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2018 Special Election

A City of Longmont special election is planned for the first quarter of 2018 to fill the City Council seat in Longmont Ward 1. The Ward 1 seat, which represents northeastern and far eastern parts of Longmont (visit bit.ly/LongmontWards to see the City ward map), was vacated when Council Member Brian Bagley was elected mayor in November. The winner of this special Ward 1 election will serve the remaining two years of the four-year term that expires in November 2019. Information about applying for this open seat and other election information will be made available on the City's website at LongmontColorado.gov in the coming weeks. You also can call the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649 for information.

Never again ask, "Is it my recycling day?" NEW ONLINE CALENDAR OFFERS CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMIZATION

As we roll into the new year, it's out with the old and in with the new when it comes to knowing your trash/recycling/composting day. After years of mailing a generic printed collection calendar to all Longmont households, the City has launched a new web-based tool that makes it easier than ever to know when to put your different carts out for collection. The Online Collection Calendar tailors information to your address and your services. It clears the clutter and gets straight to what matters to you.



With the Online Collection Calendar, you can:

- View your custom collection schedule based on your address and services
- Set up collection and special event reminders by email, phone and more
- Print a copy of your collection schedule
- Sign up to get alerts when service is delayed or cancelled
- Set your language preference to English or Spanish

In addition to these conveniences, we're making the switch to a digital calendar for these key reasons:

- Reliability – to assure that you have the most accurate information and updates
- Sustainability – to save money, reduce waste and expand accessibility

Head to LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste today to see your calendar and sign up for reminders. If you don't have internet access we will be happy to set up automated phone calls to provide your collection schedule each week. Just call 303-651-8416 to request this service.

More Plastics Now Accepted in Curbside Recycling Bin!

Improvements at the Boulder County Recycling Center mean you can now recycle more plastic items than ever before:

- "Clamshell" containers, such as berry containers, of all sizes
- Flat plastic tub lids, such as yogurt container lids
- Rigid plastics, such as buckets and backyard toys with metal axles removed

See the new recycling guide and print a copy at LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste. Also, watch your mailbox for the "WasteDiverter," an annual newsletter with guidelines for recycling and composting, plus related special events.

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

2018 Public Safety CITIZEN ACADEMY



Have you ever wondered how heavy that all that firefighting gear really is? Curious as to why the SWAT team is deployed on some incidents and not others? Do you want to know how to prepare for an emergency?

Get the answers to these questions and more at the Public Safety Citizen Academy. Class will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, February 6 - May 15. One Saturday field day also will be scheduled during that time.

This academy includes hands-on classroom experience, a tour of the Longmont Safety & Justice Center as well as the Emergency 911 Communications Center, and a tour of fire vehicles and an ambulance.

For more information and to register, visit LongmontColorado.gov and search "citizen academy" or call 303-651-8523.



Holiday Schedules

All City facilities will be closed for Christmas on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25** and for New Year's Day on **MONDAY, JANUARY 1**. Some Recreation facilities will have special hours on Sunday, December 24, and on Sunday, December 31. Visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec for specific schedules. Trash, recycling and composting will be collected one day late during both Christmas and New Year's weeks.

Swim into the New Year

Swimming and diving aren't just for summer months. Recreation Services offers classes year round, and the next session of lessons begins the first week in January. To find the correct class for you or your little swimmer, visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec or call Centennial Pool at 303-651-8406 to speak with a swim lesson guru and to arrange a free swim lesson evaluation. Register early to secure your preferred class; registration will close after the second day of class or when the class is full.



New Year, New You! Training Specials

January Special Recreation Services' personal trainers will inspire and encourage you to develop healthy habits and routines through the safe delivery of effective instruction, motivation and education. Take advantage of this January-only special and get bonus sessions when you purchase a personal training package! Buy 5 sessions, get one free. Buy 10 sessions, get two free. Valid January 2 - January 31 only.



Intro to Training Package If you're new to personal training or haven't trained with a City personal trainer in over one year, try out the Intro to Personal Training Package. Get three sessions for \$99. Nonresident rates are slightly higher.

Sign up at a City of Longmont Recreation facility or call 303-774-4752 for help finding the right trainer for your needs. Each training session is one hour.

Recycle Your Holiday

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25% - about 1 million extra tons. The City of Longmont offers several options to help you reduce your waste this season and "Recycle Your Holiday."

Christmas Tree Recycling – Drop-off locations

From December 26 through January 7, the City will offer four Christmas tree recycling locations:

- Roosevelt Park - Parking lot south of 8th Avenue
- Garden Acres Park - West side of parking lot off 18th Avenue
- Kanemoto Park - Parking lot off of S. Pratt Parkway
- Centennial Park - East parking lot off of Alpine Street

Please remove all decorations and lights strands from your tree. You also can recycle your tree at the Waste Diversion Center.

Recycle More Holiday Items at the Waste Diversion Center

From December 26 through January 31, bring your wrapping paper and holiday light strands to the Waste Diversion Center to be recycled. There will be specially designated bins to recycle these specific materials. You can bring cooking oil and block Styrofoam year-round.

- **Wrapping Paper:** Don't put holiday wrapping paper in your curbside container. Wrapping paper is a contaminant in the single-stream process due to its high clay content and low fiber content; thus, it must be kept separate from all other recyclables. Please do *not* include metallic wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, ornaments, tissue paper, fluorescent or dark paper, or paper covered in tape.
- **Holiday Lights:** Please wrap each string of lights into a ball and drop them into the specially marked containers in front of the drop-off bins.
- **Cooking Oil:** Oil and grease poured down the drain can coagulate in the pipes and cause blockages, wreaking havoc on your plumbing system. After your holiday feast, save the oil and bring it to the Waste Diversion Center for proper disposal.
- **Styrofoam:** Styrofoam can take a million years or longer to decompose. Keep it out of the landfill and recycle it. Bring your white foam block Styrofoam and drop them in special collection containers at the Waste Diversion Center. Sorry we can't accept packing peanuts.

The Waste Diversion Center is located at 140 Martin Street. Business hours are 7:30 am to 4:45 pm Monday through Saturday; closed holidays. Residents should take a copy of their most recent Longmont utility bill as proof of payment for the city's waste management fee and an I.D. For more information, visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Itty Bitty City Returns in January



Is it too cold to play outside?

Beginning January 12 your toddlers and preschool-age children will enjoy indoor fun on **Fridays from 9 to 11 am** at the St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Avenue., where there are plenty of toys and room to move in the gymnasium!

Itty Bitty City is for children ages 6 months to 5 years with a parent; no older children please. The drop-in fee is \$2 per child, and a 10-visit pass is available for \$17. Questions? Call 303-651-8404.

WINDOWS TO WELLNESS Health Fair

8:30 am to 1:30 pm | Saturday, January 20
Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue

This annual fair boasts a variety of vendors to give you the latest information on health and nutrition. Fitness classes will take place throughout the day to help you get motivated to exercise. Sign up for 10-minute sessions for \$5 or 20-minute sessions for \$10 (cash only – please bring small bills) with alternative wellness practitioners and holistic healers. Admission is free. For details visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.



Long-distance Chess Challenge in Progress

The Longmont Library's chess club isn't your run-of-the-mill chess club. Last year, they hosted a live chess game in which all the chess pieces were portrayed by live people moving across a huge chessboard. This year, the club is engaged in a game of virtual chess with the ACME Pawn Pushers chess club of the Hammond Public Library in Hammond, Indiana.

This virtual chess game isn't online but virtual in an old-fashioned way with the two clubs following each other's moves from the distance of 1,000 miles. As the Hammond club decides its next move, they communicate it to Longmont chess club leader and library staff member Sherri Jennings, who heads up the Longmont club and keeps the master board. The two clubs share a love of chess but have never met in person and differ in membership; the Longmont Library chess club comprises youths and adults, while the Hammond Public Library club's membership is nearly all adults during the school year.

Ed Blanco, founder of the ACME Pawn Pushers, learned of the Longmont Library's club through a Google alert he has set to chess news. He contacted Jennings and issued the challenge.

"I received this email from a person I didn't know, challenging our club to a match," explains Jennings. "They sent the first move, so we were off and running with a game."

The two clubs began their virtual match in April and are not expected to finish the game until some time in 2018. The Hammond club meets once a week, and the Longmont club meets twice a month, so the clubs' schedules have dictated the pace of the turn-taking. Jennings is optimistic about the outcome. "We're ahead right now, and we expect to win!" she said with a smile.



The Longmont Public Library's chess club meets from 7 to 8 pm on the first and third Monday of every month at the Library, 409 4th Avenue, and welcomes players of all levels. Registration isn't required, so drop by to see what fun chess can be!



Young basketball fans ages 6 through 13 as of April 30, 2018, can exhibit their basketball skills at the free Denver Nuggets Basketball Skills Challenge competition at the Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road. Boys and girls will compete in separate divisions in dribbling, passing and shooting. Top scorers in each age group will advance to a sectional, then state championship competition, and winners will get tickets to a Denver Nuggets game. Entry forms are available one hour prior to the competition. For more information, call 303-774-4800 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

Wildlife Watching in Winter

Indoor & Outdoor Workshop

Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center
Saturday, January 27 | 10 am to noon



Have you ever wondered how to see more wildlife while out walking or hiking? Become a skilled wildlife watcher and learn how to look for signs of wildlife like tracks and scat, how to interpret the signs that you see, and how to find clues that can point you in the right direction.

The Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center, 3001 Sandstone Drive, offers family-friendly seasonal programs focusing on history, nature and the environment. Limited seating is available. Reserve your spot at least one week in advance by calling 303-651-8404. A \$2/child, \$4/adult suggested donation collected at the event.

Learn more about Sandstone Ranch at bit.ly/ssrevents.

