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New 2014 utility rates will still be among the lowest in the state

Some Longmont utility rates are scheduled to increase next year, and the new residential rates are listed below. Many of these increases were scheduled years before the September flood, but some are being instituted to help pay for repair and replacement of infrastructure damaged in that flood.

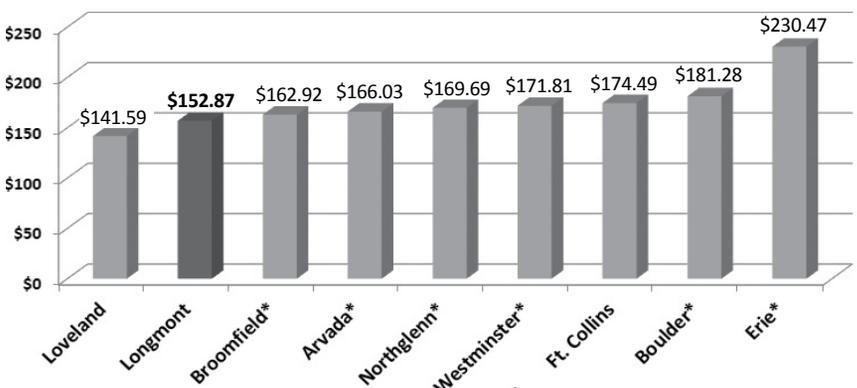
	Current	Effective December 1, 2013
Storm drainage user charge	\$7.77/month	\$13.05/month (increase for flood-related construction)

	Current	Effective January 1, 2014
Sanitation rate	96-gallon container\$12.68/month	\$14.14/month
	48-gallon container.....\$ 8.97/month	\$ 9.65/month
Parks and greenway maintenance fee	\$1/month	\$4/month (\$2 through 2016 is for flood-related construction)
Sewer rate	Service fee	\$8.50/month
	Volume fee	\$9.50/month
		\$3.46/1,000 gal. \$4.11/1,000 gal. per month per month

The City also is considering electric rate adjustments for 2014. The proposed changes include an average electric rate increase of 5 percent in 2014 that is expected to remain in effect, with no additional increases, through 2016. Proposed electric rates will be presented to the city council for first reading on November 12 and second reading on December 17.

It is important to note that even with this proposed increase, Longmont's electric rates for all customer classes will remain among the lowest in Colorado. In fact, Longmont residential rates would need to increase approximately 50 percent to reach the state average.

**Longmont 2014 average total monthly utility bill
compared to 2013 average utility bills of other cities**



* receive electricity from Xcel Energy

We Will Recover

Now the hard part begins.

That was a common refrain I heard from the city manager, city engineers and other experts at the City of Longmont after the flood waters began receding.

Early estimates are that Longmont sustained about \$148 million in damage during the historic flood that hit our community in September. It won't be easy, and it will take several years, but Longmont will recover and rebuild. It will take this community pulling together – as we always have in times of need – to define priorities and develop a strategy that finds housing for the displaced, that rebuilds the St. Vrain Greenway, and that replaces bridges over the river and Left Hand Creek.

Over the next several weeks you will hear about those plans, and I hope you stay engaged in the conversation as we move forward.

Thoughtful planning will be crucial in the weeks and months ahead. I'm confident that we have the right people in place to lead us through this process.

For example, the city had the foresight to plan and build the Left Hand Creek Flood Control Project through the Southmoor Park neighborhood. If not for this project that was completed earlier this year, that neighborhood would have sustained even greater damage.

Another example of incredible planning was from the city's emergency management team. It's remarkable that there was no loss of life in Longmont during this disaster, and it's a tribute

to city planners and public safety officials who were very well prepared for this event.

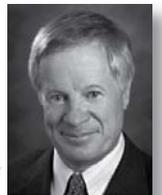
I want to commend the Shared Services and Community Services departments for quickly setting up emergency shelters and creating a disaster assistance center at Twin Peaks Mall just days after the event to give help to people who needed it the most.

I must salute the Public Works and Natural Resources Department for helping neighborhoods clean up very quickly by providing roll-off dumpsters and preventing further environmental problems. And, Longmont Power & Communications had power restored to affected areas within hours after the rain stopped.

There are countless more examples of far-sighted planning and heroism throughout the community, and, unfortunately, I do not have room in this column to thank everyone individually.

The thing to remember is that these are the same visionaries, planners and workers who will guide this community over the next several years through the rebuilding process.

They have proven that we are very lucky to have them working on behalf of this community, and it gives me great confidence that the future of this city is in the right hands.



Dennis L. Coombs

Light A Candle for the library

Light A Candle, the Longmont Public Library's annual fundraising event staffed by the Friends of the Library, will be held from Saturday, November 30, through Sunday, December 15.

During this holiday season, please support the library by choosing items from among the many on display to add to the library's collection. Then make your tax-deductible donation to cover



the cost of your selections.

The library is located at 409 4th Avenue, between Kimbark and Emery streets. For more information, call 303-651-8470.

Sharpen your blades Ice skating season's here!



The Longmont Ice Pavilion, operated by City of Longmont Recreation Services, is scheduled to open mid-November. Located at Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Avenue, the Longmont Ice Pavilion is a seasonal ice rink, offering public ice skating, hockey, skating lessons and party facilities throughout the winter, weather permitting.

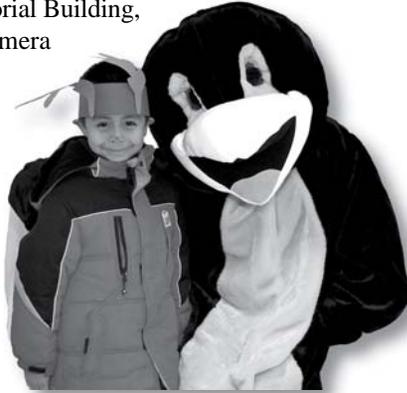
For more information call 303-774-4777 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/icerink. Enroll in ice skating classes today!

Don't Miss Longmont Lights and the Holiday Parade of Lights

Roosevelt Park is once again home to the Longmont Lights celebration. From 5 to 8 pm on Friday, December 13, enjoy fun activities for kids and visit with Santa and friends at the Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Avenue. Bring your camera to catch holiday photo opportunities!

You also can enjoy carriage rides, hot cocoa and fire pits around the park. Also beginning at 5 pm, hear the music of the holidays at the Senior Center, and at 6:30 pm, watch the free Holiday Ice Show at the Pavilion. A pyrotechnic parachute drop will close out the evening at 8 pm.

On Saturday, December 14, festivities begin at 5 pm with the annual Parade of Lights on Main Street. After the parade, enjoy musical entertainment from 6:45 to 8 pm at the Senior Center, hot cocoa and entertainment in the park, and a fireworks show at 6:45 pm. For a complete schedule, call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.



November City Holidays

Longmont City government observes two holidays in November:

VETERANS' DAY

Monday, November 11

These facilities will be CLOSED:

Civic Center, Service Center, Development Services Center, Library, Senior Center, Youth Center, Museum and Waste Diversion Center.

Trash and recycling will be collected one day late throughout the week.

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 28

These facilities will be CLOSED:

Civic Center, Service Center, Development Services Center, Library, Senior Center, Youth Center, Museum, Waste Diversion Center, Recreation Center, Ice Pavilion, Centennial Pool, and St. Vrain Memorial Building (see below).

The Memorial Building will host a special Turkey Buster Boot Camp at 7 am.

Thursday trash and recycling will be collected on Friday.

Annual water meter replacement to run through November

The City of Longmont conducts an annual maintenance program to replace water meters on a 10- to 15-year cycle to ensure accuracy. This year Utility Sales & Service, Inc., has been hired to replace 600 meters installed in meter pits outside of homes. This work will continue through November. Replacement meters include wireless technology that will aid in meter reading. Meters are replaced at no cost to the property owner.

Utility Sales & Services' technicians will knock on the resident's door in an effort to contact residents before they begin work. If no one answers the door, work will progress as scheduled. The contractor will have City of Longmont identification, but residents are welcome to call 303-651-8468 for verification. The water will need to be turned off for a very short time, and the technicians will make a concerted effort to contact residents if they believe someone is at home.

The three areas where the contractor will be working are:

- West of Spencer Street and north of the Oligarchy Ditch
- Allen Drive north to 9th Avenue and Hover west to Teal Circle
- North of Clover Basin and immediately east of N. 75th Street



For more information or to find out if your water meter will be replaced this year, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwu/water/meters.htm or call 303-651-8468 to see a list of all streets on which meters will be replaced.

Woodcarving, dolls featured in new Museum exhibits

On November 23 the Longmont Museum opens two exciting new exhibitions.

Carve! Selected Works from the Champion Cottonwood features artwork from one of the most famous trees in Boulder County, the Hygiene champion cottonwood. Before its death in 2012, this tree was recognized as the largest Plains cottonwood tree in the nation and was thought to be about 150 years old. While the main trunk remains standing, many branches have fallen away. In recognition of the significance of this “gentle giant,” Boulder County Parks and Open Space has invited a number of artisans to create works from the fallen branches of the champion cottonwood. A selection of those works, including furniture, wood art, and turned bowls, will be exhibited at the Longmont Museum from November 23 through January 19, 2014.

At the same time, the Museum draws from its remarkable doll collection to present **Around the World in 80 Dolls**, also running from November 23 through January 19. This exhibition was inspired by the classic Jules Verne novel, later made into a movie, of a race against time around the world. It features dolls from the countries and peoples encountered by the intrepid and



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Sunday: 1 to 5 pm | Monday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

unflappable 19th century traveler Phileas Fogg and his servant Passepartout.

Combined admission to both exhibits is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors (62+), and free for children 5 and under. The Museum is free on the second Saturday of each month. Grandkids receive free admission on the first Saturday of the month if accompanied by a paying grandparent. The Museum also offers Special Needs Early Open on the first Sunday of each month, allowing parents and children who need a more relaxed, quieter visit to come in at noon, one hour before the Museum opens to the general public. For more information on all these exhibits and programs visit www.longmontmuseum.org.

Be sure you're signed up for emergency notification



If police or fire had to reach you in an emergency, could they?

Anyone living within Longmont city limits who no longer has a landline telephone in their home and wants to receive police and fire emergency notifications – “reverse 911” – must register. (Landline telephones are automatically registered.)

If you own communication devices such as cellphones and VoIP (voice over Internet protocol) or would like to receive text or email alerts, you should sign up for this service as it provides a number of additional ways in which emergency information can be disseminated quickly.

Register online at www.ci.longmont.co.us/police. Or, **from noon to 4 pm on Tuesday, December 10, and from 9 am to noon on Thursday, December 12, emergency communications personnel will be at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue, to register residents for this free service.**

Remember, if we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

See the damage for yourself

Some utility rates are being raised to help pay for repair and replacement of infrastructure damaged in the September flood. A 20-minute video produced by the City of Longmont features Public Works and Natural Resources Director Dale Rademacher and Police Commander Jeff Satur providing a tour of the damage along the St. Vrain River and Left Hand Creek. Watch the video at www.ci.longmont.co.us.

