

City Line

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RHYTHM on the RIVER

Longmont's signature zero-waste event, Rhythm on the River, celebrates the environment, the community, art and music at this year's 20th anniversary festival.



2015 | Longmont | Music | Arts | Environment

Friday's musical highlights include Mojomama (5 to 6 pm) and The Nacho Men (6:30 to 8 pm). Saturday entertainment includes the 6:30 am hot air balloon launch (weather permitting) and musical guests Crystal Swing Band, Ricardo Peña Band, Rebecca Folsom, The Indulgents, Paul Torres as Elvis, Kutandara, Hey Lady, and Chris Daniels & the Kings.

Also enjoy performances from Longmont Idol contestants, Mr. Tim, and other local dance and theater groups. Meet local artists, visit the World Market vendors, and enjoy great food, fun crafts and activities for kids of all ages. Santa might even make an appearance!

New in 2015: Children age 5 and younger can jump and play in a variety of inflatables at Kids' Day Out, sponsored by Dizzy's Fun Center.

DATES

Friday, July 10
Saturday, July 11

LOCATION

Roger's Grove
220 S. Hover Street

HOURS

Friday - 5 to 8 pm
Saturday - 7 am to 8 pm

PARKING

Free parking at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, on Hover just off Boston Avenue or Nelson Road, with free shuttle service to the event

ADMISSION

FREE!

Get more information and a complete schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/ROTR



Join Longmont Recreation & Golf Services at 7:30 am on Saturday, July 11, for the annual ROGER'S RIVER RUN 3-MILE FUN RUN/WALK.

Race registration includes a free Prairie Breakfast that spectators also can enjoy for \$3 cash. If you preregister by noon on July 9, the fee is \$17 for adults and \$15 for youth 14 and younger and seniors 60 and older. Race day fees increase \$5 on a space-available basis. Free parking is at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. For more information or to register, call 303-651-8406 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/ROTR.



A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Winds of change blowing through Longmont

Can you feel the pulse vibrating throughout Longmont? It's the hum of anticipation and excitement slowly building all over our community.

Can you sense the excitement about the South Main Station development being constructed at the old Butterball site near First and Main? When those massive gray walls came crumbling to the ground in April, it literally cleared the way for a gust of fresh air. In its place we soon will see several four-story buildings containing approximately 300 apartment units and 10,500 square feet of commercial space along Main Street.

That wind of change continues blowing west toward the new Village at the Peaks development near Hwy. 119 and Hover Street. The transformation of the old shopping center will add a refreshing variety of shopping and dining options in the coming years.

Change continues along our creek corridors as flood recovery and protection projects progress. Construction on the new Kanemoto Pool is underway; a bigger, better Sunset Street Bridge will be built beginning in September; and designs for improvements to the St. Vrain Creek through Longmont are in the works.

City leaders are fielding calls from prospective new businesses that want to be part of the excitement in Longmont. With the announcement that NextLight, the City's fiber-optic broadband system, has accelerated its deployment schedule and that, although speeds can vary, it is now rated the fastest Internet service not only in Colorado but also in the U.S. (according to Ookla, the global leader in broadband testing) we expect to see more businesses consider Longmont as their home base.

In addition, there's new leadership at the reconfigured Longmont Area Economic Council, and soon we'll see a new face at the helm of the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce. Add that to the thriving downtown scene and you can see why people are excited about the future of Longmont.

There's excitement blowin' in the wind. Can you feel it?



Holiday Schedules

Longmont city government observes the Independence Day holiday on **FRIDAY, JULY 3**. These facilities will be **CLOSED**:

Civic Center | Development Services Center | Service Center | Longmont Public Library | Longmont Senior Center | Longmont Youth Center

The Longmont Museum, Waste Diversion Center, and all Recreation facilities will be **OPEN** regular hours.

On **SATURDAY, JULY 4**, the Waste Diversion Center, the Longmont Public Library, the Longmont Museum, the Memorial Building and Centennial Pool will be **CLOSED**. The Longmont Recreation Center will be **OPEN** from 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunset Pool and Roosevelt Activity Pool will be **OPEN** regular hours.

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, Coffee with Council will be held from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, June 27, at Ute Creek Golf Course, 2000 Ute Creek Drive. Mayor Dennis Coombs and Council Member Brian Bagley are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on July 25 at The Brew Crêperie and Coffee Shop, 314 Main Street.

For information about city council meetings, visit LongmontColorado.gov/city_council or call 303-651-8649.

LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



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Channel 8 - The Longmont Channel - Wins Telly Awards for Flood Video

The Telly Awards has named Longmont's Channel 8 as a Double Bronze winner in the 36th Annual Telly Awards for the video "Longmont Strong - September Flood 2013." One Bronze Telly Award is for Professional Overall Information and one is the People's Telly Bronze Award for TV Programs. With nearly 12,000 entries from all 50 states and numerous countries, this is truly an honor.

"Longmont Strong - September Flood 2013" was produced by Don Gerton, production manager for Channel 8, and Rigo Leal, public information officer for the City of Longmont. It documents the Longmont community coming together to overcome the tragic effects of and recovery from the September 2013 flood.

"The Telly Awards has a mission to honor the very best in film and video," said Linda Day, executive director of the Telly Awards. Channel 8 - The Longmont Channel's accomplishment illustrates their creativity, skill, and dedication to their craft and serves as a testament to great film and video production."



LongmontChannel.com

In July, Channel 8 viewers can see the new video "Colorado Hopped - Bine to Brew." It follows three Longmont area hop farmers through the 2014 growing season.

The video focuses on Haystack Hops, Niwot Hops and Ella J Farms. These farms sell their harvest to the three other subjects of the video: Twisted Pine Brewing, Vindication Brewing and Bootstrap Brewing, all in Boulder County.

To see the flood video visit YouTube.com and search for "Longmont Strong." To view "Colorado Hopped" and other local programming tune in to Comcast Channel 8 or visit LongmontChannel.com.



Tell us what you see for Longmont's future

Envision Longmont is a community planning effort by the City to update and integrate the Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan and the Longmont Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. Visit EnvisionLongmont.com for details and a schedule of events where you can share your ideas. If you can't attend a community meeting but want to make sure your voice is heard, weigh in online or share your ideas using the interactive iPad kiosks located around town. To find kiosks or get more information call Planning & Development Services at 303-651-8330.

All Longmont residents are encouraged to participate!

Nature Night with HAWKQUEST

FREE COMMUNITY NIGHT at Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center | Tuesday, July 21



Observe the unique tools of the owl, the eagle's incredible talons, the falcon's aerodynamic features, and the precision flying of the hawk as you're introduced to these live raptors.

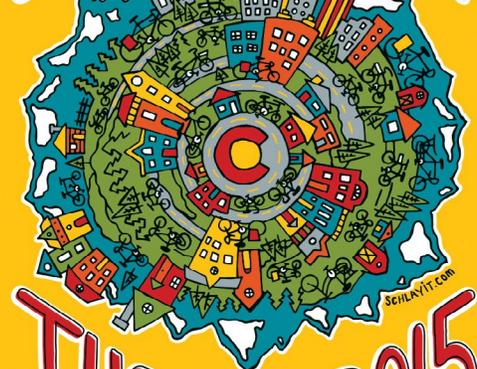
You'll learn about the importance of different raptor species, their specially adapted tools, and their role in our ecosystems in this participatory program.

Bring your picnic, chairs and blankets and enjoy lawn games from 5 to 8 pm at the Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center, 3001 E Highway 119. The HawkQuest program begins at 6:30 pm. For more information, call 303-774-4692.

Bring your boxed or bagged documents to be SHREDDED to the Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street between 9 am and 2 pm on Saturday, July 18.

This is for residential documents only; no business materials are accepted. Please bring ID and a copy of your most recent Longmont utility bill. For information, visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Bike to Work Day



JUNE 24, 2015

Find Breakfast Stations and Bike Home Stations, get your Bike to Work Day t-shirt, or plan your ride with an interactive map at www.drcog.org.

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Get your SPORT on with LONGMONT ATHLETICS

Longmont Recreation & Golf Services offers summer camps and classes for youth of all ages. Sports camps beginning in July include t-ball, baseball, tennis, lacrosse, archery, basketball handling and more.

★ NEW ★ Junior Golf

Let's play golf! Enroll in new junior golf classes for youth ages 5 to 17 at Sunset and Ute Creek golf courses. Have fun while learning the basics of club handling, aim, stroke and form. Intermediate golfers age 8+ can join the chip and putt Com-PUTT-ition challenge July 21 or July 28. Private instruction and First/Next Step junior golf camps are available at Twin Peaks.



Ultimate Frisbee

Join this exciting, noncontact coed team sport that combines elements of soccer, basketball and football. Skills clinics and games will be enjoyed in this fun, lighthearted environment for ages 12+ from 6 to 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, July 8-29, at Roosevelt Park. Family discounts are available.

Adult Sports Leagues

Registration has begun for Fall Softball, Fall Coed Kickball and Fall Flag Football. League fees vary; games begin in August. Sign up as an individual or a team.

For more information on these and other recreation programs and classes, visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

VOLUNTEER with Parks, Open Space and Trails

Do you enjoy the many wonderful parks and natural areas that Longmont offers? Why not help the City keep them beautiful, safe and healthy while meeting new people and learning new skills?

Volunteer this season with the City of Longmont's Parks, Open Space & Trails!

Whether you want to keep a park or greenway looking nice or are interested in restoration, there's a job for you.

Opportunities include ongoing programs as well as single-day events.

Visit bit.ly/volunteerpost or call 303-651-8446 to find out how you can get involved. From the website, you also can fill out a volunteer application and sign up for our volunteer email list.



Later that

evening, beginning

at about 9:30 pm, the sky over Longmont will explode with the brilliance of hundreds of fireworks

sponsored by the City of Longmont with the generous support of the Skyline Kiwanis Club. Fireworks take place at the Boulder County Fairgrounds. For the best view, park at a nearby shopping center and walk to the fenced area in front of the Jack Murphy Arena or watch from anywhere within one mile of the fairgrounds. Handicap-accessible parking is available at the fairground's south Nelson Road entrance with a handicap parking permit.

Please leave pets at home and keep them inside, as fireworks can be very stressful for them.

Celebrate the 4th in Longmont

On **Saturday, July 4**, the Longmont Symphony Orchestra presents its annual free 4th of July concert in Thompson Park at 4th Avenue and Bross Street. The festivities begin at 11 am, and the music starts at noon. Bring your lawn chair and picnic lunch!

When planning your weekends, take note of these permitted events taking place this summer.

June 27-28: Longmont Volleyball Classic *Roosevelt Park*

July 4: Longmont Half Marathon *McIntosh Lake and Golden Ponds*

July 12: Longmont Criterium *Thompson Park and Old Town*

July 18: 17th Annual Longmont Jazz Festival *Roosevelt Park*

July 19: Longmont Trail Half Marathon *Golden Ponds and Roger's Grove*

July 25: ColoRODans Rod Festival *Roger's Grove*

August 1: Boulder County Fair Parade *Downtown Longmont*

For a complete listing of events taking place in and around Longmont, check out the calendar at VisitLongmont.org.



Keep up with City meetings, events and classes at www.LongmontColorado.gov/calendar