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Your community, your life

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An informational newsletter for Longmont residents.

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# Feel the Beat

Rhythm on the River, Longmont's signature festival, celebrates its 14th year of great music, local art, and environmental awareness July 10 and 11. This free festival takes place in Roger's Grove, with free parking and a free shuttle from the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

Friday night features the music of FACE and the Fab 4, along with food from local restaurants. The full festival unwraps on Saturday, starting with Roger's River 5K Run and continuing with two stages of live music all day, tons of activities for kids, the annual St. Vrain Rotary Duck Races, a wide array of food and beverage choices, and much more.

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July 10th and 11th at Roger's Grove.



## Fair Warning

# Siren Tests Continue Through Summer

The Longmont Outdoor Emergency Warning System (OEWS) will be tested two more times this summer – July 6 and August 3 at 10 a.m.

The system is used to notify the community when immediate action should be taken. The sirens are OUTDOOR warning sirens and are designed to be heard OUTDOORS but you may hear a siren inside if you are near a siren location.

If you hear the sirens except during testing, seek shelter immediately and tune in to local media for detailed information. Any local television station and 850 KOA (AM) radio are good choices.

Please **DO NOT CALL 911 following an OEWS activation** unless you have an emergency. During disaster situations, it is critical to keep the 911 lines available for citizens who require immediate assistance. ➔



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## Volunteers Needed

for the City's Premier Event,  
*Rhythm on the River*,  
July 10 and 11, 2009



Please visit our Web site to get connected!  
[www.ci.longmont.co.us/rotr/volunteer\\_descs.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/rotr/volunteer_descs.htm)  
or call Michele at 303-651-8415 or Kari at 303-651-8495.

# Summertime is Fun Time in Longmont

As a long-time Longmont resident, I have had the privilege of watching, and in some instances, participating in the creation of many of the events and activities that so many people in the community enjoy every summer.

We are fortunate to have so many choices so close to home – from swimming at the City’s pools to attending festivals like ArtLink and the Downtown Concert Series to watching the annual fireworks show. And, of course, all of this summertime fun revolves around the City’s signature event, Rhythm on the River. What started as a small fair with a few hundred people has turned into an exciting two-day extravaganza at Roger’s Grove.

I urge you to read about this annual community gathering on pages 1 and 4 in this issue of *Longmont Life* and make plans to attend. On page 5, you’ll find the schedule for the Outdoor Cinema,

a great way to watch a movie with family and friends in Thompson Park. You can also read about the Airport Expo scheduled in August and the summer reading programs at the Library.

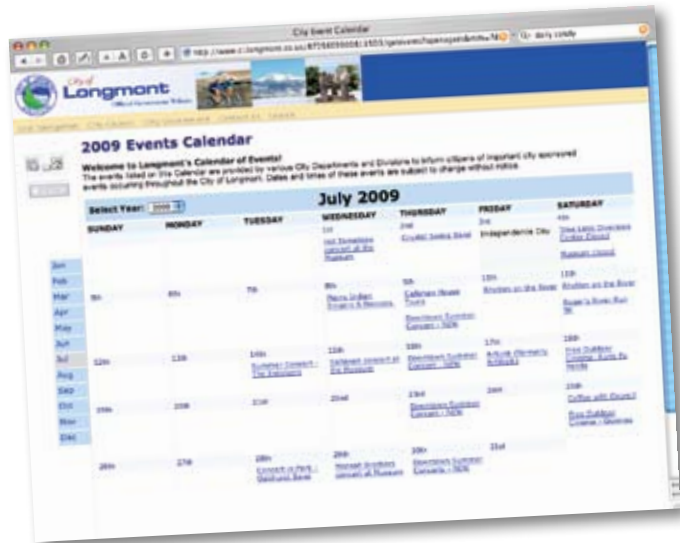
Don’t forget about Roger’s River Run, Festival on Main, the Summer Concert Series, and other opportunities available through the Recreation Center, Senior Services and Children and Youth Services.

I have room to mention only a few of the many activities that you can take advantage of in the city this summer, but check out the city’s Web page for the online event calendar for a complete listing of summertime fun. The best part is that most of them are free – that’s a nice perk, especially this year, when many of us are staying local for our vacations.

So whether you have been a long-time member of the community like me, or you are new to Longmont, join your friends and neighbors in celebrating the wonderful amenities we have in the city. There really is no excuse not to enjoy Longmont! ➦

*Mary K. Blue*

Mary Blue, Council Member At-Large



Current listings of Longmont activities are on the Web at [www.ci.longmont.co.us](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us)

## Council Contact



The Longmont City Council offers a variety of opportunities for residents to interact with Council Members outside of the formal setting of Tuesday night meetings:

**Coffee with Council** is an open forum that is an interactive and informal gathering where residents have an opportunity to speak with two Council Members on any topic. “Coffee with Council” is scheduled for the last Saturday of every month from 9 to 10 a.m. at various coffee shops throughout the city. A complete calendar is available on the city’s Web site at [www.ci.longmont.co.us](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us).

**Town Meetings** will focus on topics to be decided by Council in advance, and at least three Council Members will be in attendance. Town meetings are held on the first Saturday of the second month of each quarter. The meetings are scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. and are held at various public facilities.

**The Mayor and Council Members have an office** in the Civic Center, 350 Kimbark St., and are available by appointment. To request an appointment, please call 303-651-8601 and, whenever possible, allow three weeks advance notice for your request.

**City Council Members may be reached at the phone numbers or e-mail addresses** listed in *Longmont Life* or by writing to them through the City Clerk’s Office at 350 Kimbark Street, Longmont, Colorado, 80501. Letters are forwarded to Council Members every week.

**Members of the public are always invited to address City Council** at the regularly scheduled Council Meetings and Study Sessions. City Council Meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center Council Chambers at 350 Kimbark St. (3rd and Kimbark) and broadcast live on (Comcast) cable Channel 3. Council agendas and video archives are also available at [www.ci.longmont.co.us](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us).

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## Resources

<b>General Information</b>	<b>303-776-6050</b>
Animal Control . . . . .	303-651-8500
Building Inspection . . . . .	303-651-8332
Centennial Pool . . . . .	303-651-8406
Children & Youth Resources . . . . .	303-651-8580
City Manager/Mayor . . . . .	303-651-8601
Code Enforcement . . . . .	303-651-8695
Fire (nonemergency) . . . . .	303-651-8424
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 (nonemergency) . . . . .	303-651-8501
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





## Hot Wheels

# Longmont Police Pedaling Justice

Using bicycles to patrol communities is nothing new to policing. Police officers used this tool as far back as the early 20th century; ironically, the bicycles officers rode then were their own personal property. Late in the century, bicycles were used increasingly in areas limited by traffic congestion and for large numbers of people in one area.

The bicycles police agencies use today are made specifically for the work they need to accomplish. Officers in Longmont use these bikes to save on fuel, enhance and personalize community policing efforts, and detect crime that officers can't see from patrol cars.

These bikes are nearly silent in their operation and make it easy for officers to catch fleeing suspects due to their speed advantage and the officers' ability to dismount quickly. The bikes are equipped with front and rear emergency lighting systems and a rear rack and bags to hold equipment.

Due to Colorado's often extreme weather, police bikes are used on a limited basis in the spring but fairly heavily in the summer and fall. You will see them on city streets as well as at special events and in city parks. The department has 10 bikes for officer use, and there currently are 20 commissioned patrol officers who are authorized to serve on bike patrol. ➔

## Calming Force

# Special Training Helps Resolve Issues

Officers from the Longmont Police Department respond to requests for assistance to distraught or unstable persons acting in criminal or self-destructive manners. These situations can be difficult for everyone involved. Several Longmont police officers have been attending a 40-hour comprehensive crisis intervention techniques (CIT) training course to learn skills to help them communicate with people who are experiencing a crisis or severe emotional strain.

This training is conducted by social workers, mental health professionals and law enforcement specialists with advanced training. Officers attend classroom sessions where the theory and techniques of CIT are explained and participate in scenarios with professional actors who role-play a person in crisis. Officers develop and practice the skills needed to calm agitated persons and find alternative means of resolving issues.

Officers learn how to defuse behavior associated with anger, mental illness, intoxication, and fear. They find alternative resources to create a solution for each individual. They often call on local partner agencies, including mental health counselors, medical facilities, outreach groups, treatment centers, and services specific to the dysfunction being exhibited, for additional tools, skills and resources to help citizens in crisis.

Officers continue to report that the training is informative, challenging and realistic. Each scenario is supervised by an evaluator who facilitates critiquing the officer's response to the situation. Participants learn from the evaluation and follow-up discussions.

LPD officers are using this training in the field to help our citizens and their families in many ways. They recently were dispatched to a suicidal man in a family home. Officers spoke with him for 45 minutes trying to ease the situation so that they could get him medical help. Officers used their CIT training to monitor the subject and respond with methods that worked to calm him. The officers also recognized when the subject was not responding well. When he ran to the kitchen to get a knife they were prepared to stop him and get him to the hospital. ➔

## Project Grants

# Office of Emergency Management

In the current economic environment, grant funding has become increasingly important for the City of Longmont to enhance our response to community emergencies. Grants typically are applied for, and managed by, the Office of Emergency Management and are written to fund items that have been eliminated from the City budget. Fire and police have recently received the following grants:

- A Homeland Security Grant of almost \$500,000 for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This is the equipment firefighters use to breathe in hazardous situations such as structure fires. This grant will replace SCBAs for all 83 line firefighters.
- A Homeland Security Grant of \$100,000 for a mobile air cascade system that will allow the Fire Department to refill SCBA air bottles at the scene of a fire.
- A Homeland Security Grant of \$400,000 for portable and mobile radios. The digital trucked radio system (DTRS) provides for better communication between fire, police and the dispatch center and is an upgrade to the City's communications technology. This will make the City compliant with the state system and several mutual aid agencies. An antenna will be added to the existing tower near Sunset Pool. Additionally, the Department of Local Affairs awarded the department a grant of \$500,000 to build the necessary infrastructure for the DTRS radios.
- An Emergency Management Performance Grant of \$33,000 was awarded to subsidize emergency management salaries. This provides funding for a City of Longmont Emergency Manager.
- A Public Safety Interoperable Communications grant of \$45,000 will upgrade the consoles dispatchers use in the Longmont Emergency Communications Center.
- A Fireman's Fund grant of \$20,000 was used to purchase training equipment and software that lets firefighters train at their stations.
- A Hazard Mitigation Performance Grant of \$5,000 was used for emergency preparedness classes and materials for the community.
- A Homeland Security Grant of approximately \$45,000 was used to prepare the Recreation Center for use as a special needs shelter in the event of an emergency.

These grants total nearly \$1.65 million. They fund critical equipment and services in Longmont that could not have been funded otherwise. The fire and police departments will continue to aggressively pursue all grant opportunities that will benefit the citizens of Longmont. ➔

## Burning Regulations

### NOT ALLOWED

- ✘ **Open burning** is prohibited inside Longmont city limits.
- ✘ **Charcoal and propane grills (over 2.5 pounds)** are not allowed on decks or patios of apartment buildings.
- ✘ **Vegetation and debris** - Burning leaves, trash or other household or yard debris as a means of disposal is prohibited within the Longmont city limits.

### WHAT IS ALLOWED –

#### NO BURN PERMIT REQUIRED

- ✘ **Cooking fires** (grills) and fires contained within an approved burning pit. Charcoal and propane grills (over 2.5 pounds) are not allowed on decks or patios of apartment buildings.
- ✘ **Recreational fires**—Open burning, when not in a pit, where the FUEL AREA is 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. Conditional use — see Sections 302 and 307.42 in the International Fire Code. Must be at least 25 feet from structures and combustible materials. The fire department works to have a written agreement so that applicant is aware of code conditions.
- ✘ **Tiki torches**—Allowed for use with the only condition per code being that they are installed in such a manner as to prevent the flame from contacting combustible material.
- ✘ **Wood-burning pits**—Chimeneas and other manufactured wood burning pits are allowed but must be at least 15 feet from structures. Fires must be constantly attended until fully extinguished. An available means of extinguishment shall be available: fire extinguisher, a connected garden hose, bucket of water, etc. Only natural untreated wood or manufactured burn logs shall be used.

### WHAT MAY BE ALLOWED

#### WITH BURN PERMIT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

- ✘ **Bonfire**—Open burning of fires that have a fuel area larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. Sections 302 and 307.4.1 of International Fire Code.
- ✘ **Agricultural burning**—Conditional use for open burning. ➔

Please contact the Longmont Fire Department Prevention Division at 303-651-8437 for more information.

## Red, White and You

# July 4th, a Big Bang in Longmont!



Come celebrate in Longmont when the City hosts a number of family fun activities on Saturday, July 4.

The Longmont Symphony Orchestra will kick off the events at noon with a performance of patriotic music in Thompson Park at 4th Avenue and Bross Street. A pick-up and drop-off spot will be available at the northwest corner of the park. Arrive early with your picnic for the annual picnic contest sponsored by the Longmont Symphony Orchestra (check in at picnic contest tent in Thompson Park).

Sunset Pool at 1900 Longs Peak Avenue is the place to cool off beginning with open swim at 1 pm.

And, finally, don't miss the grand fireworks display beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the Boulder County Fairgrounds on Hover Street. This year's show has been expanded through a generous donation made by the Skyline Kiwanis Club. **For more information, call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404.**

## Longmont Fireworks Display

**Longmont Fourth of July Fireworks Display  
Boulder County Fairgrounds (Hover & Boston)  
July 4th, begins at 9:30pm, FREE**

For the best view of the fireworks, park at a nearby shopping center and either walk to the fenced area in front of the Jack Murphy arena or watch from anywhere within a one-mile radius of the fairgrounds. There is no parking on the fairgrounds. Handicapped-accessible parking is available at the fairground's Nelson Road (south side of facility) entrance. Handicapped parking permits are required. Please leave pets at home and keep them inside, as fireworks can be stressful for animals.

While fireworks add to the Fourth of July festivities, they can be dangerous. A firecracker explosion lasts a mere fraction of a second, but in that instant a person's whole life can change. The most common injuries are burns to the eyes, face and hands. One-half of the eye injuries result in permanent blindness.

## Private Fireworks Usage

Firework stands and stores in Longmont sell only legal fireworks. Legal fireworks may be used with caution on private property but not on public property.

**ALL FIREWORKS, INCLUDING SPARKLERS, ARE ILLEGAL ON CITY STREETS, PARKS, GOLF COURSES AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS.**

### Legal fireworks:

- May emit a "shower of sparks" with a maximum height of 14' but are not allowed to shoot "balls of flame."
- May emit smoke, crackle or whistle but not sound a report (explosive noise).
- Are labeled or packaged as 1.4G (formerly Class C), UN 0336 and/or "Safe and Sane."

### Illegal fireworks:

- Explode or leave the ground ("shower of sparks" is not considered leaving the ground).
- Are labeled or packaged as 1.3G (formerly Class B) and/or UN 0335.
- Are from other states. It is illegal to bring fireworks across the state line.

## Fireworks Complaints

Please do not call 911; this number is for real emergencies. The police non-emergency number for fireworks complaints is 303-651-8501. You can remain anonymous if you choose. Anonymous calls will be aired to police units in the field, and if a unit is available it will respond to the area of the complaint. If the caller can identify the person(s) responsible for illegal fireworks use and is willing to pursue enforcement action as a witness, then an officer will be assigned the call. When a police officer arrives on site and confirms the misuse of fireworks or use of illegal fireworks, the officer will take the appropriate enforcement action.

Penalties: Offenders can be fined up to \$500 and serve up to 90 days in jail for illegal possession and use of fireworks. ➔



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## Music

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** ~ FACE, all-vocal rock and more  
**6:30 – 8 p.m.** ~ The Fab 4, Beatles tribute

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

#### GROVE STAGE

**7 – 8 a.m.** ~ Dan Tulenko, strolling accordion  
**8 – 8:45 a.m.** ~ All Star Jazz Band  
**9 – 10 a.m.** ~ The Stanleytones, bluegrass  
**10:15 – 11:15 a.m.** ~ The Long Run, Colorado's tribute to the Eagles  
**11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.** ~ Triple Nickel, country  
**1 – 1:45 p.m.** ~ Elvis  
**2 – 3 p.m.** ~ Mojomama, soul/contemporary rock



Opie Gone Bad

**3:15 – 4:15 p.m.** ~ The Mighty 18 Wheeler, rockabilly  
**4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** ~ Casper and the Mighty 602 Band, Reggae music from Hopiland  
**6:30 – 8 p.m.** ~ Opie Gone Bad, rock and pop

### SATURDAY, JULY 11 (CONT'D)

#### WORLD BEAT STAGE "DIVERSITY THROUGH MUSIC"

**8 – 9 a.m.** ~ Huitzilopochtli Traditional Aztec Dancers "Blessing for the Festival"  
**9:15 – 10 a.m.** ~ Roger's River Run race results, schedule and announcements  
**10:15 – 11:15 a.m.** ~ The Second Baptist Church of Boulder Community Choir, Featuring Great Black Gospel Music  
**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** ~ Hawaiian-Way Entertainment, exciting authentic dances and music of the South Pacific Islands  
**12:45 – 1:45 p.m.** ~ Red Feather Woman  
**2 – 3 p.m.** ~ Los Cheesies, fun boogie down dance band

**3:15 – 4:15 p.m.** ~ Longmont Peruvian Dancers, authentic Inca music, dance and culture  
**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** ~ Dan Treanor and African Wind

## Activities

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

**5 – 8 p.m.** ~ Restaurant Row  
**5:30 – 8 p.m.** ~ Music on the Grove Stage  
**5 – 9 p.m.** ~ Free shuttle from Boulder County Fairgrounds

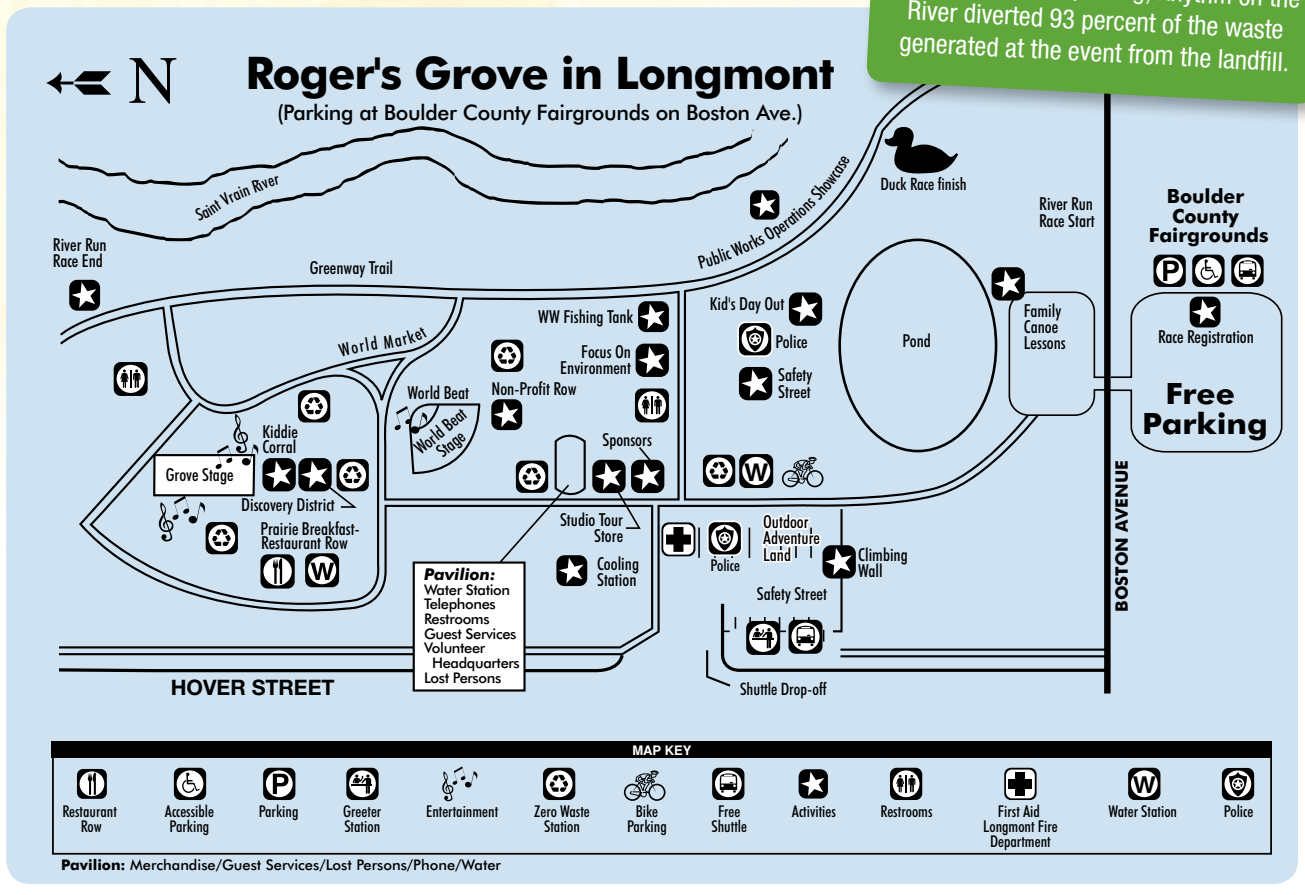
### SATURDAY, JULY 11

**7 a.m. – 9 p.m.** ~ Free shuttle from Boulder County Fairgrounds  
**7:30 a.m.** ~ Roger's 5K River Run  
**7 – 10 a.m.** ~ Prairie Breakfast  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Public Safety Street (rides open until 6 pm)

**8 a.m. – 8 p.m.** ~ Kiddie Corral  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Focus on the Environment  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Public Works Showcase  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Discovery District  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Kid's Day Out  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Studio Tour Store  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ Non-Profit Row  
**8 a.m. – 6 p.m.** ~ Outdoor Adventure Land  
**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** ~ World Market  
**10 a.m. – 8 p.m.** ~ Restaurant Row

## \*\*\* Zero Waste \*\*\*

Eco-Cycle awarded Rhythm on the River the Mary Wolff Zero Waste Community Leader Award for being its first and longest-running zero waste event. In 2008, through event staff's dedication to recycling and composting, Rhythm on the River diverted 93 percent of the waste generated at the event from the landfill.



## Flight Time

# Cole Kugel Airport Expo

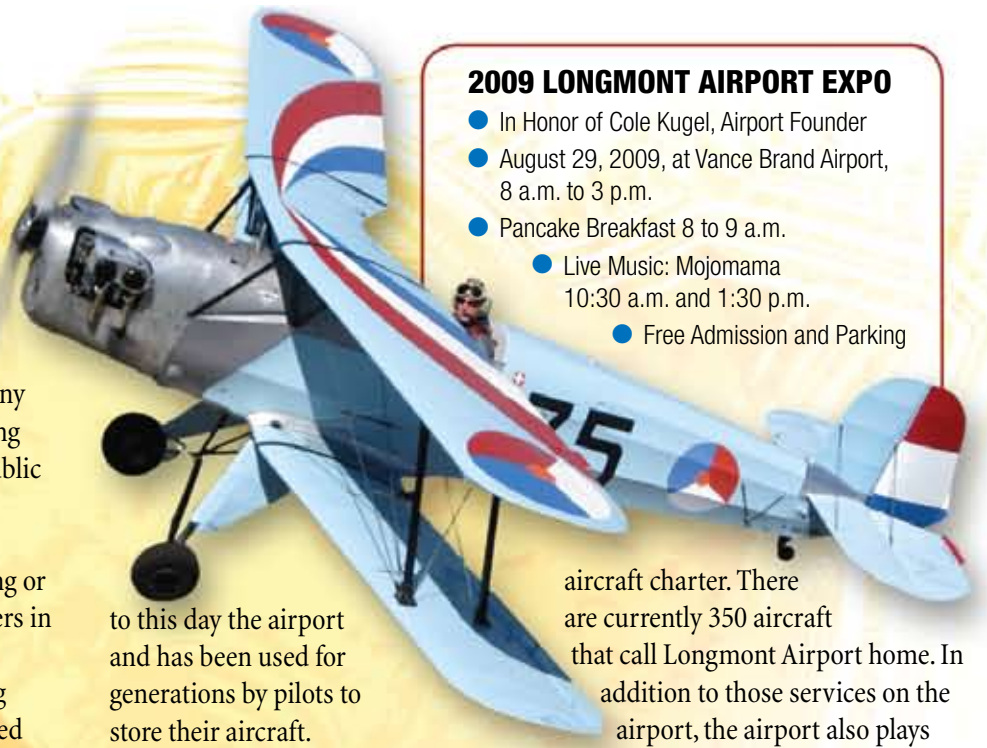
On August 29, Vance Brand Airport will host the Longmont Airport Expo 2009 in honor of Cole Kugel, the founder of Longmont's airport. The event will begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast on the airport grounds. The Expo (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) will include aircraft displays, antique cars and motorcycles, a skydiving demonstration, concessions, a parade of vehicles, and demonstration aircraft fly-bys showing the history of aviation at the airport. The fly-by parade begins at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude by 1:00 p.m. City departments and local vendors will also be on hand. Mojomama (a local Longmont rhythm & blues band) will perform live at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The event is free, including parking, so come out and enjoy a day at the Longmont Airport.

This event is designed to give the public an up-close and personal glimpse of Longmont's Airport and how it operates. Many airport businesses will be making their services available to the public that day, whether it be airplane model building for kids, scenic flights, helicopter rides, skydiving or providing education about careers in the aviation field.

The Airport Expo is honoring Cole Kugel, who built and donated the airport to the City of Longmont in 1942. Cole, before his passing, was the oldest licensed pilot in the world. He kept flying aircraft until the age of 102. Cole's original aircraft hangar, also built in 1942, still stands

to this day the airport and has been used for generations by pilots to store their aircraft.

Today, the airport is home to 14 businesses and provides a variety of services ranging from flight training and skydiving to aircraft production, aircraft maintenance and air transportation through



### 2009 LONGMONT AIRPORT EXPO

- In Honor of Cole Kugel, Airport Founder
- August 29, 2009, at Vance Brand Airport, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast 8 to 9 a.m.
- Live Music: Mojomama 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Free Admission and Parking

aircraft charter. There are currently 350 aircraft that call Longmont Airport home. In addition to those services on the airport, the airport also plays an extended role to the region by providing a base for forestry fire fighting support, prisoner transfers, aerial mapping and surveying, law enforcement and infrastructure inspection. ➤

## PAGE TURNERS

### Library Offers LearningExpress for Job Seekers

LearningExpress Library is an online database with a comprehensive selection of interactive online resources focusing on job preparation, career advancement, career changes, and re-entry into the workplace. It can help you:

- Create step-by-step customized resumes and cover letters that get noticed.
- Improve job search skills such as understanding the search process, assessing suitable careers, and establishing a comprehensive professional network.
- Master the art of interviewing to stand out from the competition and get the job.
- Prepare for professional certification, licensing, and aptitude tests in the fast-growing industries including healthcare, education, civil service and more
- Obtain 21st century workplace skills such as writing business communications, math and core computer skills.
- Gain easy access any time, from anywhere with an Internet connection and your Longmont Library card number. From home go to the Library's home page ([www.ci.longmont.co.us/library](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/library)) and select "Search Catalog." Once in the catalog, click on the top tab that says "Online Database" and click on Learning Express. ➤



### Starry Night

Why not throw a blanket on the cool grass and enjoy a summer evening in Thompson Park? The Outdoor Cinema returns this summer, presented by City of Longmont Recreation Services, the Longmont Film Society and Crackpot Studios. All movies are free and family rated. A small concession stand will have items for sale, or bring your own snacks! The movies begin at 8 p.m. (dusk) in the center of Thompson Park at 4th Avenue and Bross Street.

- Saturday, July 18: **Kung Fu Panda**  
Saturday, July 25: **Goonies**  
Saturday, August 1: **Princess Bride** ➤



### Children and Teen Summer Reading Program—Update

The Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Registration closed on June 30 and first level prizes are being given out. Second level prizes are available beginning July 10. Prizes will be awarded while supplies last and no prizes will be given out after August 1. More than 1,800 children and teens enrolled during the first week of sign-up in May and record-breaking participation is anticipated.

The Library would like to thank our generous sponsors:

Applebee's, Boulder County Fair, Chipotle, Country Buffet, Heritage Square, IHOP, Lakeside Amusement Park, The Used Book Emporium, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays and the Friends of the Longmont Library who paid for books for each child who completed the program and for all printing costs. ➤

### 2009 One Book, One City

#### Everybody's Reading Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*

The Longmont Public Library has selected Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* as the One Book, One City community-wide read for 2009. This is the ninth year that the Longmont Public Library has organized a "one book – one city" reading program for adults. The idea behind the program is to get members of the community reading and discussing the same book.

Award-winning author Tim O'Brien is perhaps best known for his gripping portrayals of the Vietnam conflict. O'Brien served in Vietnam for two years with the U.S. Army. *The Things They Carried* is a fictional memoir filled with interconnected stories about the conflict and the people involved.

Books and study guides will be available for check out. In addition, a "Book in a Bag" kit will be available for book groups to check out. The Book in a Bag kit contains 10 copies of the book and a study guide.

U. S. veterans from several wars will visit the Library the evening of August 20 to participate in a panel discussion. The moderator will encourage panelists to share their experiences at war and how their lives have been impacted by those events.

For more information call the reference desk at 303-651-8472. ➤



### Hammer-time

*Little Builders*, a hands-on exhibit designed for ages 2 to 7, is open through August 2 at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road. Call 303-651-8374 for more information on this construction-oriented exhibit. ➤

## Contributions & Expenses

# New Laws On Campaign Finance

**Individuals who support a candidate now are limited to contributing no more than \$200.**

As the municipal election season fast approaches and voters begin to think about how best to support their favorite candidates, there are two key changes to local election laws of which supporters need to be aware.

Individuals who support a candidate now are limited to contributing no more than \$200 per election through contributions of money or in-kind goods and services to any one candidate. Groups, organizations and businesses are limited to \$500 in contributions of money or in-kind goods and services to any one candidate during an election cycle. The contribution limits in no way prevent supporters from volunteering their own time to help candidates with their campaigns.

Any person or group who independently advocates for or against a candidate or an issue by spending money to distribute electioneering communications are not limited to the amount of money they can spend toward this effort. However, they must report to the City Clerk within 72 hours after obligating the funds any expenditures that

total more than \$100. Additionally, the written material must include language that discloses the full name of the person or group making the expenditure, the name of the registered agent, the amount of the expenditure, and a statement that the advertisement or material is not authorized by the candidate or issue committee. It is suggested that individuals or groups planning to produce electioneering communications, rather than contribute directly to a candidate or issue committee, contact the City Clerk's office to get the appropriate reporting forms. There is a \$200 per day fine for failing to comply with this new regulation.

**For specific information about these and other campaign contribution law changes or for general information about the upcoming November 3 election, contact the City Clerk's office at 303-651-8649. Additional information and forms also are available on the City Clerk's Web site at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/city\\_clerk/election/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_clerk/election/index.htm).**

## National Night Out "Kick Off" Celebration



Mark your calendars now for the second annual National Night Out (NNO) "Kick Off" at **Spangler Park on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009**. There will be a neighborhood clean up from 7 a.m. to Noon with the NNO "Kick Off" Celebration from Noon to 3 p.m. Join us for free food, entertainment, and NNO promotional items. Pick up NNO party planning kits for your own NNO party on Aug. 4, the official NNO date. This community event is sponsored by the City of Longmont

Community and Neighborhood Resources, Longmont Police Department, and TARGET. Call the Police Programs Coordinator at 303-774-4440 for more information or to volunteer to assist with the neighborhood clean up.

## November Election

# Mayor and Council Candidate Nominations Sought

The Longmont City Clerk's office will accept nominations for the offices of Mayor, two City Council members At-large, and one City Council member representing Ward 2 from Tuesday, August 4, through Monday, August 24. The election for these positions is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, and will be conducted as a coordinated election with Boulder and Weld counties.

The Mayor's term is two years, and the Council member terms are four years each. Candidates for Mayor and Council member must: 1) be citizens of the United States; 2) be 21 years of age; and 3) have resided in and been qualified electors of the City for the past year. Additionally, the successful Ward 2 Council member candidate must reside in Ward 2 during the term of office.

Candidate information packets will be available in the City Clerk's office by the last week of July, and nomination petitions can be circulated beginning Tuesday, August 4. Interested parties may submit their names to the City Clerk's office by calling 303-651-8649 or by sending an e-mail to the City Clerk at [valeria.skitt@ci.longmont.co.us](mailto:valeria.skitt@ci.longmont.co.us) to have the packet mailed to them as soon as it is available.

Candidates running for the office of Mayor or an At-large Council seat must collect signatures from 50 registered voters residing in Longmont. Candidates running for the Ward 2 Council seat must collect signatures from 25 registered voters who reside in Ward 2. The City Clerk will conduct a candidate orientation session in late August following certification of the nomination petitions.

**One bite. One life changed forever. Protect yourself.**



*"I always loved to hike in the mountains. Now I have trouble even walking up a hill."*

**Ann Stringfellow**

## West Nile Virus Alert

Remember the four Ds:

- Use **DEET**-enhanced insect repellent (2% soy-based, organic products also available)
- **DRESS** in long sleeves and pants
- Avoid the outdoors from **DUSK** until **DAWN**
- **DRAIN** standing water outside your home

**BITTEN:** Summer 2003, sitting on her patio in Boulder

**EFFECT:** Because of West Nile Virus, Ann developed polio-like symptoms that have limited her mobility.



**BOULDER COUNTY**  
**Public Health**  
[www.bouldercountymosquito.net](http://www.bouldercountymosquito.net)  
**Hotline 303.441.1460**

## Water Wise

# Recommended Schedule

The City of Longmont does not have mandatory watering restrictions, although there is a recommended schedule for voluntary lawn watering.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Re</b>	Residential (single family and duplexes) Even Address
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NW</b>	No Watering
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NR</b>	Nonresidential (commercial, multifamily, homeowner's associations, other)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ro</b>	Residential (single family and duplexes) Odd Address
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Re</b>	Residential (single family and duplexes) Even Address
<b>Friday</b>	<b>NR</b>	Nonresidential (commercial, multifamily, homeowner's associations, other)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ro</b>	Residential (single family and duplexes) Odd Address

Although there are no mandatory watering restrictions this year in Longmont, water conservation is always an important consideration in our arid climate. You can help conserve water – and keep your water bill low – by following this suggested schedule for twice-a-week lawn watering. For additional information regarding the City's 2009 Water Supply and Drought Management Plan please go to Longmont's web page at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/city\\_council/agendas/2009/documents/050509\\_ss9.pdf](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/agendas/2009/documents/050509_ss9.pdf).

## Sweeping Change

# Simple Efficiencies with Big Savings

Volunteers representing Longmont Power & Communications (LPC) and Longs Peak Energy Conservation (LPEC) recently knocked on doors at Grand Meadow Mobile Home Park near 17th Avenue and Main Street to install free water and electric conservation products. These free "Efficiency Sweeps" allow residents to experience efficiency measures while watching their utility bills go down.

**The strategy:** By having the efficiency products installed rather than simply receiving the products, residents will experience the near-seamless change from less efficient products and are more likely to use efficient products as a habit.

Sweep volunteers met with about 54 homeowners, changed 826 incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs, installed 35 low-flow shower heads, and distributed 24 clothes drying racks. They also provided energy and water efficiency education materials so residents can learn how to change even the smallest of habits, resulting in lower energy and water use. The new habits not only help the environment but also save the homeowners money.

In addition to reducing greenhouse gases, the energy savings from the Sweep is estimated at 53,338 kilowatt hours. That savings is equivalent to the electricity used by more than 76 homes in Longmont in one month.

Homeowners who participated in the Sweep will save an estimated total of \$4,670 each year. Individually, they will save approximately \$86 per year on their utility bills.

LPC and LPEC join forces about twice each year to conduct efficiency sweeps in targeted Longmont neighborhoods in order to reduce Longmont's impact on the environment. LPC and Boulder County provide funding for the program. ➔



## LAVA Launches Longmont Radio Show and Plans New Web Site

In cooperation with the Rocky Mountain Radio Group, the Longmont Area Visitors Association has launched a weekly radio show that airs on 1060 KRCN-AM at 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. on Sundays.

The show, *Discover Longmont*, is hosted by Roger Cridlebaugh and LAVA Executive Director Gary Wheat. The hour-long program highlights Longmont area events, attractions and businesses and features tourism-related topics and guests.

"This is a great opportunity for the Longmont Area Visitors Association to promote area events and business," said Wheat. "LAVA would like to thank the Rocky Mountain Radio Group for being so community minded and providing this opportunity to highlight our community."

The Rocky Mountain Radio group features The Big Money Station 1060 KRCN-AM with 50,000 watts of daytime coverage that reaches from Colorado Springs into Wyoming.

In addition, the Longmont Area Visitors Association Web site, [www.visitlongmont.org](http://www.visitlongmont.org), is being redesigned and will feature a new look, interactive options and enhanced features. ➔

## Airway Access

# Community Programming Can be Found on Longmont's Channel 3



Established in 1983, Longmont's cable channel 3 provides local cable television access for the Longmont community. Channel 3's programming includes local origination programs, the Longmont City Council meetings, Planning & Zoning meetings, St. Vrain Valley School Board meetings, Partnership programming with the Police Department and other community organizations, high school sports (Game of the Week and a weekly sports update show), local community highlight shows, public access programs and acquired programs. Channel 3 is available only to customers who subscribe to Comcast cable and is not available over-the-air. However, many programs can be found on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/channel3longmont>. Recent postings include an overview of Longmont city government and a tour of Longmont's extensive greenways. A West Nile information piece will be available this summer.

For a complete schedule of Channel 3 programming, visit their Web site at [www.channel3.org/schedule.html](http://www.channel3.org/schedule.html) ➔



## How Can You Make a Difference?



Police Department volunteers Ron and Hermann patrol the streets of Longmont, providing trained eyes and ears for police patrol officers. They serve the city and its citizens on their schedule and, as Ron says, make a difference on the streets and in our community.

Some volunteers may be retired, but they haven't stopped working. And they love working for the City of Longmont.

# VOLUNTEER



CITY OF LONGMONT  
303-651-8609  
[www.ci.longmont.co.us/volunteer.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/volunteer.htm)

## City of Longmont INFORMATION SOURCES

There are lots of places to find information about Longmont local government.



**City of Longmont Web site:** [www.ci.longmont.co.us](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us)

**City Source:**

Call 303-774-4370 or [www.ci.longmont.co.us/citysource/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/citysource/index.htm)

**Recreation Brochure:** [www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/index.htm)

**The GO for the 55+ audience:**

[www.ci.longmont.co.us/sen\\_ctr/general/golden\\_outlook.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/sen_ctr/general/golden_outlook.htm)

**Sign up for various city e-alert services:**

[www.ci.longmont.co.us/selectalert/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/selectalert/index.htm)

**LifeLongmontLearning:** [www.lifelongmontlearning.com/](http://www.lifelongmontlearning.com/)

Sign up for **Longmont Museum's eBuzz eAlert** or special eAlerts on children's programs and teacher/educator programs at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum/e-mail\\_signup.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum/e-mail_signup.htm)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/cityoflongmont/](https://twitter.com/cityoflongmont/)

**City Line:** delivered through City of Longmont utility bill

**City Talk:** weekly ad about City events available in *Times-Call* every Monday

**Event Calendar:** [www.ci.longmont.co.us](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us)

**Economic Stimulus:**

[www.ci.longmont.co.us/city\\_manager/legislative\\_info/stimulus/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_manager/legislative_info/stimulus/index.htm)

## Affordable Options

# Looking to Buy a Home?

Check out the City of Longmont Affordable Homeownership Programs



Solar Village at Prospect



Kingsbridge



Sunfield Townhomes

These are examples of homes that are currently on the market and available to buy under the Community Housing Program.

The City of Longmont participates in two homeownership programs that can help individuals and families purchase a home. These programs are for households that are income and asset-eligible. For example, to qualify for the City's programs a family of four may not make more than \$64,000 a year.

### Community Housing Program

The City, in partnership with local developers, makes homes available at below-market prices. These homes are located in both new and established neighborhoods with condominiums, townhomes and single-family detached homes available for purchase. The homes are kept affordable for a minimum of 10 years. The homes shown here are immediately available for purchase and have prices ranging from \$118,000 to \$168,400.

### Boulder County Down Payment Assistance Program

This program is available to help first-time homebuyers purchase a home in Boulder County, outside Boulder city limits. The loan is for up to 8.5 percent of the purchase price (a maximum of \$15,000 may be lent) and can cover down payment and closing costs. A

first-time homebuyer is defined as someone who has not purchased in the last three years. Exceptions may be made for those who recently have been divorced.

### First-time Homebuyer Tax Credit

First-time homebuyers also may be eligible to use the 2009 \$8,000 federal tax credit with either or both of the City's affordable programs. **More information about the tax credit is available on the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).** Please contact your tax advisor to learn how the tax credit might apply to your situation.

### Housing Counseling

The City works closely with the Boulder County Housing Counseling Program, which provides in-depth education and counseling for homebuyers and homeowners. The counseling program offers free and confidential services to assist with credit, budgeting, prepurchase counseling, and foreclosure prevention. **For more information on these services or to schedule an appointment with a counselor, please call 720-564-2279 or visit [www.bouldercountyhc.org](http://www.bouldercountyhc.org).**

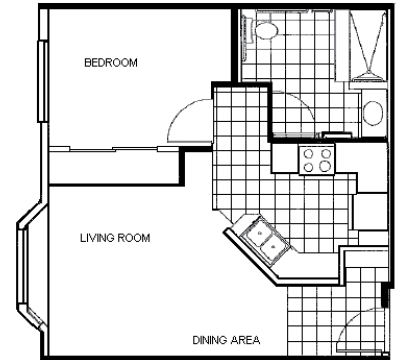
You can find more information on the City's programs at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/cdbg/housing](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/cdbg/housing) or by contacting Molly McElroy at 303-651-8530 or [molly.mcelroy@ci.longmont.co.us](mailto:molly.mcelroy@ci.longmont.co.us). ➔



## City of Longmont Helps Make The Lodge at Hover Crossing a Reality

On July 11, the Longmont Housing Development Corporation (LHDC) will hold a grand opening to celebrate the completion of its most recent development, The Lodge at Hover Crossing. LHDC is a local nonprofit housing agency that also owns Village Place Apartments and Aspen Meadows Apartments in Longmont. LHDC is managed by the Longmont Housing Authority.

The Lodge at Hover Crossing is a 50-unit rent-subsidized apartment building in the Hover Crossing neighborhood at 18th Avenue and Hover Street. The building is affordable for people age 62 and older with incomes at or below \$21,400. Residents will pay 30 percent of their income in rent.



In 2005, the City of Longmont provided a \$753,000 loan from its affordable housing funds to help the LHDC acquire four acres of land at Hover Crossing. The LHDC then went to work to obtain other state and local grants, including a \$6.3 million grant from HUD's Section 202 program, Supportive Housing for the Elderly. In addition to HUD, LHDC worked in partnership with a number of agencies that have supported this multiyear effort. They include former Senators Allard and Salazar and Representative Betsy Markey, who helped secure the HUD grant. Additional grants were from the Colorado Division of Housing, Energy Outreach Colorado, Longmont Power & Communications, and the Platte River Power Authority. The Longmont Planning and Building Division and Longmont Senior Services also helped move the project forward.

Krische Construction, a local company, was chosen to build the \$7.4 million Lodge at Hover Crossing. Both LHDC and Krische made a commitment to maximize the impact of the project on the local economy by employing as many local subcontractors as possible. More than 200 jobs have been generated by the construction alone, including work done by over 30 local small businesses.

The Lodge has numerous energy efficient features and is a prime example of the green building that is sweeping the construction industry. Features include radiant floor heat, triple pane windows and foam insulation. In addition, every apartment has E-Star appliances, an ADA fully accessible bathroom, a full kitchen, and a bay window that provides passive solar heat.

The Lodge is a long-term investment in the community, which goes beyond the economic impact of the construction, apartment management and janitorial jobs that were created. The finished building will provide affordable, safe and high quality housing for the city's elderly residents for decades to come.

The building will be open to the general public for touring from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 11. The first residents will move in on August 1 and applications are still being accepted by the management company, Hudson Companies, at 303-859-0477. ➔

## Festival on Main Celebrates End of Summer

August 28  
FREE Admission

Festival On Main continues to be the premiere Downtown Longmont event.

This year it is celebrating its ninth season and will be held on **Friday, August 28, 2009** from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Festival attendees experience plenty of fun and excitement during an evening when Main Street in Downtown Longmont is closed to traffic from Third Avenue to Longs Peak Avenue. Entertainment offerings include live bands



(headlining band is Raising Cain and opening band is Past Due—a local Longmont group), street performers such as live statues, and jugglers, a miniature train ride, a 14-foot bubble making machine, an inflatable slide, obstacle course, a climbing wall, bungee quad trampoline, airplanes, face painter's row, Irish dancers, fire dancers and aerial dancers and more hands-on

children's activities. Longmont Idol's second week of competition will be here and there will also be an enhanced Food Court.

The Longmont Small Business Association (LSBA) hosts a small-business expo during the festival. Participating businesses will man their booths showcasing products and services.

This is a free event for all ages that celebrates the end of summer.

**For more information call 303-651-8484 ext. 2 or visit [www.FESTIVALONMAIN.com](http://www.FESTIVALONMAIN.com)** ➔

