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LONGMONT LIGHTS

Celebration and Holiday Parade

December 12 and 13



From ancient time light has been a source of both mystery and magic, providing warmth and guidance. Enjoy the mystery and magic of millions of sparkling lights and the sights and sounds of winter holiday celebrations as Longmont Lights! presents special activities in Roosevelt Park.

From **5 to 8 pm on Friday, December 12**, visit with Santa and friends in his new tent location at Roosevelt Park. Bring your camera for special holiday photos! The Memorial Building at 700 Longs Peak Avenue will feature Santa's Workshop, including a free wood craft project courtesy of Home Depot. Enjoy hot cocoa and fire pits around the park, gourmet food trucks, and a variety of holiday entertainment, including music by the Longmont Concert Band, magician Ann Lincoln and Celtic Steps Irish dance at the Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue. At 6 pm, see the free Holiday Ice Show at the Pavilion.

And new in 2014, catch the Laser Light Show with music beginning at 7:45 pm. The Senior Center will be open as a warming area.

On **Saturday, December 13**, festivities begin at **5 pm** with the annual Parade of Lights on Main Street. After the parade, Santa and friends will be available for more photos. Enjoy ice skating with free skate rentals, hot cocoa, fire pits and gourmet food trucks before and after the 6:30 pm fireworks show. The Memorial Building and Senior Center will be open as warming areas.

For a complete schedule, call 303-651-8404 or visit www.LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

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WINTER WISDOM

Love it or hate it, winter weather is here. Operations crews from City Streets and Water Utilities divisions compiled their "winter weather wisdom" into this list of tips for residents:



1. Shovel sidewalks within 24 hours of a storm's end. Safe, clear sidewalks are essential to mobility. Longmont Municipal Code states that you have 24 hours after a storm ends to clear your sidewalks. Every effort is made by the City's snow plow operators to keep snow in the

BE A SAVVY SHOVELER Wait until the storm has ended and snow plow operations have finished before clearing your sidewalks.

right of way and avoid adding additional snow to adjacent sidewalks. You can operate with the same good intentions by shoveling snow from walks and drives onto your property instead of into the street. While you're shoveling, be sure to clear the snow from your utility meter pit as well. These pits can easily get buried and cause problems for meter readers.

2. Give snow plow trucks plenty of room and clear signals. Winter driving can be hazardous, particularly during snow storms when snow plows are deployed. Plow operators appreciate other motorists' attention to maintaining a safe distance between themselves and the plow. There are numerous truck functions that operators must monitor in addition to the traffic around them. It's very important that motorists signal their turning intentions, both in front of and behind plows. This ensures that plow operators have adequate room to adjust their speed, as needed.

INSIDE INFO That slow-moving plow on the road isn't trying to drive you crazy... its operator is being mindful of keeping the plowed snow on the side of the road and off sidewalks.

3. Keep storm drains and curbs clear for melting snow. All that snow will eventually melt, and when it does much of it runs into our storm drainage system. To help the flow of melting snow and ice, park slightly away from curbs and avoid covering storm drainage inlets. Street sweepers will be out after a storm (weather permitting) on collector and arterial streets. If ice is present in the gutters, the sweepers will get as close as possible.

4. Remember our waterways when using deicing products. Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. Deicers are not meant to completely evaporate

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION Deicers become "anti-icers" when they are applied as soon as the snowy or icy conditions appear; they help prevent a bond from forming between the pavement and the ice. This will make it easier to shovel and reduce your need to apply additional chemicals.

ice and snow. Rather, they are meant to break the ice/pavement bond to make shoveling easier. Over-application doesn't eliminate the need to shovel; it only puts more destructive chemicals into our waterways. Tip: Pellets generally are more effective at penetrating ice than flakes.

5. Ensure that waterlines are ready for freezing temperatures. It's imperative that you protect your water service lines from freezing – both inside and out. Check for open cold air vents or newly finished areas of construction that may be covering waterlines, and check that heat ducts are functioning where waterlines and meters are installed. The most common (and preventable) winter waterline emergency is from an unwinterized sprinkler system. Remember to blow out your sprinkler system and turn the water off to keep your irrigation lines from freezing.

FROZEN TO BURST If you open a faucet and no water comes out, don't take any chances – call a plumber. If a water pipe bursts, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve (usually at the water meter or where the main line enters the house), and leave the faucet(s) open until repairs are completed.

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER PARKING PATROL

Are you interested in giving back to your community?

Become an advocate for the disabled by joining the City of Longmont Volunteer Parking Patrol. Volunteers patrol public and private property in teams of two to ensure legal use of disability spaces through education and enforcement. Training is provided for this fun and rewarding experience. For information call Parking Enforcement at 303-651-8658 or 303-774-4724.

SHRED IT

Saturday, December 13
9 am to 2 pm
140 Martin Street

At this shredding event Longmont residents can safely recycle sensitive documents. This is for residential documents only, business documents are not accepted. To participate, bring ID and your most recent City of Longmont utility bill showing the Waste Management Fee. For more information visit www.LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Holiday Tree Recycling

From December 26 through January 11 the City provides four satellite Christmas tree drop-off locations:

- Roosevelt Park - Parking lot south side 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. You also can recycle your Christmas tree at the Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street between 7:30 am and 4:45 pm, Monday through Saturday. The Waste Diversion Center is closed on Sundays and holidays.

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