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New Website Enhances City Communication



Getting information about City of Longmont services, programs and events got a whole lot easier when the City launched a new website in August.

Located at www.LongmontColorado.gov, the site is designed with attractive graphics and uses the latest technology to deliver a gratifying user experience. Whether you're looking for a quick answer to a basic question or digging deep to research an issue, you'll find what you need by using the reorganized navigational structure or by simply typing a topic into the search box.

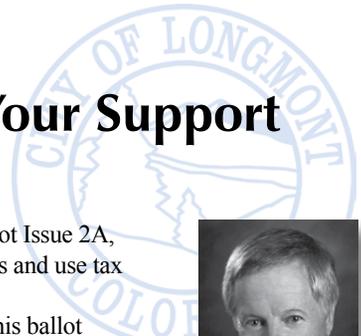
Another highlight of the new site is responsive design that automatically adjusts screen resolution to fit smartphones, tablets, laptops and other mobile devices.

Other new features include:

- **eNotification System** - Have City news sent directly to your email by subscribing to the eNotification system.
- **Request for Service** - Report a concern or express a comment at the Request for Service page and receive updates on your request from City staff.
- **Translate** - Read Longmont web pages in any language by using the Translate button at the top of every page.
- **News and Events** - Find the latest news and current events right on the home page. You can connect directly to news releases and a calendar to get the latest information about City events.
- **Forms** - Easy access to forms ranging from building permits to facility rentals.
- **FAQs** - Visit the Frequently Asked Questions page for quick answers on hundreds of topics. Still can't find the answer? Try the "Contact Us" link to reach a City employee by phone or email.

The City contracted with Vision Internet, a company that specializes in municipal government websites, to help construct the new Longmont site.

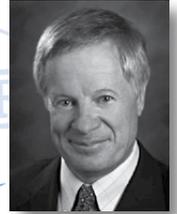
City Council Resolution Urges Your Support of Street Tax Continuation



In the November election Longmont residents will be asked to vote on Ballot Issue 2A, which asks if the 3/4-cent street system maintenance and improvement sales and use tax should be extended for another 10 years.

The Longmont City Council recently passed a resolution in support of this ballot issue. I encourage you to read the resolution reprinted below as well as the supplemental information you will receive in the mail. And most important, I urge you to vote by mail before November 4.

Dennis L Coombs



RESOLUTION R-2014-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL URGING LONGMONT CITIZENS TO VOTE "YES" ON LONGMONT BALLOT ISSUE 2A, THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENT STREET SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT SALES AND USE TAX, ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL COORDINATED ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS the Longmont City Council has submitted to the qualified electors of Longmont, Ballot Issue 2A on the November 4, 2014 General Coordinated Election Ballot regarding an extension of the existing Three-Quarters of a Cent Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use Tax, providing for its expiration on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS approval by Longmont Voters of this issue would result in continuation of the current Sales Tax Rate, as this is an extension or renewal of an existing tax; and

WHEREAS the existing Three-Quarters of a Cent Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use Tax is the primary source of revenue for the maintenance of and improvement to Longmont's transportation system; and

WHEREAS the City of Longmont is responsible for the maintenance of a 330-mile street system, which costs far less to routinely maintain at a higher level of service to the community than to rebuild after it fails; and

WHEREAS the Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use Tax revenue provides vital services such as street patching, street sweeping, snow and ice removal, and sign and signal maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use Tax is the primary source of the revenue that funds the annual Pavement Management Program, including street rehabilitation, concrete repair and maintaining the existing street and sidewalk system to provide a safe and efficient transportation system; and

WHEREAS the Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use Tax will fund continued operation and maintenance of the City's over 330 miles of streets and 600 miles of sidewalks, snow and ice removal, safety improvements, improvements for pedestrians and bicycles, needed bridge rehabilitation, and construction of critical trail connections that function not only as a recreational amenity, but also as a part of the City's transportation system for access work and shopping; and

WHEREAS extension of the existing Sales and

Use Tax will fund improvements to the City's street system that would improve safety, relieve congestion and meet the needs of both the existing community and the future needs of economic development in the community while allowing construction of arterial roadway and intersection improvements on roads such as Hover Street and Ken Pratt Boulevard and bridge replacements across the St. Vrain Creek to help protect the community from future flood events; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Longmont consistently rate transportation as an area of high importance and a matter of safety and security; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, RESOLVES:

Section 1

For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council supports Ballot Issue 2A, on the November 4, 2014 General Coordinated Election Ballot regarding an extension of the existing Three-Quarters of a Cent Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use tax.

Section 2

The City Council urges Longmont citizens to fully inform themselves about Ballot Issue 2A before voting.

Section 3

The City Council urges Longmont citizens to vote "YES" on Ballot Issue 2A, regarding an extension of the existing Three-Quarters of a Cent Street System Maintenance and Improvement Sales and Use Tax.

Passed and adopted this 26th day of August, 2014.

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, the final Coffee with Council for 2014 will be held from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, October 18, at Caffé Luna, 800 Coffman Street. Council members Santos and Christensen are scheduled to attend.

Boulder County Voting Information

The election is less than one month away!

1. **All registered voters will receive a mail ballot.** Colorado elections are conducted by mail with select Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) locations available for voting in person. All active eligible voters will be mailed a ballot the week of October 14 at the address on their voter registration. Make sure your voter registration information is correct by visiting BoulderCountyVotes.org.
2. **Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) open Monday, October 20.** Any voter who would like assistance with voting or who prefers to vote in person can do so at any VSPC. Locations and hours/dates of operation will be included in your mail ballot packet and listed online.
3. **Monday, October 27 is the last day to register/update your voter registration and still receive a mail ballot.** After October 27, a voter will need to visit a VSPC in order to request a ballot.

Falling Leaves, Sweeping Streets

As the leaves begin to fall, City staff and contractors hit the streets in force to help sweep them up! Keeping up with falling leaves all across Longmont is no small task. Sweeping crews work through October and into November – often making multiple passes – to ensure that our roadways and storm drains are clear of debris.

The City currently sweeps 358 centerline miles of streets. Street sweeping annually removes tons (literally!) of debris and contaminants from the streets that would otherwise pollute our air and rivers. The rule of thumb is this: areas that receive the most traffic are swept the most often. Sweeping occurs monthly from April to October in downtown and on Longmont’s major streets and connecting roads, and industrial areas are swept every other month. Residential streets require sweeping only a few times a year; they are included in citywide sweeps each spring, summer and fall.

The street sweeping routes and operations have been designed to not interfere with trash collection and to ensure that bike lanes are captured. Additionally, it is standard practice to sweep snow routes following snowfall. In order to make the most efficient use of available resources and equipment, timed or daily scheduling of routes is currently not practicable.

You can find more information about the City’s street sweeping program, including frequently asked questions, at www.longmontcolorado.gov/street-sweeping.

Fall leaf collection begins November 3

Special curbside collection for bagged leaves only begins the week of November 3. There will be one pass through each neighborhood. The regular automated trucks do not pick up limbs; another crew will pick up bags of leaves. Curbside Collection Schedule is as follows:

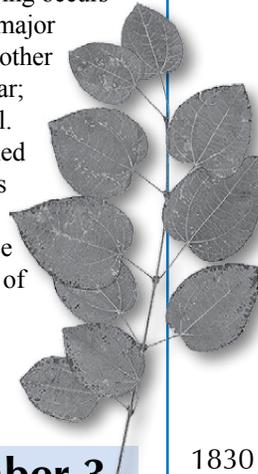
If your trash day is:	Your leaf collection is the week of:
Monday	Place leaf bags curbside before Monday, November 3
Tuesday	Place leaf bags curbside before Monday, November 10
Wednesday	Place leaf bags curbside before Monday, November 17
Thursday	Place leaf bags curbside before Monday, November 24

Free leaf bags – up to 15 per household – are available for pick up at the Waste Diversion Center beginning October 15. You also can drop off leaves year-round at the Waste Diversion Center open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 4:45 pm.

For more information visit www.LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Satisfaction Survey in the Mail

The City of Longmont wants your opinion about government services and is mailing a survey to randomly selected households. If you receive a survey please fill it out and use the return envelope to send us your thoughts. Survey results and a complete report will be presented to the city council in December.



**Free
Landfill
Drop Day**
Saturday,
November 15
6 am to 2 pm
Front Range
Landfill

1830 Weld County
Road 5 in Erie

City trash and recycling customers can take one level pickup truck full of large items and debris to the Front Range Landfill at no charge. Oversized and second loads will be billed, and all loads must be covered. Please take identification and your most recent City of Longmont utility bill. For information, visit www.LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Take your place on a City board or commission!

If you have a desire to serve your community and participate in the deliberation of topics of importance to the city, consider applying to serve on a volunteer advisory board. Persons shall be eligible to serve on boards and commissions who have lived in the City of Longmont and been qualified electors of the City of Longmont (registered voter) for one year prior to their appointment.

It's easy to apply!

1. Visit the City's website at LongmontColorado.gov/board-application.
2. Click on "Complete and submit your application online."
3. Fill out the application and submit by **5 pm on Friday, November 21**.

Questions? Call the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649.

It's Turkey Trot Time!



Bellbottoms, turkeys and platform running shoes?! Boogie over to celebrate the funky 40th Longmont Turkey Trot! Join us **Saturday, November 8**, at Altona Middle School for a dynamite 10K or 2-mile fun run. Break out your vintage running shorts, leisure suits, headbands, tie-dye and turkey feathers – this year will be far out!

Register by October 20 to receive a personalized bib. Registrations are accepted at all City of Longmont Recreation Facilities; via L-Trac, the City of Longmont's online registration system; or at www.active.com. Groups of 20 or more receive \$2 off per person. Cost for the 10K run is \$24; the 2-mile cost is \$20.

Just want to cheer on those funky racers? Volunteer to be a course marshal! Call 303-651-8406 or email sara.taylor@ci.longmont.co.us for more information.



Why Don't They Just Leave?

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The staff at Longmont Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI) often are asked, "Why don't they just leave?" Their favorite response flips that question on its head and asks, "Why doesn't the abuser just stop tormenting the victim?"

Both are equally reasonable options, but as a society we expect the victim to make the change. Consider the hurdles a victim of abuse must clear in order to reach freedom. Leaving might mean walking away from housing, financial security, a job, the community, a support system, and school if there are children. It means accepting that the children, who have been protected from the abuser's hand with the victim's own body, will be alone with the abuser. Finally, it means assuming the risk that the abuser might make good on threats to kill the victim, steal the children or take their own life if the victim leaves.

Leaving is an extreme act of bravery that takes time and can be achieved only with proper support. If you have a friend, family member or coworker in an abusive relationship, offer support instead of insisting that they leave. Connect them with resources so they can get assistance from professionals who understand their situation and will help them consider options and plan for their future safety. Know that leaving is a process, and it can't be achieved overnight.

In the end, victims may go back to their abuser. But each time they leave, one more hurdle is cleared making it more likely they eventually will break the cycle and live a life free of abuse.

For more information about domestic violence and special events planned for the month, including a family fun run 5K on October 11, visit www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org.

Longmont Ice Pavilion Opens November 8



Located in Roosevelt Park, the Longmont Ice Pavilion is a seasonal full-service ice facility offering public ice skating, hockey, skating lessons and party facilities throughout the winter, weather permitting. Private rentals are also available.

For more information, visit LongmontColorado.gov or call 303-774-4777.