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for Longmont residents.

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In Transit

City Poised to Transform Area Near Old Flour Mill Site into New Transportation Station

Imagine a vibrant, walkable retail and residential district adjacent to downtown Longmont where you can stop for a cup of coffee, pick up the local newspaper and hop on a bus or jump on a commuter train for your ride to work. In the afternoon, you meet friends at one of the many restaurants near the rail line or take a stroll or bike ride along the river. Then, a few steps away, you head to your loft or townhome overlooking the new 1st & Main Station.

The City of Longmont and the surrounding areas are on the brink of major advancements for our regional transit system that could eventually lead to such transit oriented development. The City is moving forward to create the master plan for the 1st & Main Station to include a future Regional Transportation



1st & Main Station transit revitalization plan

District (RTD) commuter rail station near the site of the old flour mill near 1st Avenue and Main Street. Although the site will serve initially as only a centralized bus hub, ultimately it will serve RTD rail and bus customers as the terminus for the FasTracks Northwest Corridor commuter rail line between Longmont and Denver.

RTD has allocated up to \$17 million to pay for an initial bus facility at the site. With that commitment as an impetus, the City is moving ahead now to develop a master plan for the site in hopes of spurring economic development even before the FasTracks trains start rolling. "Once the details for the site are in place, we can start to discuss opportunities with developers who may want to get in the door early," said Phil Greenwald, City transportation planner.

Citizens Asked to Visualize What the Site Could Be

The transit/land use planning firm of Steer Davies Gleave (SDG) has been contracted by the City to conduct the 10-month study and draft the master plan. The project team will engage the public and stakeholders in the coming months for input into various design options. Longmont residents and businesses will be asked to participate by providing input on what they want to see at the site, what kinds of development (retail, residential, business, etc.) the City should pursue, how parking should be arranged and what the station platform should look like.

The 10-month study will identify:

- Station area phasing and staging plan, with recommendations on timing of improvements;
- Potential catalyst projects and interim uses to help jump-start redevelopment and prepare the area for future redevelopment once commuter rail is in place;
- Public/private programs and mechanisms to help implement parts of the plan, including zoning tools, development incentives, financing mechanisms, and business support programs;
- A logical sequence of recommended improvements and an implementation timetable; and
- An implementation strategy that considers projected City and regional resources, available tools, and the phasing of other projects.

get involved

Sign up to receive project update newsletters

Send us an email and request to be added to the project database:
firststandmain@ci.longmont.co.us

Enewsletters will keep you informed on the progress of the study and will provide information on upcoming public meetings and other ways to get involved.

For more information about the 1st & Main Station Transit and Revitalization Plan, contact Phil Greenwald at firststandmain@ci.longmont.co.us or 303-651-8335.



Free & Safe Pharmaceutical Drop-off Day

The City of Longmont and Longmont United Hospital are joining together to take your old and unused pharmaceuticals for proper disposal. All prescription and over-the-counter medicines are accepted, including those in the form of pills, capsules, liquids, inhalers and patches.

This free Pharmaceutical Drop-off Event is from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday, October 29. Bring your medicines to the main lobby of Longmont United Hospital at 1950 Mountain View Avenue. You are asked to retain the label that identifies the medication, but cross out any personal information as the bottles and packaging are recycled.

It is important that all medications are disposed of properly and not flushed down the toilet as was previously recommended. Recent research shows that some chemicals may not be fully treated at wastewater treatment plants, and they will pass into the water supply.

Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwww/enviro/rx.htm to learn more about the drop-off program and other ways to dispose of medications safely.

Scan Longmont

Just scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us on your phone to go directly to the City's mobile website. Read the mayor's column on the city's new mobile services in the September issue of City Line – the newsletter mailed every month to all utility customers.





Joey Plunkett displays the awards that he received from the Colorado Municipal League as Mayor Bryan Baum presents him with the Mayor's Positive Impact Award.

Mayor for the Moment

Longmont Student Wins Statewide Essay Contest

Joey Plunkett, a middle school student at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Longmont, was one of four winners in the Colorado Municipal League's 2011 "If I Were Mayor ..." essay contest.

Plunkett won \$500 to establish a college scholarship with CollegeInvest and a trip with his family to receive the award and read his essay at the CML Annual Conference in Vail. He also was presented with the Mayor's Positive Impact Award at the July 12 Longmont City Council meeting.

More than 350 seventh- and eighth-grade students from throughout Colorado entered the contest. Plunkett's teacher Martha Rittenburg assigned the essay to her class to help her students learn how local government functions.

"I was surprised by all the stuff about local government," Plunkett said. "I knew about recreation and parks, but I learned about many other services local government provides."

He found out that he was the Metro region winner when Rittenburg announced it in class during the last week of school.

Plunkett will next attend Niwot High School and hopes to study business or architecture at the University of Colorado. ➦



Important Election Dates

Deadline to register to vote:
Monday, October 3

Ballots mailed to all active registered voters: October 10-17

Service Center at Boulder County Clerk and Recorder Office, 529 Coffman St. Drop off your completed ballot, obtain a replacement ballot or use handicap-accessible voting machine:
Monday through Friday,
October 17-31, 8 am to 6 pm
Saturday, October 29, 9 am to 3 pm
Tuesday, November 1, 7 am to 7 pm

Drive through and drop off ballots, 500 block of Terry Street:
Saturday, October 29, 9 am to 3 pm
Monday, October 31, 8 am to 6 pm
Tuesday, November 1, 7 am to 7 pm

Election day: Tuesday, November 1

Resolution

City Council Supports Telecom Ballot Initiative

In November, Longmont residents get the opportunity to elect a mayor, four council members and decide on the retention of the municipal judge. Voters also will see ballot issue 2A, a question about telecom services in Longmont. The Longmont City Council recently passed a resolution to endorse this proposal and is reprinted below.

RESOLUTION R-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL, URGING LONGMONT CITIZENS TO VOTE "YES" ON THE BALLOT QUESTION, WHETHER THE CITY MAY RE-ESTABLISH THE RIGHT TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, ADVANCED SERVICES, AND CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES, WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 1, 2011 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS the Longmont City Council has submitted to the qualified electors of Longmont, a ballot question on the November 1, 2011 Regular Municipal Election Ballot regarding whether the citizens of Longmont may, without increasing taxes, re-establish their City's right to provide telecommunications services, advanced services, and cable television services; and
WHEREAS in 2005, Senate Bill 05-152 eliminated Longmont's ability to provide telecommunications services, advanced services, and cable television services at all, including partnering with the private sector, without a vote of the people; and
WHEREAS affordable and reliable telecommunications infrastructure is as essential for the City to compete in today's globally competitive business environment as having access to good roads and water and energy delivery infrastructure; and
WHEREAS in 1997 the City constructed an 18-mile fiber optic network intended to enhance the City's economic vitality, provide competition, choice, and enhanced community services; and
WHEREAS the Council finds that re-establishing this right would allow the City to partner with the private sector, increase competition, enable more companies to compete on price and services, resulting in significant benefits for Longmont in the form of increased jobs, new and improved services, and ultimately lower costs; and
WHEREAS this plan would allow the City to leverage all community-owned infrastructure and fully utilize the potential of its fiber optic network for the benefit of its citizens and businesses.

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

Section 1

For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council supports the November 1, 2011 ballot question regarding whether the city may re-establish the right to provide telecommunications services, advanced services, and cable television services without increasing taxes.

Section 2

The City Council urges Longmont citizens fully to inform themselves about said ballot question before voting.

Section 3

The City Council urges Longmont citizens to vote "YES" on the ballot question regarding whether the City may re-establish the right to provide telecommunications services, advanced services, and cable television services without increasing taxes.

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of August, 2011.

Longmont Life is distributed six times per year via U.S. mail to all city residents and businesses. Comments on this newspaper format and content are welcome at cityoflongmont@ci.longmont.co.us

City Council

There are a variety of ways to contact city council members:

- City council meetings, every Tuesday at 7 pm
- Coffee with Council, last Saturday of every month
- E-mail and phone numbers listed here
- Mail c/o City Clerk's Office, 350 Kimbark St.
- Public events, including Cinco de Mayo, Rhythm on the River and Festival on Main

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From left Gabe Santos, At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem; Katie Witt, Ward II; Bryan L. Baum, Mayor; Alex Sammoury, At-Large; Brian Hansen, Ward I; Sean McCoy, Ward III; Sarah Levison, At-Large.

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SEPTEMBER

- 1 Library Book Discussion Group**
2 pm at Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave. Open to all. Read the book and join the discussion: *The Lost City of Z* by David Grann.
- 5 Labor Day**
 City offices closed.
- 6 Great Ideas Discussion Group: "Idea of Nature"**
7 to 8:45 pm at Longmont Library Conference Room, 409 4th Ave.
- 10 Taste of Therapy Wellness Fairs**
10 am to 1 pm at Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 S. Sunset St.
 Longmont Recreation Services' Taste of Therapy Fairs give you a chance to try a variety of alternative wellness options. Doors open at 9:45 am to set up 15-minute \$5 appointments. 303-651-8404, www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec
- 12 Library Book Discussion Group**
7 pm at library, 409 4th Ave. Open to all. Read the book and join the discussion: *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann.
- 14 Colorado Water**
10 to 11 am at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Explore the policies, innovations, conflicts, and personalities associated with this important fundamental resource in a semi-arid climate. \$4 resident, \$5 nonresident
- 14 Longmont History in Pictures**
7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Lecture by Museum Curator Erik Mason. Call 303-651-8374. Free.
- 15 Chautauqua: Eleanor Roosevelt during the Great Depression**
7 pm at Longmont Library Meeting Rooms, 409 4th Ave. Susan Marie Frontczak portrays Eleanor Roosevelt in 1937 during her husband's second term as president.
- 16 ArtWalk**
6:30 to 9 pm on Main Street in downtown Longmont. A free evening of exhibitions, music, live theatre, dance and children's activities.
- 20 Great Ideas Discussion Group: "Nature and the Natural"**
7 to 8:45 pm at Longmont Library Conference Room, 409 4th Ave.
- 24 Coffee with Council**
9 to 10 am at Vic's Too, 600 South Airport Rd. Call 303-651-8601.
- 25 Lego Club Sunday**
2 to 4 pm at Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave. We provide the Legos and the snacks; you provide the ingenuity. Ages 6 and over. Call 303-651-8477 to register.



- 26 Library Book Discussion Group**
7 pm at library, 409 4th Ave. Open to all. Read the book and join the discussion: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.
- 29 CU at the Library: Nubian Mummies**
7 to 8 pm at Longmont Library Meeting Rooms, 409 4th Ave. CU professor Dennis Van Gerven presents "Nubian Mummies."

OCTOBER

- 1 Masks! with Zarco and Carmen Guerrero**
10:30 am to noon, 9 am to noon at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road.
 Meet Laurie Zuckerman, Altarmaker-in-Residence at 1 to 5 pm. Free. Call 303-651-8374.
- 2 Día de los Muertos Storytelling Festival**
2 to 3 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Presented by Zarco and Carmen Guerrero. Meet Laurie Zuckerman, Altarmaker-in-Residence at 1 to 5 pm. Call 303-651-8374. Free.
- 4 Great Ideas Discussion Group: "The Ages of Man, Young and Old"**
7 to 8:45 pm at Longmont Library Conference Room, 409 4th Ave.
- 5 The Irish Shillelagh**
10 to 11 am at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Today's version of the Irish shillelagh is a cane or walking stick, but to the ancient Irish, the shillelagh was their weapon of choice. Cost: \$1 resident, \$2 nonresident.
- 5 Plains Indians**
1 to 2:30 pm at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Apache, Comanche, Kiowa, Sioux, Arapaho, and Cheyenne at various times called the plains of eastern Colorado home. \$4 resident, \$5 nonresident.



- 6 Library Book Discussion Group**
2 pm at library, 409 4th Ave. Open to all. Read the book and join the discussion. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/library or call 303-651-8472 for the title.
- 7 Laurie Zuckerman, Altarmaker-in-Residence**
9 am to noon and 1 to 5 pm at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Free.
- 8 Taste of Therapy Wellness Fair**
10 am to 1 pm at Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 S. Sunset St. Longmont Recreation Services' Taste of Therapy Fairs give you a chance to try a variety of alternative wellness options. Doors open at 9:45 am to set up 15-minute \$5 appointments. 303-651-8404, www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec
- 10 Library Book Discussion Group**
7 pm at library, 409 4th Ave. Open to all. Read the book and join the discussion: *Merle's Door: Lessons from a Freethinking Dog* by Ted Kerasote.

- 12 Homage to Old Mexico**
7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. A tribute to 20th-century traditional folk arts with Laurie Beth Zuckerman, Altarmaker-in-Residence. Call 303-651-8374. \$7.
- 15 Hoverhome House Concert**
7 pm at Hoverhome, 1309 Hover St. Fundraiser featuring Liz Masterson and Al "Doc" Mehl. Advance tickets \$20. To reserve seats call 303-774-7810 or 720-494-9300 and leave your name and number.



- 16 Volunteer Sugar Skull Making Day**
1 to 4 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Call 303-651-8374. Free.
- 16-22 Teen Read Week: Picture It**
 At Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave. Join us for a special week of great reads, art programs and fun giveaways, all geared toward teens. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/library/teens for a list of events and times.

- 17 SKYPE**
9:30 to 11 am at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Learn how to use Skype on your computer to see and talk with family and friends around the world for free.
- 18 Great Ideas Discussion Group: "Idea of Aristocracy"**
7 to 8:45 pm at Longmont Library Conference Room, 409 4th Ave.
- 19 The Celts**
10 to 11 am on Wednesdays, October 19 and 26 and November 2 at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. More than most names that have come down to us from classical antiquity, the name "Celts" evokes varied associations. \$1 resident, \$2 nonresident.

- 21 "The Timeless Music Travelog"**
2:30 pm at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Jazz Link Enterprises partners Dale Bruning and Jude Hibler present with Mark Simon on bass and Paul Romaine on drums. Guest Artist Cherie Nobilette, pastel artist at 1:30 pm. \$8.

- 24 Day of the Dead: "Skeletons and Skulls"**
6:30 to 8:30 pm at Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave. Come make a skeleton or skull craft at the Longmont Library. For ages 3 and older. No registration necessary.

- 24 Calacas! Skeletons!**
6 to 8 pm at Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Avenue Call 303-651-8477. Free, ages 3 and up.

- 26 The Celts**
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- 27 CU at the Library: Four Mile Fire Canyon Research**
7 to 8 pm at Library Meeting Rooms, 409 4th Ave. CU professor Thomas Veblen presents Four Mile Canyon Fire Research.

- 27 Spooky Stories and Haunted Scavenger Hunt**
7 to 8 pm at Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave. Ages 7 and above. Storytelling will end with a Trick-or-Treat Scavenger Hunt. Costumes are encouraged. Call 303-651-8477 to register.

- 29 Rx Take Back Event**
8 am at Longmont United Hospital, 1950 Mountain View Ave. Never discard medications down the drain. Bring them to this free event for proper disposal.

- 29 Coffee with Council**
9 to 10 am at Las Palmeras, 199 S. Main St. Call 303-651-8601.

- 29 Día de los Muertos Family Celebration**
10 am to 5 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Live entertainment, sugar skull decorating, traditional food, community altars, new exhibit displays, paper flower making, Día de los Muertos tattoos, and Lady Catrina with her Catrin. Call 303-651-8374. Free.



- 29 35th Annual Halloween Parade**
10 am at Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave. A walking parade for children and their families to show off their costume creations. Free admission – no registration required. Parade line-up at 9:30 am. Visit participating downtown merchants for Trick or Treat Street immediately following the parade. Call 303-651-8404. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec.

- 30 Lego Club Sunday**
2 to 4 pm at Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave. We provide the Legos and the snacks; you provide the ingenuity. Ages 6 and above. Call 303-651-8477 to register.

- 31 Technology Update—Feeling Left Behind?**
10 am to noon at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. We will share what we know about smartphones, Droids, notebooks, tablets, iPads, iPods, eReaders, and more. Format is open discussion; seating is limited, preregistration required. Call 303-651-8411. Free.

- 31 Library Book Discussion Group**
7 pm at library, 409 4th Ave. Open to all. Read the book and join the discussion. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/library or call 303-651-8472 for the title. ➔

DON'T TOSS IT RECYCLE IT!

In 2010, Longmont residents diverted 38 percent of discarded materials from the landfill through recycling. And that's pretty good considering that the U.S. averaged recycling 33.8 percent of its waste in 2009 according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

But even though we exceed the national average, there's room for improvement. In addition to the curbside recycling program, Longmont residents who strive to minimize their contributions to the landfill have lots of options for waste diversion in Longmont and Boulder County.

Trash and Recycling Events

The City offers residents four opportunities in September to dispose of unwanted items. These events are free for Longmont residents who pay the waste management fee, although there are fees for some items at the Hard-to-Recycle event. Please bring your current utility bill that shows the waste management fee, as well as identification.

Landfill Drop Day

Saturday, September 10, 6 am to 2 pm
Denver Regional Landfill
1441 Weld County Road 6, Erie

Longmont residents can take one level pickup of large items and debris to the landfill at no charge. Oversized loads and second loads will be billed accordingly. Loads must be covered and secured for transport, and some restrictions apply. For more information, as well as a list of accepted items, call the landfill at 303-673-9431.

Hard-to-Recycle Event

Saturday, September 10, 9 am to 1 pm
Longmont Waste Diversion Center
140 Martin Street

Most of the items typically accepted at the CHARM (Center for Hard-to-recycle Materials) facility in Boulder are accepted at this event. They include computers, TVs, and stereo equipment. There is a fee for electronic items, fire extinguishers, bike tires and tubes, and porcelain fixtures such as toilets and urinals. Items collected at no charge include #6 white block foam, cell phones, printer and inkjet cartridges, athletic shoes, computer keyboards, mice, cables, books and manuals, plastic bags, textiles and large durable #2 plastics. Call 303-772-7300 for more information.

Shred Event

Friday, September 16, 9 am to 1 pm
Longmont Waste Diversion Center
140 Martin Street

Shredded material is recyclable but not in your curbside container. Bring your sensitive documents to this monthly event to be shredded and recycled, and protect yourself from identity theft.

Household Hazardous Chemical Drop-off

Saturday, September 17, 9 am to 2 pm
Public Works Maintenance Facility
375 Airport Road

At this annual event you can take unwanted cleaners, solvents, pesticides, aerosol cans, paint and other chemical wastes for disposal at no charge. Commercial wastes of any kind are not accepted.

RECYCLING: CURBSIDE AND RECYCLING CENTER

New name, same great place:

Longmont's recycling center is now called the Waste Diversion



Center. The center accepts a wide variety of materials. You can put these items in your curbside recycling bin or drop them off

24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Longmont Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street:

- ▶ Aluminum cans (not crushed) and aluminum foil (balled up, not folded, and preferably the size of a baseball)
- ▶ Steel cans and metal jar lids
- ▶ Glass bottles and jars
- ▶ Milk cartons and drink boxes
- ▶ Plastic bottles, screw-top jars, tubs, and cups – #1 - #7
- ▶ Cardboard and brown paper bags
- ▶ Office paper and unopened mail
- ▶ Magazines and catalogs
- ▶ Newspaper and phone books
- ▶ Large paperboard items
- ▶ Small, low-grade paper items

The Waste Diversion Center is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am to 5:45 pm. Please do not leave trash in the recycling bins or on the ground around the drop-off bins.

The recycling center is free to everyone, and the Tree Limb Diversion Center for tree limbs, branches, shrubs, and leaves is free to Longmont residents who pay the monthly waste management fee.

RECYCLING: THE HARD STUFF

Longmont offers two Hard-to-Recycle Events every year at the Longmont Waste Diversion Center at 140 Martin Street. **The next event is on Saturday, September 10, from 9 am to 1 pm.**

The following list includes just some of the many items that are accepted, and there is a charge for recycling some of them.



Call 303-651-8416 for information about specific items and fees.

- ▶ #2 & #4 plastic bags (newspaper, grocery, dry cleaner bags, etc.)
- ▶ Bikes and bike parts
- ▶ Clothing, bedding, towels and fabrics
- ▶ Computers and computer equipment
- ▶ Copiers and fax machines
- ▶ Hardbound and paperback books and manuals
- ▶ Home and car stereos
- ▶ Large durable #2 plastics such as Big Wheels® and plastic play structures, lawn furniture, watering cans, laundry baskets, clean buckets, kiddie pools and trash containers
- ▶ Printer cartridges
- ▶ Small electronic items such as digital cameras, PDAs and Game Boys, iPods and video game systems
- ▶ Toilets, sinks and urinals
- ▶ Telephones and cell phones
- ▶ TVs, VCRs and DVD players

You also can take these items year-round to the Eco-Cycle Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials at 5030 Old Pearl Street in Boulder. **Call 303-444-6634 or visit www.ecocycle.org/charm for hours and fees.**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

The City of Longmont collects hazardous household chemicals at no extra charge one day every year at the Public Works Maintenance Facility at 375 Airport Road. **This year's event is on Saturday, September 17, from 9 am to 2 pm.** Items accepted



- include:
- ▶ Cleaners
 - ▶ Solvents
 - ▶ Pesticides
 - ▶ Aerosol cans
 - ▶ Paint

Commercial wastes of any kind are not accepted.

Household chemicals also are accepted at the Boulder County Hazardous Management Facility at 1901 63rd Street in Boulder.

For more information call 303-441-4800.

IMPORTANT!

- ▶ To recycle tree limbs and leaves and to participate in special collection events, bring your identification and a current Longmont utility bill to show that you pay the City's waste management fee.
- ▶ Never put trash in recycling containers. It contaminates the complete contents of the recycling truck or collection bin.
- ▶ Be sure to set out your trash and recycling containers before 7 am on your collection day and to set them at least two feet apart and two feet from any other objects so the automated trucks can reach them.

For information about any of the City's solid waste or recycling services, call 303-651-8416 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/solidwaste.

NOW YOU CAN COMPOST, TOO!

The Longmont Waste Diversion Center at 140



Martin Street now accepts kitchen scraps and other materials for composting during staffed hours: **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 8:30 am to 5:45 pm.** Compostable items that are accepted include:

- ▶ Fruits and vegetables
- ▶ Rice, beans and pasta
- ▶ Meat, poultry and seafood, including bones
- ▶ Dairy products
- ▶ Breads and sandwiches
- ▶ Spoiled or moldy food
- ▶ Eggshells
- ▶ Coffee grounds and filters
- ▶ Grass clippings, leaves and weeds
- ▶ Low-grade paper such as paper towels and facial tissue
- ▶ Specially labeled ("PLA") compostable products

These items are not accepted in the compost collection bin:

- ▶ Plastics of any kind
- ▶ Plastic-coated paper plates, cups or other items
- ▶ Liquids, including cooking oil or grease
- ▶ Fabric scraps or string
- ▶ Dirt

If in doubt, throw it out!! ➔

Did you know?

You can now put plastic bottle caps in your recycling bin, but they must be on the bottle. Individual, loose plastic caps still are not accepted.

Longmont Provides Great Value for its Trash Service

Trash services are expensive, and operations costs, especially landfill fees and fuel, continue to rise every year. The City of Longmont has not raised residential trash and recycling rates since 2002. Currently, the highest subscription rate, for a 96-gallon trash container and 96-gallon recycling container, is \$11.32 per month, plus a monthly waste management fee of \$2.96. That makes Longmont one of the least expensive providers of sanitation services in the state. In fact, even with the proposed modest rate increases over the next five years, Longmont residents still will have some of the lowest trash and recycling rates as shown in the chart below. The rates in the comparison communities are assumed to remain unchanged over the next several years, which is unlikely since every service provider is experiencing similar cost-of-service increases.

In the last few years, the City has had to draw on its sanitation reserve funds to maintain the operation. At the current rate of expense, the reserve fund will dip below the 60-day reserve requirement by 2014 and would eventually be depleted.

In May 2010, the Department of Public Works and Natural Resources (PWNR) presented an amended ordinance to the city council to raise the monthly subscription rate every other year for the next five years so that revenues will keep pace with expenses. This was followed by council reviewing four service model alternatives and directing City staff to pursue the model that was most similar to current services. The City will continue to offer two subscription rate levels, a 96-gallon and 48-gallon trash volume service.

“Landfill fees and fuel costs continue to rise,” said PWNR Operations Manager Bob Allen. “Add 10 years of regular inflation to that, and we would have to significantly reduce services without a rate increase.”

The rate increase will be phased in beginning in 2012 to minimize customer impact. “In the past, rates for an entire 10-year period were raised at the beginning of the period,” said Allen. “That meant that customers paid more than the service cost at the beginning of the period [creating the reserve], and less than it cost toward the end.” With the smaller, staged increases, customers will be paying close to what the service actually costs each year of the new rate cycle.

PWNR already has implemented several cost-saving measures that, combined, have resulted in annual operational savings of approximately \$300,000. One of the key measures is a workforce flexibility program that allows sanitation, streets maintenance and utilities to share employees when necessary to accommodate heavier workloads. According to Allen, “This system allows us to maintain staffing levels for the average rather than the peak workload.” In fact, only 20 full-time employees now operate the City’s trash and recycling programs. Other savings include phasing out or modernizing outdated programs, making collection routes more efficient, and eliminating unnecessary equipment.

Even with these savings and the new higher rates, two programs will be phased out because of their costs. Stop-n-Drop, which lets Longmont sanitation customers take large and bulky items to the Public Works Maintenance Facility for disposal, will be discontinued in 2012. It will be replaced by adding at least two more free Landfill Drop Days during which customers can take their large trash items directly to the nearby Regional Landfill in Erie at no charge.

Proposed Sanitation Rates 2012 – 2016

	Current	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
96-gallon container	\$11.32	\$12.68	\$12.68	\$14.14	\$14.14	\$15.27
Waste mgmt. fee*	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96
TOTAL	\$14.28	\$15.64	\$15.64	\$17.10	\$17.10	\$18.23

	Current	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
48-gallon container	\$8.31	\$8.97	\$8.97	\$9.65	\$9.65	\$10.42
Waste mgmt. fee*	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96	\$2.96
TOTAL	\$11.27	\$11.93	\$11.93	\$12.61	\$12.61	\$13.38

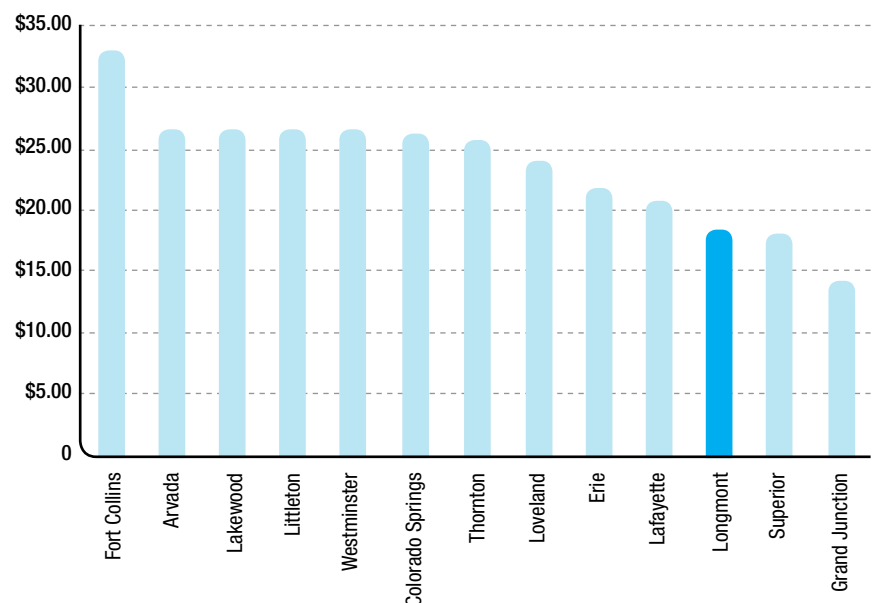
*The waste management fee covers the costs of trash and recycling pick-up for parks and open spaces, City buildings, and public trash receptacles on Main Street downtown, as well as information and education programs.

“The cost of Landfill Days is about one-half the cost of Stop-n-Drop,” said Allen. At Stop-n-Drop, City employees must unload items from customer vehicles then reload them in roll-off dumpsters, which are then driven to the landfill. That practice requires large trash items to be handled multiple times by residents and staff before final disposal. Cutting out the City as “middleman” will help control costs while preserving an outlet for large-item disposal. The City considered other options for making Stop-n-Drop more efficient but couldn’t find a way to eliminate the multiple handling of large trash items.

Another costly service that will be phased out is free, on-demand, curbside tree limb pick-up. With the Tree Limb Diversion Center on Martin Street open year-round and the continuation of the annual Spring Branch Collection Program the need is not as great as in the past.

Eliminating these two services will save the sanitation fund more than \$100,000 a year. According to Allen, even with the rate increases, Longmont residents still will pay among the lowest rates for sanitation services along the Front Range and continue to receive efficient and reliable service. ➔

Rate Model 2A. - Current Services
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Powerful Help

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For more information, call 303-544-1000 for residential service or 877-505-6722 for business service, or visit www.EnergySmartYES.com. ➔



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Altared Memories

Celebrate Culture at the Day of the Dead Exhibition

The Longmont Museum's annual signature exhibition and event returns this fall with new artists and exciting new programs. The exhibition *La Ofrenda de los Muertos: Honoring Days of the Dead* opens October 1 and runs through November 6. Exhibit admission is free.

The heart of the exhibit, as always, is the community altars – altars built by people from throughout this area in memory of loved ones who have passed away. The museum's gallery also will feature the work of two contemporary artists, Zarco Guerrero and Laurie Beth Zuckerman.

Zarco Guerrero, from Mesa, Arizona, has won nationwide recognition for his hand-carved wooden and fiberglass masks and other artwork. He is also a playwright and performer whose play *La Mascarada de la Vida* was performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. He will present two programs at the museum – a mask-making workshop on October 1 and a storytelling festival on October 2.

Laurie Beth Zuckerman creates stunning contemporary Día de los Muertos altars that use vintage 1800s and 1900s religious art and found objects. She

refers to her installations as “three-dimensional paintings.” She will be the Altarmaker-in-Residence at the Longmont Museum during this exhibition, interacting with visitors as she creates her work, “Homage to Old Mexico,” in the museum's gallery on October 1, 2 and 7.

This year, the Día de los Muertos Family Celebration, the largest Day of the Dead celebration in Colorado, will take place on Saturday October 29, from 10 am to 5 pm. It features live entertainment, including Mariachi Vasquez and the Colorado Mestizo Dancers,

sugar skull decorating, traditional food, paper flower making, Día de los Muertos tattoos, and more. Admission is free! **For more information on Day of the Dead at the Longmont Museum, call 303-651-8374, or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum.**



Laurie Beth Zuckerman

Tax Support

Volunteers are Worth a Million (or More!)

It's amazing to translate volunteering into actual dollars, but VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) does it every year. Through VITA, community-minded volunteers in Longmont donate their time and talents to help others with what can be a very intimidating process: preparing their taxes.

VITA is a nationwide program, driven by volunteers, that provides free income tax preparation and e-filing for taxpayers with low to moderate incomes. The three VITA sites in Longmont prepared more than 1,000 returns last year, helping bring more than \$1 million in state and federal refunds to local taxpayers.

Shelly Benedict will be returning for her third year preparing taxes as a VITA volunteer. “The best part of volunteering for VITA is that you get to see first-hand the difference you are making for someone. You even build relationships with some who use the service every year.” Benedict especially appreciates the human component of VITA. “It isn't just about completing their taxes and sending them on their way. You help them understand the income tax process and remove the fear and misunderstanding that comes along with filing their taxes.” And it makes filling out your own tax forms a snap!

As fall approaches, the Longmont VITA program is gearing up for the 2011 tax season and looking for potential volunteers. Volunteers helping with tax preparation receive extensive training and pass a certification test before they can prepare taxes. If tax preparation isn't your cup of tea, greeters and translators also are needed. And this year the program is searching for a volunteer web programmer as well.

Volunteer tax preparation is not for everyone, but for the right people, it can be extremely rewarding. **Visit www.coloradovita.org/volunteer to learn more about the opportunities available.**



Parent Tip

Children and Youth Resources Offers Classes to Strengthen Families

Parents often wonder if they are doing everything they can to assure that their children will grow up to be healthy adults and productive community members. One way to help your children accomplish their goals is to set limits and make sure that you establish boundaries for them to follow. This is sometimes easier said than done which is why Children and Youth Resources (CYR) is offering classes to enhance your parenting skills.

The Strengthening Families Program is a nationally recognized, science-based, best practices program developed by Iowa State University. CYR has been facilitating these types of groups for the past four years. During these sessions you'll learn what to expect from your adolescent children while setting limits and showing love as they learn how to resist peer pressure, handle anger, manage stress, choose positive friends, and show appreciation for their parents and caregivers.

This prevention program is ideal for parents/caregivers and youth ages 10 to 13 years of age. The program consists of seven two-hour sessions; dinner and child care are provided to make it easy for everyone to participate.

Parents who participated in our previous programs commented, “Now I feel that I have better tools when facing challenging moments with my children”; “I learned so much from my child during the sessions and I feel closer to him now”; and “It was nice to be in a group of parents and to see that I am not the only one that struggles with their children.” **For more information, or to sign up for these classes, please contact Children and Youth Resources at 303-651-8580.**

Improve Quality of Life

Rehabilitation Program Offers Affordable Repairs

Your home often is your largest investment, so improving living conditions and extending the life of your home is extremely important. The City of Longmont's Housing Rehabilitation Programs are here to assist qualifying, low-income individuals and families with their home repair needs.

The funds available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the City of Longmont Affordable Housing Fund can help income-eligible homeowners put a better roof over their heads, make their home safer, or make their home accessible. This is a great opportunity for families to improve their quality of life and create a long-term impact on their neighborhood.

A recent recipient of an Architectural Barrier Removal Program said, "What a great gift you have given us and how grateful we are to the City of Longmont Housing Program. Thank you is hardly enough to adequately cover the huge difference our handicap bathroom has made for both of us."



Longmont Leads Way with Innovative Restorative Justice Program

The Longmont Police Department regularly looks at ways to improve the justice system response to crime in our community. This includes exploring options that are sensitive to the needs of those affected.

In Longmont, officers have the option to refer crimes to a restorative justice (RJ) program. This program is desirable as 90 percent of referred restorative justice participants complete their restorative justice agreements to make things right with only 10 percent re-offending. The national average re-offense rate through the criminal justice system is 68 percent. This means that RJ is a good option for some offenders.

What makes restorative justice a viable option? Restorative justice is a process that identifies who was harmed, how they were affected and ways to make things right after crime or conflict. It's based on the principles of relationship, respect, responsibility, repair and reintegration. Participants (referred offenders, harmed parties, officers, school officials, community members, and students) rate their satisfaction with Longmont's RJ processes as 95 percent or better.

In the RJ processes, three stakeholders are identified: the person(s) who was harmed, the person(s) who committed the offense, and the broader community. RJ recognizes that conflict and crime in our communities has a far-reaching effect, whether it happens behind closed doors or out in the open. Because our community is impacted, we intentionally include this perspective by inviting volunteers from Longmont and the surrounding areas to help consider how the community was harmed and what is needed to repair those harms. In 2010, the Longmont community supported this process with more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

The Longmont Community Justice Partnership (LCJP) is a local nonprofit organization that has provided restorative justice services to the community and schools since 1996. The Community Restorative Justice (CRJ) program is housed in the Safety and Justice Center at 225 Kimbark Street and works in close partnership with the Longmont Police Department and other criminal justice services. LCJP also provides a Restorative Practices in Schools (RPS) Program that provides an alternative to expulsion and suspension in partnership with the St. Vrain Valley School District. And, LCJP provides a Restorative Justice Training Collaboration (RJTC) that delivers training and skill enhancement for RJ practitioners around the state. All LCJP processes are available in Spanish and English.

For more information on LCJP please visit www.lcjp.org.

THE CITY OF LONGMONT OFFERS THREE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS:

1 The Emergency Grant Program offers grants to qualified applicants at or below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI – see chart) to make emergency repairs that eliminate a serious threat to the health, safety or welfare of the family. Examples of eligible repairs include replacing failed systems such as a furnace, fixing outdated electrical elements, replacing a water heater, and plumbing work.

2 The General Homeowner Rehab Program offers deferred or low-interest loans of up to \$25,000 to homeowners who have incomes at or below 80% AMI to correct housing code violations or make energy efficiency or other housing upgrades. Eligible work may include roof repair, house weatherization or other energy efficiency improvements, electrical upgrades, replacing flooring, removing lead-based paint, repairs to correct building code items, and replacing plumbing fixtures.

3 The Architectural Barrier Removal Program offers people with disabilities whose income does not exceed 80% AMI a grant or a forgivable loan to make their housing accessible for them or a family member. Both owner-occupied homes and renter-occupied homes are eligible. Eligible projects may include building wheelchair ramps, modifying a bathroom so that a disabled resident will be able to use the toilet and shower, widening doorways, lowering kitchen counters, and installing devices, buzzers or flashing lights to aid the sight or hearing impaired.

AREA MEDIAN INCOME

Income Limits	Family Size					
	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people
= 80% AMI	\$44,950	\$51,400	\$57,800	\$64,200	\$69,350	\$74,500
= 50% AMI	\$32,400	\$37,000	\$41,650	\$46,250	\$49,950	\$53,650

 For more information about this program contact Molly McElroy at 303-651-8530 or molly.mcelroy@ci.longmont.co.us.



Natural Resources

Meet the New Manager

As the City's new Natural Resources Manager, Kim Shugar will coordinate and manage Longmont's parks, open space, forestry and park development divisions. She looks forward to developing a strategic plan as well as developing and managing new and existing properties.

Shugar brings plenty of experience in natural resource and water resource management as well as land acquisition and environmental restoration.

She was director of the Office of Ecosystem Projects of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection where she also was program manager for the Lake Okeechobee Protection Program.

Additionally, Shugar served as a liaison coordinating Florida environmental, conservation, land management, and water policy issues with the state legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Remember

In the Name of Safety: BeReady Longmont

September 2011 is the eighth annual National Preparedness Month, and this year's theme is "This September: A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare." The goal is to turn awareness into action by encouraging all Americans to take the steps necessary to ensure that their homes, work and community are prepared for disasters and emergencies.

This year during preparedness month, the City of Longmont Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will continue the rollout of "Be Ready Longmont." OEM staff and a group of dedicated volunteers will visit groups all over the city to deliver a simple message of preparedness. Four simple steps are necessary for individuals and families to be prepared for disasters.


1. Be safe. We, as humans, often are bad at assessing personal risk. Your personal safety is paramount above all other needs.

2. Have a plan. A small amount of time now is invaluable later!

3. Make an emergency kit. The BeReady Longmont program suggests a small, portable kit that is inexpensive and light.

4. Be informed. The program will provide you with ways to keep up to date and find more information.

The OEM staff also encourages you to take this opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors. A core principle of the BeReady Longmont program is to create a self-sufficient community for 72 hours. To get there, we need to rediscover one of the founding principles of this country: neighbor helping neighbor. We encourage every neighborhood block, every neighborhood group and apartment building to get to know each other. Some members of our community may need help during a disaster. You might have a neighbor who requires supplemental oxygen or an elderly neighbor who lives alone. You can make a huge difference by knowing who to check on during a winter storm that makes travel impossible for a couple of days. These simple acts can save lives.

Finally, we encourage everyone to sign up for the free Everbridge mass notification system. All local landline phones are already registered, but you can register to receive a text message, email or voice message. **Sign up at www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/massnotification.htm.** 

Take Action for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Know It. Believe It. Help Change It.

PURPLE. It's the color that symbolizes royalty and power. So why, then, is it the color of choice for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October? After all, victims of intimate partner violence feel powerless. Bruises, while often purple, are far from regal.

The Longmont Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI) believes purple is the perfect color choice for domestic violence because it suggests what is possible, not what is. It IS possible for victims to break free from the violence, but only with your help. The challenge of ending domestic violence is too big for one person, family, or law enforcement agency to handle. Domestic violence is a community issue.

You don't have to be a skilled counselor to help a victim. Three simple statements are a start: "It's NOT your fault," "You're NOT crazy," and "It's NOT okay." These straightforward phrases, combined with information about local resources for victims, can make all the difference.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month isn't only about awareness. With domestic violence being the number one public safety issue in Longmont, it's time for our community to take action.

Many events are taking place during October in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. "Off the Shelf" is a display of books and materials on domestic violence at the Longmont Public Library. Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley will hold its annual domestic violence memorial gathering called Light of Hope on October 7. There will be information about these and other easy, informative and rewarding ways to take action listed on the LEVI website at www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org as it becomes available.

Get involved with the campaign this October. With your help, we can bring a sense of royalty and power back to the victims among us. **For more information, call LEVI at 303-774-4534. For a 24-hour hotline, emergency counseling or shelter, call Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley at 303-772-4422. In an emergency, dial 911.**

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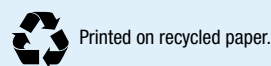
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LifeLongmontLearning: www.lifelongmontlearning.com/
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General Information	303-776-6050
Animal Control	303-651-8500
Building Inspection	303-651-8332
CDBG/Affordable Housing	303-651-8736
Centennial Pool	303-651-8406
Children & Youth Resources	303-651-8580
City Manager/Mayor	303-651-8601
Code Enforcement	303-651-8695
Economic Development	303-651-8330
Electric Power Interruption	303-776-0011
Fire Administration	303-651-8437
Jobline	303-651-8710
Library	303-651-8470
Longmont Power & Communications	303-651-8386
Municipal Court	303-651-8688
Museum	303-651-8374
Community & Neighborhood Resources	303-651-8444
Parks and Open Space	303-651-8446
Parking Enforcement	303-651-8658 or 303-774-4724
Police Administration	303-651-8555
Public Works Engineering	303-651-8304
Recreation Center	303-774-4800
St. Vrain Memorial Building	303-651-8404
Senior Services	303-651-8411
Street Maintenance	303-651-8416
Trash and Recycling	303-651-8416
Utility Billing	303-651-8664
Water/Sewer/Storm Drainage	303-651-8468



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