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Mayor and City Council Candidate Nominations Due by August 26

The Longmont City Clerk's Office will accept nominations for the offices of mayor, two city council members at-large, and one city council member representing Ward 2 from Tuesday, August 6, through Monday, August 26. The election for these positions is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, and will be conducted as a coordinated election with Boulder and Weld counties.

The mayor's term is two years, and the council member terms are four years each. Candidates for mayor and council member must:

1. Be citizens of the United States;
2. Be 21 years of age; and
3. Have resided in and been qualified electors of the city for the past year.

Additionally, the successful Ward 2 council member candidate must reside in Ward 2 during the term of office.

Candidate information packets will be available in the City Clerk's Office by the last week of July, and nomination petitions can be circulated beginning Tuesday, August 6. If you are interested in being a candidate, submit your name to the City Clerk's Office by calling 303-651-8649, or send an e-mail to valeria.skitt@ci.longmont.co.us to have the packet mailed to you as soon as it is available.

Candidates running for the office of mayor or an at-large council seat must collect signatures from 50 registered voters residing in Longmont. Candidates running for the Ward 2 council seat must collect signatures from 25 registered voters who reside in Ward 2. The city clerk will conduct a candidate orientation session in late August following certification of the nomination petitions.



Protect yourself from West Nile virus!

Mosquitos aren't just annoying. They can carry West Nile virus, which

can strike anyone of any age. This virus can cause a lifelong debilitating illness or even death. In 2012 Boulder, Larimer and Weld counties reported a total of 14 cases of West Nile, and five Coloradans lost their lives to it. Don't take chances! Follow the "4 Ds" of West Nile prevention:

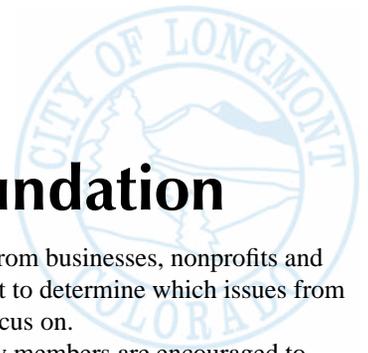
- Minimize outdoor activity between DUSK and DAWN.
- DRESS in long sleeves and long pants.
- DRAIN standing water, including in pools, birdbaths, tires, and planters and pots.
- Use an insect repellent that contains at least

10% DEET. (Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions.)

Look for free insect repellent from City of Longmont staff at community events.



Support the Work of the Longmont Community Foundation



I am often asked, "What is the City going to do" about this issue or that problem. Usually my answer is that we can't solve difficult issues with a vote or an initiative. Community issues usually are more complex than can be seen at a glance.

That's why I am such a huge supporter of the Longmont Community Foundation (LCF). It is part of the fabric of Longmont and the St. Vrain Valley, and it works with many individuals and organizations to make a difference.

The Foundation, created in 1994, is a nonprofit organization that works to improve life in the St. Vrain Valley through philanthropy and charitable leadership. One of its core values is to be a neutral leader in the community and help facilitate discussions about issues the community cares about. To help gather information on the issues that affect our community, the Foundation launched a community survey in 2012.

Volunteers and staff at LCF also have been soliciting feedback from people at area events and through the City's website. The Foundation wants to gather survey responses through July. When the survey is concluded the Foundation will present the information to the public and

gather leaders from businesses, nonprofits and city government to determine which issues from the survey to focus on.

Community members are encouraged to record your thoughts and opinions at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BABL>. We can solve problems only by working together, and that is the Foundation's strength.

The Foundation has awarded grants to such worthy organizations such as Alternatives for Youth, Community Food Share and the Tiny Tim Center, and that's just a small sample of the local support that the Community Foundation provides.

I look forward to the City of Longmont's continued partnership with the Longmont Community Foundation, and I encourage you to visit its website at www.longmontfoundation.org for more information about the Build a Better Longmont Initiative and how you can participate.

Dennis L Coombs



West Side Alleyscape scheduled for 2013-2014

The Alleyscape Project will soon begin on the west side of Main Street.

Construction has been rescheduled to start in late-July/early August on the alleys and breezeways on the west side of Main Street between 3rd and 6th avenues. The project will start on the 300 block. It will be determined soon whether work on the 400 block will begin following completion of the 300 block this year or whether that construction will be postponed until 2014 to be completed with the 500 block. Work on each block should take about four months.

The goal of the Alleyscape Project is to create a more pedestrian- and shopper-friendly environment while correcting drainage problems and opening the breezeways for greater utility. All businesses on these blocks will be open for business during construction. Customers are asked to use Main Street entrances when the block is under construction.

Parking lots that adjoin the alleys will be closed in phases, but convenient on-street parking is available throughout the area and in the newly reconstructed lots on the east side of Main Street. There also is parking next to Jester's Dinner Theatre on the 200 east block of Main Street.

For up-to-date information on the construction schedule, parking availability and progress on this project visit www.downtownlongmont.com or call 303-651-8586.

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!

In July, Coffee with Council will be on the patio at Ute Creek Golf Course, 2000 Ute Creek Drive. Council members Gabe Santos and Sarah Levison are scheduled to attend.

In August, Coffee with Council will be at Mr. Bean, 1844 Hover Street.

For information about city council meetings and agendas, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council or call 303-651-8649.

Handle your utility service online

If you need to connect new utility service or disconnect or transfer your existing service, do it online! It's easy:

- Go to www.ci.longmont.co.us/utility_billing
- Click on "Log-in Now" in the second bullet (you will be able to complete the process without actually logging in if you don't already have an online account.)
- Select your choice on the left side of the next screen under "Online Services" – Start Utility Service, Stop Utility Service or Transfer Utility Service.
- You then will see an FCRA Compliance Agreement. Click on "I Agree" to continue. This authorizes the City of Longmont to obtain information from your personal credit profile or other information from Experian. It also authorizes the City to obtain such information solely to confirm your identity in order to prevent fraudulent transactions in your name. (If you do not agree, you will need to call Utility Billing at 303-651-8664 or go to the Civic Center to complete your transaction.)
- Then, simply complete your service request.

From the main Utility Billing web page you also can sign up for paperless billing and pay your bill online, as well as get information about budget billing, automatic bill paying and more.

For more information or assistance, call 303-651-8664.

It's time for the fair! August 2 - 11 Boulder County Fairgrounds



On August 2, Colorado's oldest county fair will open with an extended schedule of events and new entertainment.

The Boulder County Fair will now run for two full weekends, through August 11, at the Boulder County Fairgrounds on Hover Road. Free gate admission and free parking provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy everything the fair has to offer.

In addition to long-standing fair favorites such as the Ballet on Horses, Parade, Demo Derby and exhibitors, this year's fair will present a CPRA rodeo, a truck & tractor pull, BMX performance, a farm-to-table dinner, a brew fest and lots of free musical entertainment. The family-favorite Kids' Corral presents entertainment and activities, including a 6,000-gallon live trout fishing tank, for all ages.

For a complete schedule of events and more information, visit www.BoulderCountyFair.org.

Enjoy Family Night at Sandstone Ranch

Are you looking for a different way to enjoy a summer evening with your family and friends?

Have a picnic!

Everyone is invited to the Sandstone Ranch Visitor Center from 6 to 8 pm on Tuesday, July 23, to enjoy this beautiful Longmont treasure. Relax on the lawn, hike around the grounds, photograph the amazing views, play lawn games, roast marshmallows ... do whatever suits your fancy.

Sandstone offers a spectacular backdrop to create a wonderful family experience. The Visitor Center is located off Highway 119 on Sandstone Road. Drive south past the soccer fields and park in the Visitor Center parking lot at the top of the hill then make the short walk from the parking lot to the Visitor Center.

For more information call 303-774-4692.

Join your neighbors for National Night Out

From 6 to 9 pm on Tuesday, August 6, neighborhoods throughout Longmont will join with thousands of communities nationwide for the 30th annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and cosponsored locally by Longmont Public Safety.

National Night Out (NNO) is designed to raise awareness of crime and drug prevention efforts, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and watching out for each other.

NNO can be part of ongoing Neighborhood Watch activities or even a great way to get a Neighborhood Watch program started. Neighborhood Watch programs help neighbors work together to improve everyone's quality of life and lessen crime.

During National Night Out, Longmont residents will lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors. Many local neighborhoods are planning a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and other Neighborhood Watch events. NNO activities, however, can be as simple as bringing your lawn chairs out front and visiting with neighbors. Lemonade is optional!



A 2013 National Night Out Planning Kit is available to help Longmont residents jump start local National Night Out activities.

Call 303-774-4440 to receive a National Night Out kit or to learn how to start your own Neighborhood Watch program.

You can help reduce ground-level ozone pollution

The arrival of summer means that it's ground-level ozone season across central Colorado and the Northern Front Range.

During ozone season, the Regional Air Quality Council issues Ozone Action Alerts to inform residents when weather conditions can lead to potentially unhealthy ozone concentrations.

Ground-level ozone is a harmful air pollutant that can trigger attacks and symptoms in people with health conditions such as asthma or other respiratory diseases. It also can affect healthy people who work or exercise outdoors, causing breathing difficulties and eye irritation, as well as a reduced resistance to lung infections and colds.

Ground-level ozone pollution forms when

emissions from gas-powered vehicles and lawn equipment, industrial processes, and even household paints and solvents react with heat and sunlight.

Here are some things you can do to help reduce ground-level ozone:

- Mow your lawn and refuel your vehicle after 5 pm
- "Stop at the click" – don't overfill gas tanks
- Keep vehicles regularly maintained
- Tighten gas caps after refueling
- Use electric lawn equipment
- Avoid solvent-based products; use water-based paint, stain and sealants
- Choose hybrid, electric or more fuel-efficient vehicles when purchasing or renting a car
- Avoid idling and drive-thru lines – turn off your engine and go inside
- Sign up for Ozone Action Alerts
- Take the Clean Air Community Pledge

You also can use a new online/mobile calculation tool – the OzoMeter – to track your activities and view your air quality impact.

To learn more visit www.OzoneAware.org.

