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for Longmont residents.



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Celebrate Earth/Arbor Day

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. It is also the 30th anniversary for Longmont to be recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Earth Day is about environmental awareness. Arbor Day is about the importance of trees. Going "green" is about adopting environmentally sustained practices. Come and join in this combined celebration to learn more about how to reduce your impact on the environment. It's a celebration to enjoy while you gain new knowledge!

Did you know that going "green" can save you money, too? Learn how to strategically place trees around your house to reduce energy costs or take advantage of various environmental programs the City has to offer that can save on your utility bill.

There will be numerous educational booths and displays about sustainability. You can also enjoy and learn from a number of demonstrations. For example, find out how to plant, prune and properly maintain a tree or rose bush, learn about potential insect and disease issues, walk the "tree timeline," see actual monetary benefits trees provide, find out how to compost, learn more about recycling, witness electrical safety through a "live line" demo, and watch a professional arborist maneuver through a tree canopy.

Trees and rose bushes will be for sale at less than cost. Chainsaw artist, wood carving, urban waste wood mill, games, prizes, balloons, t-shirts, live music and an "edible forest" lunch are just some of the additional activities. Great opportunities for all ages!

Contact Parks & Forestry Division at 303-651-8446 for more information. ➔



April 17

**Arbor Day/
Earth Day Celebration**

Thompson Park (4th Av. & Bross St.)
11 am to 3 pm

Rain date is the following Saturday, April 24.

Census 2010

Stand Up and Be Counted

The 2010 Census is right around the corner. The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all people living in the United States on April 1, 2010.

Every household in Longmont will get a Census questionnaire – we are asking for your help to make sure everyone in Longmont is counted.

Please fill out your questionnaire and mail it back!

The Census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. They also determine the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will

directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding to be allocated fairly and accurately, the goal

of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. You can help ensure Longmont gets its share of this funding by mailing back your completed Census questionnaire.

The facts gathered in the census help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more, so fill out your questionnaire and make sure you are counted!

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes to complete. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential. No individual information can be shared for any

reason. If your household needs assistance filling out your Census questionnaire, several Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be set up throughout the City. Centers will operate during various hours in March and April at the following locations:

Longmont Library, Senior Center, Salud Clinic, OUR Center and Spangler Elementary School.

For a complete list of locations and times go to www.ci.longmont.co.us/news/census.

For information on Census employment opportunities, please call 866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov. For general information on the 2010 Census, please visit the 2010 Census Web site at www.census.gov/2010. ➔

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Censo 2010 10 Preguntas Que Harán Mucho Por Ti.

En marzo del 2010 llegará el Censo. Al contarlo, darás un gran paso para tener representación en el congreso y obtener mejores recursos para tu comunidad. Tu información es confidencial y está protegida por ley. Cuando llegue, llénalo y envíalo en confianza.

Diverse Palette

Art a Strong Asset in Longmont



Examples of existing AIPP projects include the Thompson Tempetto by Mario Miguel Echevarria (top) in Thompson Park and Along the River by Juli Schrader and Susan Dailey at Roger's Grove.

We are lucky in Longmont to have such a wide variety of public art weaving its way through our community. From the bronze sculptures at Roosevelt Park to the whimsical sculptures at other Longmont parks, there is no shortage of crafted beauty sitting among the natural backdrop of the Rocky Mountains.

Much of artwork is made possible by the work of the Art in Public Places (AIPP) Commission. The commission established in 1987, is funded through a 1 percent levy on most capital improvement projects over \$50,000 and is administered through the Longmont Museum and managed by AIPP. I am fortunate to be the City Council liaison to the commission.

AIPP selects public artwork and public sites with input from community members annually. So what is the commission to do in a tight economy – one in which the City's General Fund is limited and capital improvement projects are put on hold, thereby limiting the revenues that fund the 1 percent for the public art program?

The AIPP Commission responded in 2009 by not initiating any new projects; there were four installations from previous years set for installation, so the commission and staff were kept busy with those. 2010 will be different. While an "average" project for AIPP might be in the \$35,000-\$40,000 range, the

commission responded to the lower revenues by selecting two smaller projects, each of which will have a budget for the artist of only \$20,000. "How much can we get for \$20,000?" one might ask, especially if they are familiar with national calls to artists advertising many projects of more than \$100,000.

The two smaller projects that have been selected this year will provide less well-known artists with an opportunity to be exposed in a City that has an established program and reputation. The projects for this year will include "distance" markers around the 3.5 perimeter of McIntosh Lake, as well as artwork to enhance the unisex restrooms to be installed along the St. Vrain Greenway. Residents are welcome to participate in selecting such artwork by submitting an application to AIPP.

Smaller budgets likely will attract more local artists, but, like any public artwork, these projects provide economic stimulus locally as artists often employ local contractors to dig holes for installation, pour concrete for foundations, photograph images of completed work, etc. Spending several days for a small installation team also can bring dollars to restaurants and hotels and keep our local businesses alive and thriving! ➔

Sean P. McCoy, City Council Ward III

Moving Forward

Talk, Transportation and Traffic in Longmont

The City of Longmont, in partnership with the Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA), will be hosting a presentation about transportation and traffic in Longmont. Three topics will be addressed:

Is the Neighborhood Eco Pass right for you and your neighborhood?

By Jared Hall, Boulder County

The Neighborhood Eco (NECO) Pass is a great deal for both pass holders and the community as it provides residents with a convenient and economical choice for transportation and reduces the amount of commuter traffic. The

NECO Pass gives residents one year of unlimited travel on most RTD services, including the call-n-Ride, local (Longmontster) buses, regional buses (such as the BOLT to Boulder, the "L" bus to Denver, the "J" bus to the CU-Boulder campus, the "N" bus to Eldora Mountain Ski Resort) and the light rail system in Denver. With a NECO pass, the round-trip fare to Denver International Airport is only \$5.

Research has shown that once NECO Passes are distributed, bus ridership increases dramatically. When people drive less, communities and neighborhoods have less congestion and pollution. Using NECO

Passes also increases people's physical activity because they are walking or bicycling to and from transit stops, and it reduces stress by avoiding driving in congested traffic. The NECO pass is a perfect environmental option for people currently driving single occupancy vehicles, a good cost savings measure for residents and a great way to enhance community relations in the neighborhood.

Jared Hall from Boulder County will inform residents about the current Boulder County sponsored Neighborhood Eco Pass program and how to get neighborhoods involved in the program. In addition to Jared's presentation Phil Greenwald, Longmont's Transportation Planner,

will discuss the City's strategy to develop a citywide transit plan that interfaces with current RTD services.

Traffic engineering and mitigation.

By Bob Ball and Tyler Stamey, Longmont's Transportation Engineers

Have you ever wondered how the City decides where to install traffic signals, how those signals are timed, or which intersections have the highest number of accidents? Did you know that the City has a Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Program? Bob and Tyler will discuss these and other traffic issues as part of the NGLA meeting.

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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.

Sign Up!

Summer Camps

Are you looking for summer camps for your kids that are safe, secure and wholesome, that offer a wide variety of exciting activities, optional excursions to various attractions and are within easy driving distance so you can take the kids there yourself? It's time to sign up for Summer 2010 camps for kids ages 4 to 14 years. The City of Longmont Recreation division and Museum present camps geared to all ages and interests. Prices range from \$50 for residents for a 2-day skateboard painting class at the Museum, to \$279 for residents for a Mad Science five-day camp. Recreation Services also offers a full-time Summer Day Camp that is licensed through the Department of Social Services. Registration for this camp began March 1.

For more information on registration, prices, times and locations, visit the City of Longmont's Web site, www.ci.longmont.co.us or call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404 or the Museum at 303-651-8374.



Registration for Recreation Camps begins April 13, for Museum Camps March 9.



Exchanging Vows

Wedding Special Offered at Callahan House

Looking for a quiet, intimate, lovely location to exchange your wedding vows and celebrate? Consider the charm of the Historic Callahan House for your memorable day with family and close friends. Now thru May 1 you can book your wedding for up to 40 guests (including wedding party) for \$750 for five hours. Choose from two options: Option I - wedding cake and Callahan complimentary coffee and tea; Option II - light appetizers (extra cost), wedding cake, and Callahan complimentary coffee and tea. The cost includes on-site assistance of the Event Coordinator and one additional staff member, greeting your guests, assisting with ceremony coordination, cake cutting, event setup and cleanup, dressing rooms, full music setup, ceremony chairs, tables and linens, china and service ware, coffee and tea setup. A complimentary ceremony rehearsal is also included. You provide your personal photographer, bridal flowers and cake. Champagne is allowed with permit fee and glass rental. The Callahan House is located at 312 Terry Street, Longmont. For more information please contact Leslie, Event Coordinator, at 303-776-5191. **You can also check out photos of the Callahan House on the City's Web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/callahan/photos.htm.**



Home Safe Home

Improvements for Safer Living

Imagine being unable to bathe because you can't get into or out of your bathtub.

That was the fate of one disabled senior Longmont resident. The home where she lives with her son was not handicapped accessible, and she was unable to bathe or shower without help from her son.

Although she was receiving Social Security she couldn't afford to modify the bathroom to give her access to a shower.

Enter the City of Longmont's Housing Rehabilitation Program, a program that makes home improvements for eligible applicants. Using federal grant money that's split between three different rehab programs, the City of Longmont was able to modify nine homes under the Architectural Barrier Removal Program (including the one featured above), fix up six homes under the General Rehab Program and assist 18 homeowners with emergency repairs.

"This was a perfect example of the ways in which the program has been a lifesaver," noted Kathy Fedler, CDBG Coordinator for the City of Longmont. "This project included installing of a walk-in shower and an ADA toilet and the repairing of the subfloor damaged by water. And now she can take a shower any time she needs to without assistances from her son."

The City of Longmont's Affordable Housing Division reviews the applications and determines, using federal guidelines, whether homeowners qualify for funding. Mobile home owners are also eligible for the Accessibility and Emergency Grant programs. To apply for the City's Rehab programs or to see if you or a family member qualifies, contact:

Molly McElroy at 303-651-8530 or via e-mail at Molly.mcelroy@ci.longmont.co.us
You can also find info on our Web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/cdbg/housing/

Brush Up

Paint-A-Thon

With brushes in hand Longmont Senior Services will kick off the 2010 Paint-A-Thon in July 2010.

Historically, the Paint-A-Thon has been going on in the Longmont community since 1998 through the help of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, community volunteers, and Longmont Senior Services. The Paint-A-Thon helps keep low-income seniors and people with disabilities living independently in their own homes. Through the generosity of volunteers, they restore not only the outward appearance of the home but the owner's pride in their home and community.

Longmont resident Louise Romero recently took advantage of the Paint-A-Thon. "I couldn't be happier," Mrs. Romero said. "My family has complimented me on my choice of color."

The day of the painting was also a special time since volunteers enjoyed some of Mrs. Romero's fresh, homemade cakes. This experience made me feel as though I was among friends," she said. "My little house looks so pretty after it was painted."

"The Paint-A-Thon is like an old fashioned barn raising," said Kathy Fedler, CDBG Coordinator for the City of Longmont. "It is people helping people in the spirit of giving to others."

To be eligible for the Paint-A-Thon:

- ★ Properties must be located within the Longmont city limits
- ★ The properties must be owner occupied
- ★ The owner must have adequate insurance coverage
- ★ All property taxes must be current
- ★ Owners must be elderly and/or disabled and determined to be low-income.

To have a home considered for this program the homeowner must complete an application and return it to Molly McElroy at the Civic Center located at 350 Kimbark Street in Longmont. Applications can be picked up at Longmont Senior Services located at 910 Longs Peak Avenue or at the Civic Center located at 350 Kimbark Street.



Contact List for Police

At the beginning of each year, the Longmont Police Department (LPD) assigns patrol officers to the 14 beats in the city. Each of these “beats” is a section of the city to which a number of officers are assigned. This year, LPD has four new parks and open space beats. Officers are assigned for a one-year period and many continue in the same beats for many years. This allows residents, schools and businesses to get to know the officers who regularly patrol their areas, and it also helps the efficiency of police operations.

You can get acquainted with your Beat Officer by attending a Neighborhood Watch meeting or other neighborhood events. Neighbors watching out for other neighbors are one of the best crime prevention devices! When neighbors work together in cooperation with their Beat Officer, it makes for an effective crime-fighting team. **You may find out more about the Neighborhood Watch Program by calling 303-774-4440.**

Voice Mail Extensions For Beat Officers & Special Operations Division

To access the City of Longmont voice mail system, dial **303-774-4300** and enter the extension number shown below.

Beat 1

Sgt. Paul Campbell • x8877
Ofc. Laura Faatz • x3276
Ofc. Kyle Komanich • x4819
Ofc. John Winship • x2223
Ofc. Auggie Bernal • x3163

Beat 2

Sgt. Jim Bundy • x8878
MPO Al Baldivia • x2060
Ofc. Dillon Cromley • x3164
Ofc. Brett Rimsky • x3057
Ofc. Scott Pastor • x3108
Ofc. Aubrey Odle • x3333

Beat 3

Sgt. Dave Orr • x8869
MPO Greg Ruprecht • x3116
Ofc. Bruce Pettitt • x3334
Ofc. Nate McManus • x3332

Beat 4

MPO Steven Deal • x3356
Ofc. Mike Carter • x3160
Ofc. Bill Clark • x3353
Ofc. Mark Stewart • x3184
Ofc. Brian Dean • x3096
Ofc. Paul Beach • x3107
Ofc. Nathan Rankin • x3112

Beat 5

Sgt. Jesse Buchholtz • x8870
Ofc. Sheila Baker • x4077
MPO Randy Lucero • x3350
Ofc. Chrystie Wheeler • x3383
Ofc. Jon High • x3361
Ofc. Tash Petsas • x3162
Ofc. Mike Hazen • x3166

Beat 6

Sgt. Jim Sawinska • x8876
MPO Pat McCoy • x4109
Ofc. Daniel Oster • x3111
Ofc. David Kennedy • x3140

Beat 7

Sgt. Tim Miller • x8734
Ofc. David Bonday • x4015
Ofc. Jason Goecke • x3285
Ofc. Colin Jessen • x3069
Ofc. Sean Donovan • x3114
Ofc. Chad Jacquet • x3068

Beat 8

Sgt. Matt Cage • x8862
MPO Mike Nelson • x3389
Ofc. John Raschdorf • x3071
Ofc. Don Goldware • x3342

Beat 9

Sgt. Chris Schmad • x4839
Ofc. Peter Bowden • x4821
Ofc. Staci Stallings • x4025
Ofc. Andy Feaster • x3113

Beat 10

Ofc. John Wederquist • x4818
Ofc. Wade Weese • x3283
Ofc. Keith Bell • x4106
Ofc. Mike Snelson • x3070
Ofc. Phil Piotrowski • x3066
Ofc. Jason Korn • x4020

Beat 11

Sgt. Garrett Boden • x8875
MPO Phil Root • x4118
Ofc. Lise Malen • x4091
Ofc. Chris Lucci • x3081

Beat 12

Sgt. David Terrell • x8874
MPO Bobby Garcia • x3028
Ofc. Rosalie Smith • x4060
Ofc. Jeremy Johnston • x3331
Ofc. Eric Hulett • x4024

Beat 13

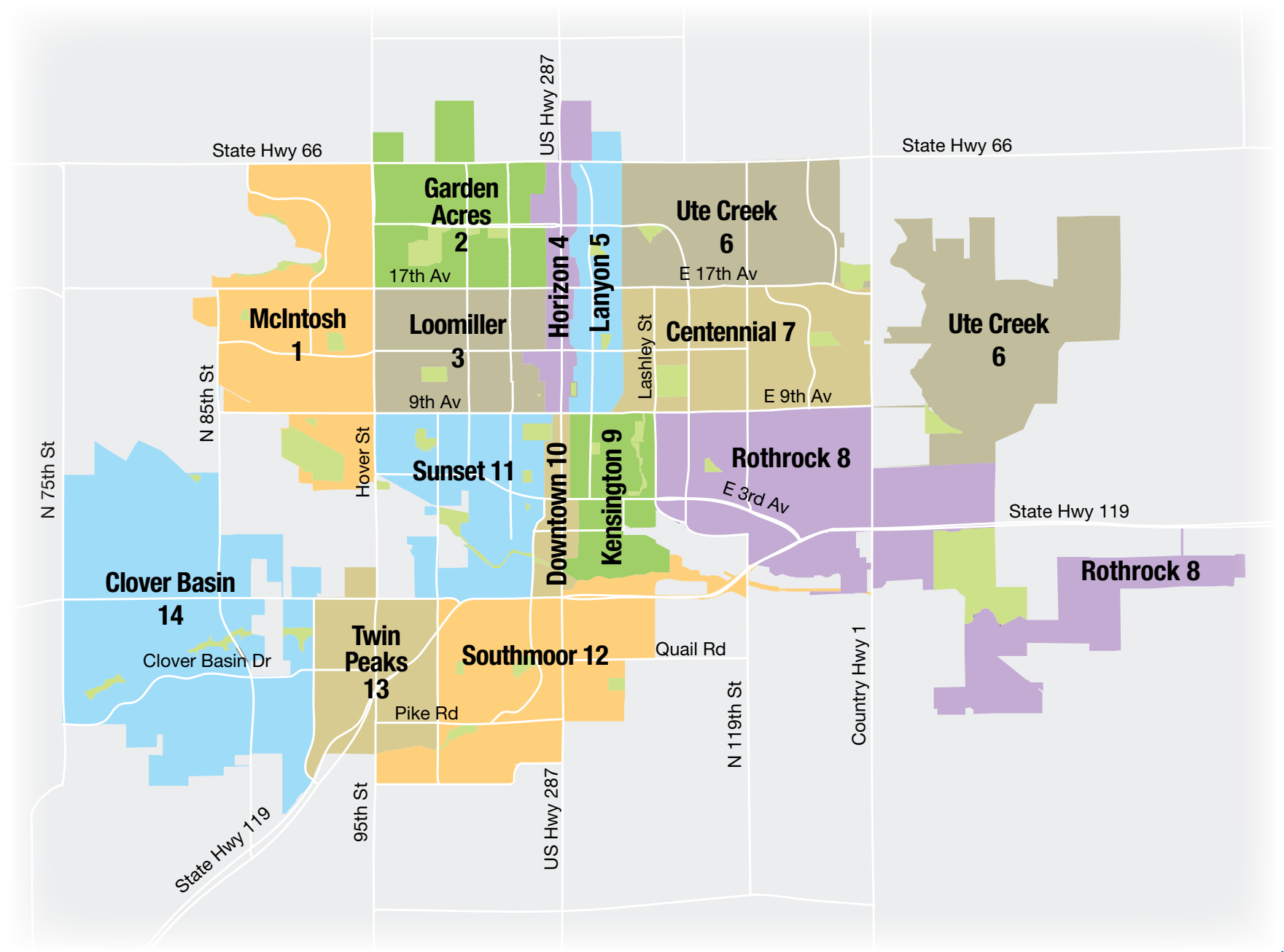
Ofc. Mike Stogsdill • x3355
Ofc. David Blake • x4822
MPO Mike Boespflug • x3102
Ofc. Brent Cairns • x3115
Ofc. Lorraine Fratelli • x4094
Ofc. Cary Nickolls • x4112

Beat 14

Sgt. Eric Lewis • x4551
Ofc. Brian Smith • x3209
Ofc. Dan Sidders • x4021
Ofc. Melinda Burnett • x3183

Parks and Open Space Beat

Sgt. Paul Campbell • x8877
NW: Ofc. James Brown • X3052
NE: Ofc. Jason McNulty • x3067
SE: Ofc. Cassidy Kerstiens • x4018
SW: Ofc. Robert Goodard • x3326



Top Cop

Longmont Public Safety Chief Awarded Southern Honor

In 2001, the Longmont Police Department (LPD) was selected by the US Department of Justice and one of the top community policing agencies in the United States. The Longmont Police Department views community policing as vital to the success of the department and the community. These tenets include:

PARTNERSHIP ★ Developing a close working relationship between the police and the community, a relationship in which both share equally in the responsibility for the safety and order in their community.

PROBLEM SOLVING ★ Community members and the police working closely together to identify and resolve a variety of issues that impact safety and disorder in their community.

PERSONALIZATION ★ Developing a partnership based on a close relationship between the police and their community. To do so, police officers must get to know the residents who reside in the community on a personal level.

PERMANENCE ★ Assigning police officers to neighborhoods in the community on a long-term basis in order to assist in the development of closer working relationships.

PLACE ★ Delivering and tailoring police services to meet the needs of the different neighborhoods within their community.

PRO-ACTIVE ★ Police and community members working pro-actively to prevent disorder and crime in their community.

In March of 2009, members of the Cold Spring (Kentucky) Police Department spent three days at the Longmont Police Department learning about how community policing is practiced in our community. As a result of their positive experience in Longmont, Cold Spring, Kentucky, Police Chief

Edward Burk III nominated Public Safety Chief Mike Butler for status as a Kentucky Colonel.

Chief Burke, Chief of the Cold Spring Police Department and his visiting command staff, stated they were both inspired and energized by how comprehensive and systematic the tenets of community policing were being implemented by the LPD. More importantly, they could observe the results of the philosophy first-hand.

Commissions for Colonels are given by the Kentucky Governor and the Kentucky Secretary of State to individuals in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to a community, state or the nation. This is the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This tradition stems back to when the Kentucky Militia was deactivated following the War of 1812 and Governor Isaac Shelby commissioned Charles S. Todd, one of his officers in the campaign, as an aide-de-camp on the governor's Staff with the rank and grade of a Colonel. Two years later, Todd married Shelby's youngest daughter.

Among some of the more famous Kentucky Colonel recipients are Fred Astaire, entertainer; Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; Pope John Paul II; John Glenn, astronaut; and Lyndon B Johnson, U.S. President. ➔



Longmont Public Safety Chief Mike Butler recently received the designation of Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky.

Outdoor Warning System Tests Every Month

From April through August, the City of Longmont tests the outdoor emergency warning system the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. The system consists of 17 sirens located on poles throughout the city and is radio controlled by the Longmont Emergency Communications Center. The system operates on solar charged batteries and remains functional in the event of a power failure or when phone lines are down.

The sirens are intended for outdoor warning and may not be heard while indoors.

If the outdoor warning sirens are activated for a true emergency, residents should immediately seek shelter inside and tune to Comcast Cable Channel 3 or a local television or radio station for further information. No voice messages are given.

Please do not call 911 when you hear the siren. We encourage the use of battery-operated weather radios that activate automatically during severe weather.

For more information, contact the City of Longmont Office of Emergency Management at 303-651-8438. ➔



Sign up for Food Survey

LiveWell Longmont would like to hear from the Longmont community about our eating habits. Please take a 5-10 minute survey telling them more about how you decide where and what foods to eat, and what changes you would like to see happen in our community to increase access to healthy foods. Enter for a chance to win a voucher to a local food store:

Survey in English: <http://studentvoice.com/col/longmont>

Survey in Spanish: <http://studentvoice.com/col/longmontespanol>

Prevent ID Theft

City to Host Free Shredding Event

The City of Longmont Public Works and Natural Resources Department is sponsoring a monthly series of free paper shredding events at the Recycling and Tree Limb Diversion Center located at 140 South Martin Street.

The first event was held on March 6 and will continue throughout the rest of the year.

In order to participate residents must bring the most recent copy of their utility bill which shows that they pay a waste management fee.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to get rid of those sensitive papers that have accumulated in your home.

Shredding dates:

Fri. 3/19/2010	Sat. 7/17/2010	Sat. 10/9/2010
Sat. 4/10/2010	Sat. 8/14/2010	Sat. 11/27/2010
Sat. 5/1/2010	Sat. 9/11/2010	Sat. 12/4/2010
Fri. 6/25/2010	Fri. 9/24/2010	

For more information please call, 303-651-8416. ➔



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Pedestrian and bike connections between neighborhoods

By Steve Ransweiler, Assistant Project Manager for Longmont Parks/Open Space

For residents of Longmont and surrounding areas, a greenway serves as a sanctuary - an oasis from the noise and pace of everyday life. Weaving through parks and alongside rivers, creeks, ditches and lakes, greenways, protect wildlife areas and provide opportunities for both environmental and recreational activities. How do people in the neighborhoods around the city access these areas without driving to them? Steve will discuss missing trail connections and the steps being taken to connect these missing links.

If you would like more information about these topics, please join us at Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA) monthly meeting at the Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave., on March 18 at 7 p.m., in rooms C&D.

For additional information on Boulder County's Neighborhood Eco Pass program go to www.bouldercounty.org/ecopass

For more information on the NGLA or this meeting go to www.ci.longmont.co.us/cnr/neighborhood/n gla.htm; or call us at 303-651-8444. ➔

Earth Day Activities

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

This event is an adult complement to the outdoor Arbor Day event at Thompson Park and is part of the Cultural Enrichment Program, sponsored by Friends of the Longmont Senior Center. You can choose from a variety of activities and presentations.

Where:
The Longmont Senior Center,
910 Longs Peak Ave.
303-651-8411

Date:
Saturday, April 17

Time:
9 am – 2 pm

Cost:
\$2 (includes access to presentations, lunch cost is separate)

Cooking Demonstration with Chef Deb

Spring Greens in Soups, Salads and Sauté's. Yum! Perhaps you've seen Chef Deb at the Longmont Farmer's Market – today, we are fortunate to have her here. She will demonstrate quick and easy ways to use spring greens.

Create a Mini Food Forest

Learn to combine a dwarf fruit tree, fruiting shrubs, veggies and herbs to make a delightful little food "forest" for a corner of your yard or even patio. Plant lists, planting plans and natural care methods will be available.

Zapping Nasty Bugs Without Using Nasty Chemicals

Learn how to make your landscape less susceptible to problems and how to make simple, inexpensive remedies to reduce pest and disease problems that are nontoxic to you, your friends and family, and pets.

See the World!

Richard Boyer, volunteer Ambassador for Exploritas, will guide you through the Exploritas program, which provides lifelong learning adventures designed specifically for adults.

History of Longmont Parks

Paula Fitzgerald, Longmont's Parks and Open Space Development Manager, will talk us through the interesting history of some of Longmont's parks. Join us for fascinating stories and a great visual presentation!

A Ditch in Time

The history of Denver Water is compelling, instructive, and under-recognized. Join us for this presentation by Patty Limerick, Professor of History at CU.

Earthly

A discussion of spring and nature in the poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke, Wallace Stevens, William Carlos Williams, and e.e. cummings. Presented by Jack Greene, Professor of Creative Writing and English.

Art displays and more!

Lunch available from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the café. It will be spring salad, hardy chicken, vegetable soup with baguette, and radish butter. Cost \$6. Preregistration required. ➔

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MARCH

10 Youth Job and Career Fair

3 to 6 pm at Twin Peaks Mall. The fair brings together local employers of youth ages 14-21 and information about a wide range of careers. Call 303-651-8404 or search www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special

13 Aama's Journey: A Pilgrimage Between Continents & Cultures

9:30 to 11:30 am at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Broughton Coburn's illustrated story of a 12,000 mile odyssey across America with



his 84 year old adopted Nepalese mother, in search of the soul of our country. Free, however seating is limited. Please register in advance at the Longmont Senior Center.

13 Taste of Therapy Wellness Fair

10 am to 1 pm at Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 S. Sunset. Try a variety of alternative wellness options such as massage, reflexology and more. Each 15-minute session is \$5. Call 303-651-8404 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/fitness.

19 Sonora Chamber Ensemble

2:30 p.m. at Longmont Senior Center. The Sonora Chamber Ensemble focuses on connecting with audiences through standard repertoire while developing and promoting new music through commissions and premieres. \$7 at the door. Art Exhibit begins at 1:30 pm. Call 303-651-8411 or 303-678-7869.

20 Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

1 to 3 pm, Centennial Pool, 1201 Alpine St. Egg hunters of all abilities are challenged to collect weighted eggs from the bottom of the pool and receive a treat

at the end. Land and water activities for all! Adults must accompany children 5 years and younger. \$3/swimmer, \$10/family, \$1/observer

Call 303-651-8406 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.

21 Sunday Old-Fashioned Dinners

11:45 am at Longmont Senior Center. Seating begins / noon - Dinner served / 1 pm - Entertainment begins. Rose Jahnke will whip up a family style dinner. Please make your reservation in advance. Cost: \$6 dinner & entertainment (ages 11+); \$2.50 dinner & entertainment (ages 10 & under). Menu: corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and dessert. Entertainment: Peace & Love & Jigs & Reels - Celtic music.

24 "Country Memories: The Music and the People on the Roads I've Traveled"

7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Rd. Join bluegrass legend Pete Wernick for a talk on his memories of the bluegrass festivals, honky tonks, and performers that are shown in the Longmont Museum's "Honky Tonk" exhibit. \$5, Free for Friends of the Museum. Call 303-651-8374.



27 Coffee with Council

9 to 10 am at OUR Center Hospitality House, 303 Atwood St. Call 303-651-8601.

31 Long Road Home

7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Rd. Enjoy traditional bluegrass in the Longmont Museum's gallery from a great Boulder County band. Call 303-651-8374.

APRIL

10 Town Meeting with City Council

9 am to 11 pm at Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive. Join Council Members Santos, Sammoury and Levison for a discussion of City issues.

10 The Big Taste of Therapy Wellness Fair

9 am to 3 pm at St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Ave. Try a variety of alternative wellness options with over 40 wellness practitioners and vendors under one roof. Each 15-minute session is \$5. Call 303-651-8404 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/fitness.



16 Veelah

2:30 pm at Longmont Senior Center. Veelah plays Eastern European urban folk music with an ensemble of acoustic instruments. GUEST ARTIST: Realist painter Jon Eggers has combined a passion for classic cars and motorcycles with a passion for painting. \$7 at the door. Art Exhibit begins at 1:30 pm. Call 303-651-8411 or 303-678-7869.

17 "A Ditch in Time: The History of Denver Water"

1 to 1:45 pm at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Patty Limerick, CU History Professor, presents "A Ditch in Time," which explores the ways in which Denver's water history represents the most consequential patterns and trends of the American West. Free.

17 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

8 am to 2 pm at Longmont Senior Center. See the event listing at the top of this page for more information. Cost: \$2

17 Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration

11 am to 3 pm at Thompson Park, 4th Ave and Bross St. Visit numerous educational booths and displays supporting "green" initiatives. (See story on page 1.) Rain date is Saturday, April 24.

18 Sunday Old-Fashioned Dinners

11:45 am at Longmont Senior Center. Seating begins / noon - Dinner served / 1 pm - Entertainment begins. Rose Jahnke will whip up a family style dinner. Please make your reservation in advance. Cost: \$6 dinner & entertainment (ages 11+); \$2.50 dinner & entertainment (ages 10 & under). Menu: chicken, potatoes, vegetable, and dessert. Entertainment: Liz Masterson - cowboy poetry and country music.

24 "Senior Moments"

4 to 5 pm at Longmont Senior Center. The Silver Circuit Returns! Featuring five very funny, slightly naughty plays about people living in senior residences. Free.

24 Mud Hen 5K Run

10 am at McIntosh Lake Longmont Recreation Services presents a family-friendly 5K run around beautiful McIntosh Lake with no traffic. \$20 adult/ \$17 youth or senior. Discounted entry fee if registered prior to April 16. Call 303-651-8404 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.



24 Coffee with Council

9 to 10 am at Java Stop, 301 Main St. Call 303-651-8601.



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Youth Leadership

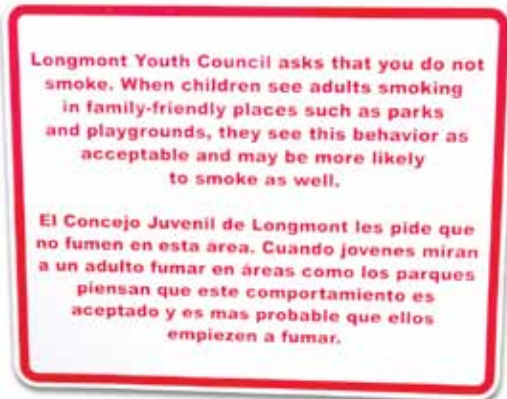
Teens Launch Tobacco Education Program

Research has shown nearly 90% of adult smokers started the habit as children or teenagers. For the past several years, Longmont Youth Council, a teen advisory board to City Council, in partnership with Boulder County Public Health's Tobacco Education Prevention Partnership (TEPP) has been working to change this statistic in our community.

The Youth Council is launching a community education program around the dangers of tobacco use and how it affects our youngest community members.

Reaching children and parents in our local parks is a great way to begin.

Over the next few months, you will see anti-tobacco signs posted in some of our city parks. These parks include: Centennial, Loomiller, Roosevelt, Sandstone Ranch, Lanyon, Carr, Kensington and Willow Farm.



Cigarette butts are the most common form of litter and are hazardous to children, animals and the environment.

In Colorado, almost 6,000 kids become daily smokers each year. When children see adults or

teenagers smoking in family-friendly places such as parks and playgrounds, they see the behavior as acceptable and are more likely to mimic this behavior.

There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and kids should be able to play without being directly exposed to the harmful effects such as asthma, respiratory infections and cardiovascular disease.

We need your help to:

- Support this effort and do not smoke in these kid-friendly areas
- Keep playgrounds clean and limit children's exposure to secondhand smoke

Youth Council and TEPP are available to present educational material to your group, organization, or school. **Please contact Christina Pacheco at 303-774-3752 or visit www.bouldercountytobacco.org to learn more about this important issue.** ➔

Honky Tonk

Museum Goes Country

The Longmont Museum has gone a little bit country. With the exhibit *Honky Tonk: Portraits of Country Music 1972-1981*, the Museum taps into the roots of bluegrass music. The photographs in this exhibition capture a fascinating, transitional period in country music. It was a time when its stars received



little airplay, honky tonks and country music parks were still thriving, and today's popular bluegrass music festivals were just beginning. The exhibit runs through April 11.

Photographer Henry Horenstein set about to document not necessarily the famous artists (although he portrayed quite a few), but what he believed was a disappearing world.

Horenstein had the good fortune to live across the street from Boston's then upstart, now influential Rounder Records.

Numerous instruments, both rare collectibles and ones of local significance, including the banjo that Colorado bluegrass legend Pete Wernick played in his classic band Hot Rize, enhance the exhibit. Also included is a hands-on component that teaches the basics of playing simple chords that make up familiar country songs.

Honky Tonk: Portraits of Country Music 1972-1981 was organized by art2art Circulating Exhibitions. All photographs copyright Henry Horenstein. ➔

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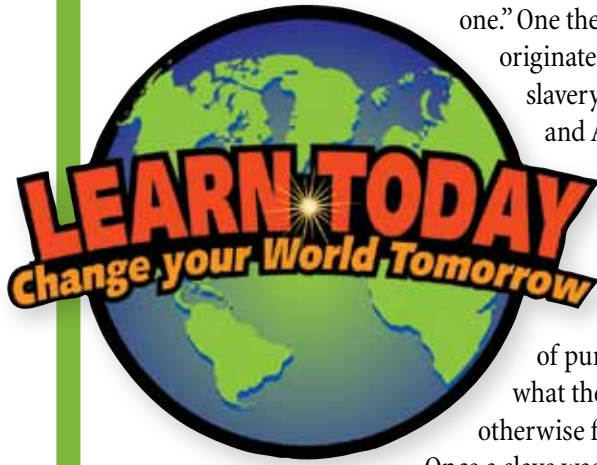
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Each One, Teach One

By Eliberto Mendoza, Program Director, and Bonnie Gosler, Volunteer, Intercambio de Comunidades



There is an old saying: "Each one, teach one." One theory is that the saying originated during the time of slavery in the U.S. when Africans and African Americans were denied the right to an education. However, brave individuals who recognized the value of education, despite the risk of punishment, would teach what they knew to a slave who was otherwise forbidden to be educated.

Once a slave was taught to read, it would then be their duty to teach another. Hence, "Each one, teach one."

We all understand the power and value of education. Education can increase one's career possibilities, improve economic independence, and enrich one's life. But what is a community's role in providing lifelong learning for its members?

We believe that a community has the power and responsibility to pass along knowledge, promoting a socially stable and economically strong community. Volunteering and mentoring is one way of doing this. Those in the community can volunteer their time to pass along their knowledge.

But what most people don't realize is that when you volunteer to teach, the process of learning is not one-sided; it is truly reciprocal. As the Program Director of Intercambio de Comunidades here in Longmont, I witness firsthand how volunteers change the lives of immigrants. The volunteers teach their students English as well as share their knowledge of American culture in which these new residents find themselves. The

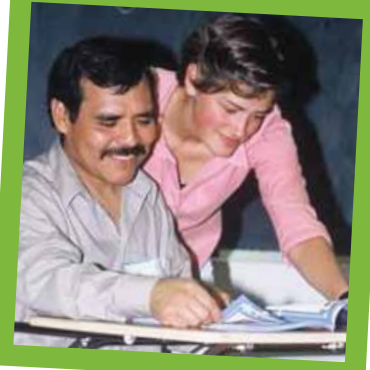
learning, however, is a two-way street: the volunteers themselves are rewarded with a greater understanding and appreciation of their students' own cultures and countries. In the end, everyone is a student.

This spring, connect with your community through volunteering, mentoring, or just plain being involved in our great city. We encourage you to visit www.lifelongmontlearning.com, a site dedicated to connecting people in the

Longmont community with educational opportunities in their own backyard. We know there is something that you can share and definitely something that you will learn.

About LifeLongmontLearning

LifeLongmontLearning is a community-based, City-sponsored movement to increase access to learning opportunities available in our area that can help all Longmont children and adults succeed in school and throughout their lives. Making sure that everyone has access to lifelong educational opportunities is the foundation of a sustainable community with a healthy economy and a high quality of life for all. **For more information, visit www.LifeLongmontLearning.com** ➔



Annual Spring Book Sale Set to Go

The Longmont Library's Annual Spring Book Sale is coming up. It's the Friends of the Longmont Public Library's biggest fund raiser, selling Library withdrawals and public donations of used books, DVDs, videos, and audio tapes.

The sale is open to the public on **Thursday, April 29, from 10 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, from 9 am to 5 pm, and on Sunday, May 2 from 1 pm to 4 pm.** For members only, there is also an exclusive early sale on Wednesday, April 28, immediately following the Annual Members' Meeting at 6:30 pm. New members can join on the spot on Thursday to take advantage of the best selection.

The sale is held in the Library west lobby and adjacent meeting rooms, along with the Civic Center Mall area, south of the Library across the plaza. Hardcover books are priced at \$2, paperbacks at 50¢, and children's books at 50¢. Sunday is discount day and you can fill a bag for \$4.



Proceeds go to the Friends of the Longmont Library, which then donates such friendly items to the Library as Books in a Bag, wire tote baskets, wall hangings and art carpets for the children's section, computers, audio books and reference materials. The Friends also fund all of the Adult, Children's and Teen programs, as well as larger items not available to the Library through its regular budget.

The Longmont Public Library is located at 409 4th Avenue, with entrances on Kimbark and Emery, between 3rd and 4th avenues. [↗](#)



Successful efficiency programs for businesses

Business customers in Longmont are saving electricity, reaping the benefits of Longmont Power & Communications' energy efficiency programs, and supporting the environment.

In 2009, 43 businesses undertook 60 efficiency projects representing a savings of 6,765 megawatt hours of electricity. The savings is equivalent to the electricity used by about 817 Longmont homes for an entire year. As a result, over 4,000 tons of CO₂ were diverted from the environment.

Two programs are responsible for the energy and CO₂ savings. The Commercial Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP) provides financial incentives to Longmont businesses that upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment. LightenUP allows businesses to invest in more efficient lighting that also enhances the natural environment of facilities. Both programs result in lower electric use, which helps reduce Longmont's carbon footprint.

In 2009, LPC also introduced a commercial energy audit program to help local businesses learn where to make efficiency improvements and a matching grant program to assist with the investment costs. [↗](#)

REAP the benefits of a low-cost home energy audit

The Residential Energy Action Program (REAP) is a low-cost energy audit sponsored by Longmont Power & Communications and Boulder County with follow-up benefits. The Action Plan helps the resident implement measures to realize the home's energy efficiency, savings and comfort.

The \$90 program provides a home energy audit, including a blower door test, energy bill analysis, comprehensive audit report, and recommendations showing where the most energy and money can be saved, as well as costs and savings comparisons of suggested improvements.

After the audit, a personalized Action Plan is created for the resident that includes one-on-one energy counseling, review of contractors' estimates, technology option guidance, rebate form assistance, energy reduction monitoring and guidance with homeowner assistance funding.

Learn the potential your home energy savings can offer by calling 303-999-3820 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc and click on the REAP icon. [↗](#)



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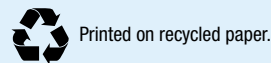
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- Various City e-Alert services:** www.ci.longmont.co.us/selectalert/index.htm
- LifeLongmontLearning:** www.lifelongmontlearning.com/
- Longmont Museum's e-Buzz eAlert:** www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum/e-mail_signup.htm
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General Information	303-776-6050
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
Economic Development	303-651-8330
Electric Power Interruption	303-776-0011
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
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
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