings.

Callahan Holiday Open House

3 to 7 pm | Friday, December 1



Come to the Historic Callahan House for the Holiday Open House and tell Santa what you want for Christmas! Santa will be at the Callahan House at 312 Terry Street from **3 to 7 pm on Friday, December 1**. Parents, bring your camera to capture the memories. The house will be open for tours as well, so you'll have an opportunity to enjoy the holiday decorations. The public is welcome and admission is free.

Give the gift of **GOLF**

Purchase \$25, \$50 and \$100 gift certificates at GolfLongmont.com/store. Or, call 303-651-8592 to purchase a certificate in the denomination of your choice.



HO-HO-HOLD OFF! on decorating pedestal lights

It's almost time for holiday lights and decorations to appear throughout Longmont again, sparkling from the city's trees, roofs, and windows. But when the décor reaches out to the pedestal lights – the small lamp posts that hold the electric meter for a quarter of the city's homes – problems can result. Please remember:

- Help out your meter reader by keeping the meter window clear instead of covering it up.
- Don't wrap decorations around the body of the pedestal light; it makes it hard to open the door for repairs or maintenance.
- Make sure to keep the photocell visible, the small circle near the top of the pole. Covering it up will keep the pedestal light on in the daytime and burn it out faster.
- Leave the lamp's LED in place rather than replace it with a tinted bulb. The LEDs are chosen for long life and effective illumination of the neighborhood.
- If you have an older pedestal light that has outlets behind a locked or sealed flap, please do not open the flap or use the outlets. They are not safe to use.

And while you're decorating the rest of your home or business, keep these safety tips in mind as well:

- If well-loved decorations are also becoming well-worn, it's time to retire them. Frayed wires and loose connections can start a fire.
- Always use proper ladder safety when hanging lights. Lock the ladder's braces in place, follow the manufacturer's instructions, and always face the ladder as you work.
- Make sure cords haven't been pinched in a door or window or under furniture. This can damage the insulation.
- Keep your tree – and anything else flammable – at least three feet away from any heat sources, including fireplaces and space heaters.
- Be sure that extension cords are rated for their intended use – indoor or outdoor – and are not overloaded. And definitely keep them away from standing water!
- If you have an unmetered porch light, please don't plug any outdoor light strings into it. A brilliant display can burn out the small fuse.

If you have any questions, call Longmont Power & Communications at 303-651-8386. May your holidays be merry, bright, and safe!



The Perfect Christmas Present for Your Pet A 2018 Pet License



Longmont city ordinances require that all domestic cats, dogs, and Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs six months and older be licensed annually. City licenses are valid for the calendar year, and all expire on December 31.

Cat, dog, and pot-bellied pig owners residing within Longmont city limits must purchase 2018 pet licenses by February 1, 2018.

Licenses cost \$15 for spayed/neutered pets and \$25 for unaltered pets.

Pet licenses are available for purchase at the Longmont Humane Society, 9595 Nelson Road, from noon to 6 pm Monday through Friday and from 11 am to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday. You also can purchase licenses through the mail and at a number of local pet retailers and veterinary offices. For instructions regarding mail-in license applications and a list of license vendors, visit LongmontHumane.org.

The Longmont Humane Society reminds pet owners that city licenses also play a critical role in reuniting lost pets with their owners; animal control officers can take lost pets directly home rather than to a shelter. Additionally, city licenses may furnish medical information needed to administer life-saving treatment to injured strays.



Winter/Spring 2018 Recreation Activities Brochure

The Winter/Spring 2018 Recreation & Golf Services brochure will be mailed to Longmont households the week of November 27. Registration for classes begins Tuesday, December 5. The winter/spring edition contains activities, classes and special events that take place from December to early May. An online version will be available at LongmontColorado.gov/rec in early December.



Gift Certificates Available for Recreation Facilities

Looking for a special holiday gift? Consider a Longmont Recreation gift certificate. Recreation gift certificates

can be purchased in any amount and can be redeemed in person, over the phone, and even online for drop-in classes, activity registration, and passes. To purchase, visit the Longmont Recreation Center at 310 Quail Road or the St. Vrain Memorial Building at 700 Longs Peak Avenue.

Holiday Schedules

All City facilities will be closed for Thanksgiving on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, except Centennial Pool, which will be open from 7 to 11 am.

Although Longmont city government also observes the day after Thanksgiving, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, as a holiday, the Longmont Museum, Longmont Recreation Center, and Centennial Pool will be open regular hours. All other facilities will be closed. Thursday trash, recycling and composting will be collected on Friday.

All facilities will be closed for Christmas on MONDAY, DECEMBER 25. Some Recreation locations will open with special hours on Sunday, December 24. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for schedules. Trash, recycling and composting will be collected one day late during the week.



You're invited to kick off the Christmas season with the Gift of Home Tour, a self-guided tour of four beautifully decorated homes that raises funds for Longmont Meals on Wheels.

The VIP night, from 5 to 9 pm on Thursday, November 30, includes dinner at one of seven local restaurants and an opportunity to view the homes that evening or through Saturday. Tickets are \$40 and include a luncheon on Friday or Saturday.

General admission hours are 10 am to 7 pm on Friday, December 1, and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, December 2. Tickets (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) also include a luncheon from 11 am to 2 pm on Friday or Saturday. Tickets are available online and at Longmont Meals on Wheels, Ace Hardware, Stapp Interstate Toyota, Woodley's Fine Furniture, Niwot Market, and Snyder Jewelers.

For more information, to purchase tickets online, or to volunteer, visit TheGiftofHome.org.



The Ice Pavilion is OPEN!

The Longmont Ice Pavilion is open from November through mid-March, weather permitting. Located at Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Avenue, this seasonal ice rink offers public ice skating, hockey, skating lessons and party facilities throughout the winter. Call 303-774-4777 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/ice-pavilion for more information and schedules. Extended open skate hours are available beginning December 18 during the school holiday break.

YOUTH BASKETBALL



The City of Longmont offers youth basketball for 3rd - 8th graders and high school boys and girls who are not playing on their high school team.

This is an organized team participation program that emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development and fun. Teams practice one to two hours per week and play a seven-game season. Games are played on Saturdays in Longmont or nearby towns. Each participant receives a Junior Nuggets reversible branded jersey and two tickets to a Denver Nuggets game. **Register online by Sunday, December 17, at LongmontColorado.gov/rec** – search “basketball” – or at any Recreation facility. Practices begin the week of January 2; games begin on January 13. This program depends on volunteer coaches. If you would like to volunteer, call 303-651-8398.



As daylight hours dwindle, we all must be diligent about making ourselves visible and looking out for others.

When you're driving:

- You might “wave on” cyclists at a stop sign, but often they won't be able to see your gestures through your tinted windows. Always act predictably.
- Use your turn signal to show your intention, then follow through.

- You might see a cyclist or a pedestrian waiting to cross the street and, with the best of intentions, stop to let them cross. This unpredictable action creates tension for everyone and can be dangerous.

When you're a pedestrian:

- Because cars are visible to you, it doesn't mean that you're visible to them. As darkness approaches, consider wearing bright or reflective clothing.
- Put a flashing red light on your purse, briefcase or backpack.
- Carry a small white flashlight to see where you're going and to increase your visibility.
- Adorn your pup with a cool light-up collar!

When you're a bicyclist:

- Wear a flashing red light on your back or the rear of your bike and a solid white light in the front. It's the law, and it will help protect you.
- Consider wheel lights for increased visibility, especially when riding through intersections.
- Bright clothes and reflective stripes increase visibility at night. Invest in reflective tape, and make your bike and your helmet shine.
- “Bicycling” magazine recently reported increased visibility of bikes with bright colors or lights on moving parts. In this case, that means your feet!

We all are familiar with the adage “Never assume . . .” In this case, the best practice is to *always* assume that drivers don't see you!

