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An informational newsletter for Longmont residents.

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Join the Celebration

Celebrate Hispanic heritage and pride at the annual *Longmont Celebrates Cinco de Mayo* event on Saturday, May 2, noon to 6 p.m. at Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Ave.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates an event that happened many years ago in Mexico, but today is an important part of Hispanic heritage and pride here in the United States. Last year approximately 5,000 people attended the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Longmont.

"Last year's celebration was very successful, especially because we had participation from all age groups," noted Louie Lopez, co-chair of the planning committee. "Cinco de Mayo is a wonderful way to recognize the diverse music, food, and resources in our community."

This year the event will once again include the very popular Chihuahua dog contest as well as local dancing and musical performers.

Last year, the celebration drew more than 50 nonprofit sales and food vendors to Roosevelt Park to exhibit their services, sell their products, and feed the crowd. A new addition to this year's

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Shine On

Solar Project Receives Warm Welcome

When John D'Amico was looking for advice and guidance that could help kick start his downtown redevelopment project at 724 Main Street, he turned to the Longmont Planning Department and found exactly what he needed.

With the help of Phil DelVecchio, the City's Acting Economic Development Director and Patrick Goggin, Energy Services Engineer with Longmont Power & Communications (LPC), the City was able to waive a portion of D'Amico's permit fees and provide a grant for installation of a solar awning system.

"The financial assistance and willingness to help on behalf of Mr. DelVecchio and Mr. Goggin, as well



Owners Michael Potts (left) and Tom Wilson are "leading the charge in electric transportation in Longmont and Boulder County," according to Potts. They sell E-cars, E-scooters and E-bikes at their business *Small Planet E-Vehicles* on Main Street. Solar awnings were recently installed outside their showroom.

as the building department, was essential in turning this idea into reality," D'Amico said. The building

at 724 Main Street has been updated with high-efficiency roof top furnaces, low-e glass and insulation that exceed code requirements. "The solar awning array will showcase the building's high efficiency while providing savings to the tenants," D'Amico said.

The redevelopment project took advantage of two incentive programs used to entice business to the community. One incentive designed to spark redevelopment is the permit fee waiver, and the other is the solar rebate program offered by LPC. These incentives are used to encourage and support economic development projects. See pages 4-5 for more information on the City's economic development initiatives. ➤



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Taking Charge in Economic Recovery

The new president has given us an opportunity to help kickstart our foundering economy and we as civic leaders are following his lead. We are aggressively and proactively initiating an economic development program in Longmont designed to

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stimulate recovery, create jobs, promote investment and protect us from more serious blows in the future.

In this issue of *Longmont Life*, we have devoted a lot of space to explain the various strategies we are pursuing to overcome the battering inflicted upon this country and our community during the past several months.

As you flip through the pages of the newsletter, I hope you'll stop on pages 4-5 to read about all the exciting initiatives the City is pursuing for get the local economy going again including

- Several downtown projects are in various stages of development.

- The formation of a new City of Longmont Economic Development Department to coordinate all of the City's efforts for economic recovery and to manage future growth.
- The importance of redeveloping Twin Peaks Mall.
- You'll see an article about economic stimulus money that Longmont has secured through the president's stimulus package and the other opportunities that we're pursuing.
- On page 8 we list the summer road projects you'll see this summer and how this effort benefits the community with transportation improvements and by creating jobs at a time of critical need.
- Lastly, we profile a local businessman on page 1 who has taken advantage of City grants to protect the environment and build his business.

Although the daily headlines about the economy are grim, Longmont is fighting back in aggressive and innovative ways to stimulate the economy, protect our sales tax base and preserve the daily services expected by our residents. ➔



Karen Benker, Mayor Pro Tem

Feedback

The first issue of *Longmont Life* grabbed a lot of attention. We received positive reactions about Longmont's commitment to green initiatives and the Council's outreach efforts. We want to know what you think. Please send us your opinions and suggestions about Longmont's new newsletter at cityoflongmont@ci.longmont.co.us.

RSVP Boulder, March-April issue:

RSVP Boulder was overwhelmed with the response to the story in Longmont Life that appeared on page 8 of the first issue. This organization was recruiting volunteer drivers for seniors and adults with disabilities. RSVP received 20 calls on the first day that Longmont Life was delivered to residents, eight volunteers were hired almost immediately and five drivers were on the job within a week. "We have received well over 20 calls just for Medical Mobility today! This was an invaluable service to us—thanks so much!" said Maureen Ewing, Executive Director.

Ask Council

Why does the City Council support the RTD's FasTracks plan? Why do Council Members give financial support to the Humane Society? These are just a couple of questions asked by Longmont residents. Send your questions to cityoflongmont@ci.longmont.co.us and we will try to provide answers in upcoming issues of *Longmont Life*.

Your Best Shot

Longmont Life is committed to showcasing the Longmont community through photos. If you have a great shot of Longmont looking its best, send it to cityoflongmont@co.longmont.co.us and we will print the best of the best. Don't forget to provide a description and I.D.

any people in the shot. Photos not printed in *Longmont Life* will be posted to the City's Web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us.



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Resources

General Information	303-776-6050
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Building Inspection	303-651-8332
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City Manager/Mayor	303-651-8601
Code Enforcement	303-651-8695
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Buzzzz Off!

West Nile Prevention

There is a common misperception in the community that Longmont's mosquito control program revolves around the spraying of insecticides. In reality, the City uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach that relies on several levels of strategy to holistically address the problem:



1 PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Notification in the *Times-Call* newspaper;
- Web site with numerous links related to WNV and other health issues (www.comosquitocontrol.com);
- Complaint Line – toll-free number to call in problem areas or voice concerns – 877-276-4306;
- Chemical Sensitive Notification List – residents can request notification prior to spraying;
- Shut-off Request List – residents can request CMC to turn off spray unit when it is in front of their homes.

2 SITE MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

In 2008, CMC inspected 2,482 sites throughout Longmont, and the City increased its surveillance from a 7-day cycle to a 4/5-day cycle. In 2009, the surveillance area was extended into Weld County.

3 LARVICIDE FEEDING

This includes treating mosquito larvae at a stage when they are still present in stagnant waters with an organic compound that interrupts their respiratory process. In addition, a number of lakes and ponds around the City are stocked with fish that consume mosquito larva as a primary source of their daily diet. The City spends most of its resources in prevention efforts.

4 ADULTICIDE SPRAYING

This portion of the program makes up less than 5% of the City's program. Localized spraying usually occurs around small ponds and streams where breeding occurs and is used in conjunction with other non-spraying techniques. Typical hotspots generally include Boulder County Fairgrounds, Jim Hamm Park, St. Vrain Greenway, Sandstone Ranch, Clover Basin, and the Shores neighborhood—McIntosh Lake.

5 COUNTY-WIDE INTEGRATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

This is the portion of the City's program that has concerned many residents. Again, this strategy is implemented only when the health experts identify a serious threat. The Boulder County Public Health Department along with representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state's epidemiologist make recommendations to the City Manager for a city-wide adulticide application only if needed.

safety tips

Although the City has created and implemented a sophisticated mosquito control strategy, the best thing you can do is protect yourself. Using the common-sense tips (the 4 Ds) is probably the most effective method for preventing the spread of West Nile Virus:

Dusk - Minimize activity between dusk and dawn

Dress - When out during those times dress appropriately with long sleeves and long pants

Drainage – remove any stagnant water that may be in your backyard, including in pools, birdbaths, tires and plant pots

Deet – use an insect repellent! ➔

Code Enforcement

Protecting Your Health and Safety

We have all seen it – tall weeds growing wildly, abandoned cars on the side of the road or unsightly graffiti sprayed on walls and bridges. What can we do about it?

Many times, a problem can be solved by neighbors pulling together and mowing an unkempt yard or painting over graffiti. But sometimes problems are chronic and difficult to resolve – that's where the City's Code Enforcement Inspectors can help.

When those ordinances are violated, it is the job of the City's three Code Enforcement Inspectors to investigate complaints, talk to residents, provide solutions and, as a last resort, write tickets to get issues resolved.

“Our first goal is to notify people of problems and give them a reasonable amount of time to fix the issue,” says Code Enforcement Supervisor Shannon Stadler. “Our inspectors work with citizens to ensure that public health and quality of life are not compromised by violations of ordinances.”

The Code Enforcement offices are located at the Development Services Center at 385 Kimbark Street in the Building Inspection area. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or residents can call 303-651-8695 to talk to code enforcement staff. Please be aware that inspectors spend much of their time in the field investigating complaints.

More information about City ordinances and code enforcement can be found on the City's Web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/code_enf/. ➔

The City of Longmont's Code Enforcement Division is dedicated to enforcing codes and proactively engaging the community in a partnership of problem solving to establish a sense of safety and self reliance that reflects in more beautiful neighborhoods and enhances our quality of life.

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event is participation from local car dealerships to display their beautiful vehicles.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration has been a part of Longmont's community events for the past six years and is an opportunity for celebrating cultural heritage and a healthy community. This year's event will again be an alcohol/tobacco-free and a zero-waste event.

“During tough times it's important for people to come together as a community to support and encourage each other and maintain hope for a better future,” said Edwina Salazar, executive director, OUR Center. “We hope that the community from Longmont and the rest of Boulder County can come out and join us in celebrating a day that is special to all of those of Mexican descent here in the U.S.”

For more information, contact Mary Vigil, Cinco de Mayo Planning Committee Chair, at 303-776-8184. ➔



Cinco de Mayo event on Saturday, May 2, noon to 6 p.m. at Roosevelt Park. The event includes the 7th annual Chihuahua Beauty Contest, New Car Exhibit, Kids' Activities, Resource Booths, Food, Music & Dance, Art and more.





Economic Development

DEVELOPMENT VISION

1

Develop strategies to address retention and expansion of existing business and attract new business to the City of Longmont.

2

Develop plans and programs to maintain and increase the City's retail, commercial, and industrial tax base and enhance the diversity and stability of the local economy.

3

Research and analyze state and regional market conditions, economic trends, available development opportunities, and economic sustainability programs. Prepare and present to City Council an annual comprehensive analysis of Longmont's current economy.

4

Make recommendations regarding market sectors or industry types that will best match Longmont community values and the Longmont strategic plan.

5

Establish cooperative partnerships with the existing business community and other local public and private sector economic development organizations to facilitate economic development activities within the city limits of Longmont.

6

Work proactively in collaboration with regional and state economic development entities to enhance economic development efforts within Boulder County.

Redevelopment Projects the Future of Downtown

If downtown Longmont is the heart of the city, then it needs some new blood to keep it pumping. Several projects are proposed to revitalize areas of downtown:

1) 385 Main St (Barry Hamilton) – Remodeling the existing historic structure to contain 8 residential units and 10,000 square feet of retail and restaurants. This project has just begun the public permitting process but hopes to be under construction this summer.

2) Longs Peak and Main (Cotton Burden) – Mixed use project with about 40 residential units and more than 20,000 square feet of retail/office. This project is still in the planning stages but hopes to receive city approval by next summer.

3) Longmont Trojan Theatre remodel – Working on major remodel of the facility to modernize and upgrade the building to accommodate future performing art activities. This is another project currently in the planning stages.

4) Flour Mill (Grant Family) – Had been planning a mixed-use redevelopment project that would have remodeled the existing buildings but after the recent fire they are re-evaluating their plans. An engineering report will determine whether the building is structurally sound and can be incorporated into redevelopment plans. This is the general location of the end-of-line commuter rail station that is incorporated into RTD's FasTracks proposal. ➔

Do Your Part for Downtown

You can support Longmont's economic vitality by volunteering for one of two open four-year terms on the Longmont Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) Board of Directors. Downtown district property owners, business owners and residents are eligible to fill these terms, which expire June 30, 2013.

You can find a map of the LDDA boundaries and learn more about it at www.downtownlongmont.com.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 29, 2009, in the City Clerk's Office at 350 Kimbark St. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office and on the City's web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/boards/application/index.htm.

Please call 303-651-8649 for more information. ➔

Stimulating Conversation

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), but most people know this legislation by the name "federal stimulus." More than \$783 billion dollars are designated for various programs throughout the nation, and the stated purpose of the ARRA is to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; assist those most impacted by the recession; and to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.

Most of the money is set aside for competitive grants, but there are a few programs that divvy up money to cities based on their population or other factors (known as formulary funding). Below is a list of grants that the City staff is applying for on behalf of Longmont, as well as a list of formulary dollars the City will receive from the ARRA:

What the City is applying for Neighborhood Stabilization Program – purchasing foreclosed homes, rehabilitating them and reselling them at an affordable rate

Assisted Housing Green Retrofits – to retrofit "green" energy conservation measures on the properties

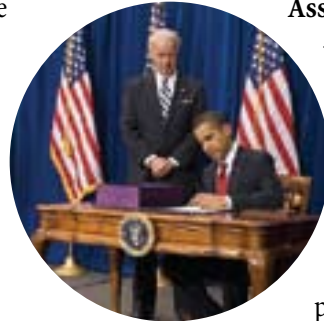
Emergency Shelter Grant Program – short-term rent assistance and other opportunities to keep people from becoming homeless due to foreclosure

Smart Grid Technology – new electric opportunities to manage energy flow based on demand

COPS and Edward Byrne Grants – law enforcement personnel for municipalities
Clean Diesel and Alternative Fueled Vehicles – retrofitting existing diesel motors and purchasing alternative fueled vehicles for the City fleet

Assistance to Firefighters Grant – retrofit/upgrade fire stations and equipment
Water and Wastewater Projects.

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Free Downtown Concert Series

Come jam at the 4th Avenue street concerts this summer in Downtown Longmont. A variety of dance bands will be featured for all to enjoy.



Food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages) will be available for purchase from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. These concerts

are presented by the Longmont Downtown Development Authority and the City of Longmont Recreation Services. For more information visit www.downtownlongmont.com or call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404. ➔

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

4th Avenue and Main Street, Longmont
Thursdays — 6 to 8 p.m.

The Delta Sonics	June 25
8 TraC	July 9
The Atoll	July 16
The Beloved Invaders	July 23
Chris Daniels & the Kings	July 30
Hazel Miller	August 13

FREE Admission



SHOP LONGMONT

The past year has been very difficult for all of us as the national economy has limped along fueled by high gas prices, the housing slump and the increasing unemployment rate. We all have been forced to carefully reconsider how and where we spend our dollars.

As you're making those important decisions about how to spend your money, keep in mind the importance of spending your money locally. By spending your money in Longmont you are preserving and strengthening your quality of life. How does this happen?

When you shop Longmont, you support local City services including police and fire protection, street maintenance, parks, trails, library and recreation programs. Approximately 42% of the general fund in the City's annual budget comes from sales tax. In order to maintain the high level of customer service

that Longmont residents have come to expect, those tax dollars need to stay within our borders.

When you shop Longmont, you support local businesses. The health of our local economy is very dependant on the strength of our area businesses. When a business struggles, it creates a vicious economic circle, which leads to fewer jobs, lost paychecks and overall financial instability. If a company ultimately goes out of business it can lead to a chain reaction that negatively affects other businesses. When this economic synergy disappears, it is very difficult to recapture.

Another important thing to keep in mind is the City's loss of sales tax with online shopping. E-shoppers may be inadvertently doing harm to the local economy. Tax dollars are lost when purchases are made over the Internet because local sales tax is not collected on those types of transactions. When you factor in the cost of shipping and handling, it actually may cost more to shop via computer.

So help our community—shop Longmont! [+](#)

New Economic Development Department

The Economic Development Department was created in February 2009 to provide the needed focus on economic development and redevelopment as the City gets closer to build out. The new department includes economic vitality, planning and development services, building inspection, urban renewal, and redevelopment services. The City is conducting a nationwide search for an Economic Development Director and the new manager is expected to be working this summer. [+](#)

Development Services Center

In an effort to streamline the development review and building permit processes, a "one-stop" concept has been implemented with the opening of the Development Services Center in October 2007. What this means is that customers can get all their information, plan reviews and building permits at one place. Besides streamlining the processes, staff have moved offices into one area so that customers no longer have to travel between remote locations throughout the City. The old Museum and old City Hall were remodeled at 385 Kimbark St. to accommodate the newly created Economic Development Department with offices for Longmont Power & Communication, Public Works, Water/Wastewater, and Fire Department representatives. [+](#)

Economic Development Incentive Programs

In 1986, the Longmont City Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Longmont Area Economic Council (LAEC) discussed methods of stimulating additional commercial/industrial growth and development as well as how to encourage expansion of existing commerce and industry within the Longmont community. One such incentive is to provide relief from certain City fees in exchange for creating primary jobs and establishing significant new development or redevelopment, because increased development will provide a greater long term community benefit beyond the short term collection of building-related fees. In 2005, the program was amended and now personal property tax and building permit fees may be rebated if criteria are met. **Review the procedures at www.ci.longmont.co.us/com_dev/feewaiver.htm to learn more about this incentive program.** [+](#)

Renewal Plan for Mall Area

In 2008, City Council accepted the findings of a conditions study concluding that the mall and the area surrounding it is blighted and this designated area was expanded in March 2009. This designation opens the door for the City to create an urban renewal plan that allows for a variety of financing tools that can be used to pay for public improvements and services such as streets, drainage, water, sewer, parking, signalization, and other related public improvements as an incentive to encourage redevelopment.

Built in 1985, Twin Peaks Mall has slowly deteriorated and is in need of a makeover. Sales tax collection at the mall has declined steadily since 2000 - sales tax collection peaked at \$2.5 million in 2000 and declined to \$1.6 million in 2007. Longmont officials consider redevelopment of the mall a way to preserve future tax revenues and to re-energize the surrounding retail area.

In 2007, Panattoni Development Company, Inc., purchased Twin Peaks Mall with the intent of redeveloping it into a thriving lifestyle center. They are seeking to create a partnership with the City of Longmont. Now that the mall area has been declared "blighted," the City Council, acting as the Longmont Urban Renewal Authority, in consultation with Leland Consulting Group, has authorized the preparation of an updated urban renewal plan for the Twin



A conceptual rendering of a redeveloped Twin Peaks Mall. Courtesy of Panattoni Development Company.

Peaks Mall area. If the Urban Renewal Plan is approved by the Council (after another public hearing with 30-days advanced published notice), tax increment financing could be used to pay for the public improvements and services as an incentive to encourage redevelopment. [+](#)



It's The Law Care For Your Animals

Owning a pet can be a wonderful experience, but it does involve responsibilities that you should understand before you give or obtain a pet, not after.

Cats

Homeowners may trap cats that are on their property. Trapped cats must be taken to the Longmont Humane Society and relinquished. In addition, the police department may impound an animal that "is on the property of another, and defecating upon, urinating upon, damaging or destroying the property of another." If a resident traps or captures a cat under these circumstances, call LPD Animal Control at 303-651-8501.

Dogs

It is the responsibility of owners to quiet their dogs. Additionally, dog owners must provide shelter for their dogs that are left outside. Dogs that are taken off of an owner's property are required to be restrained and controlled when on public streets, parks, and greenbelts. All dogs within the city limits must be current on their rabies shots.

Chickens

A limit of only 50 homeowners can obtain permits for chickens within city limits. Those without permits can be fined up to \$999 for violating this ordinance. No further permits will be granted until City Council reviews this process in 2010. ➔

New Fire Station

Fire Bell Gets New Home

The hundred-year-old bell that hung atop the old firehouse at Fourth Street and Coffman will ring again – this time from the lobby of the new fire station at 1070 Terry Street.

The new station was constructed incorporating the Public Works Building that had resided there since 1938.

While preserving these pieces of Longmont history, the use of alternative energy and resource conservation features were a priority in constructing this building. The exterior of the fire station contains recycled bricks from an old building that matched the original structure. Solar panels, additional insulation, skylights, and low VOC paint were also included in making the structure

more eco-conscious.

The station, located at the corner of 11th Ave. and Terry St. will be Longmont's new Fire Station #1. Centrally located within the city limits, this station will allow firefighters and rescue personnel to respond to the areas from 3rd Ave. to 17th Ave. and adjacent to Main St. faster than they could reach them in the past. The fire station located at 501 S. Pratt Parkway, previously recognized as Station #1 will become Station #6.

When completed, the station will be home to a three-person engine crew, a four-person ladder crew, a two-person ambulance and the on-duty chief officer. In addition to their primary vehicles the reserve ladder truck, a reserve ambulance and the heavy



rescue truck will be kept here.

The Longmont Fire Department will host an open house and a ribbon cutting ceremony. This date has not been determined, however, the public will be invited. Information regarding the opening of this station will be posted on the fire department website at www.ci.longmont.co.us/fire. ➔

Eyes & Ears

Residents Take Charge

Crimes can happen in an instant and that's why the Longmont Police Department is grateful to residents who are willing to be the additional eyes and ears in the community. Several crimes have been solved thanks to quick-thinking residents.

Near Mountain View and Spencer in Longmont, a woman heard strange noises outside of her home and as she looked out of the window she saw two boys on bicycles looking in cars. Immediately, she placed a call to the Longmont Emergency Communications Center (LECC) and described in detail what she was seeing. Officers from the Longmont Police responded and located the two boys who, as the resident described, had been entering unlocked cars in the neighborhood and removing personal belongings. Police recovered the stolen items from the boys and returned the items to their owners thanks to this alert citizen.

Later that night in the north central part of Longmont, a man called the LECC after hearing noises outside his home and reported that he saw a set of foot prints going around several cars on his street. As the officers arrived and began investigating, two citizens approached the officers and reported that they had seen the suspect inside one of the cars. With the help of residents, officers were able to locate the

suspect at his home. He admitted to entering into unlocked vehicles and stealing cash and had taken thousands of dollars personal electronics two or three times a month.

While officers were investigating the two other incidents, a citizen in the southwest section of the city woke up to find suspects walking around vehicles on his street and entering unlocked cars. The citizen went out and got the license plate number off the suspect's car. The suspects took off, but the citizen provided the vehicle description and its out-of-state license plate number. Later that day, detectives found the suspects and the vehicle. Stolen property taken from the unlocked cars in the southwest part of the city was recovered and four suspects were arrested.

Without residents willing to come forward and report what they were seeing, these crimes would not have been solved. Members of the community took ownership for their streets, their neighborhoods, and clearly communicated what they were seeing to 9-1-1 dispatchers. Partnership at this level makes huge inroads in solving and reducing crime. If you see something you believe is suspicious call 303-651-8501 (police dispatch) or 911. Let the LECC know specifically what you see and why it is suspicious to you. ➔

Top Ten

What to Know About 4th of July Safety

10. **Longmont has a great FREE fireworks show!** – check it out at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th over the Boulder County Fairgrounds or see them from anywhere within a 1 mile radius of the fairgrounds.
9. **Most dogs are stressed out by fireworks** and don't want to go to the show with you. Instead, leave them inside your house while you're enjoying the festivities.
8. **303-651-8501 is the number to call for fireworks complaints** – please leave 9-1-1 phone lines open for real emergencies!
7. **Fireworks are illegal on**

Longmont's streets, parks, golf courses and other public areas. Legal fireworks may be used on your own private property.

6. **What is legal?** Anything bought from a fireworks stand or store in Longmont, fireworks that emit a "shower of sparks" up to 14' but doesn't shoot "balls of flame", fireworks that emit smoke, crack, or whistle but doesn't have an explosive noise. Legal fireworks are labeled 1.4G (formerly Class C), UN 0336, and/or "Safe and Sane".
5. **What is illegal?** Fireworks that explode or leave the ground,

fireworks that traveled here from a different state and anything labeled 1.3G (formerly Class B) and/or UN 0335.

4. **\$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail** – the price you could pay for illegal possession and use of fireworks.
3. **Sparklers burn at a temperature of almost 2000° F... safe for kids?** The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 45% of all fireworks related injuries happen to children ages 14 and younger.
2. **Many children** who are allowed to use fireworks continue to play

with matches and lighters after the 4th of July – that is what the Fire Department works year-long to prevent from happening.

1. **No one can control where fireworks will land**, if they'll misfire or fail in some other way causing a fire or injury – The reason why the Longmont Fire Department considers all fireworks dangerous. ➔

For more information about fireworks visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/fire/fire_safety/fireworks.htm or call the Longmont Fire Department at 303.651.8437.

Museum Time

Kids Explore Construction

From May 23 through August 2, the youngest visitors to the Longmont Museum will become movers and shakers in the new *Little Builders* exhibit. Children ages 2 to 7 are encouraged to use the exhibit in their own ways and learn for themselves. It's also a learning lab for parents, teachers, and other educators. The exhibit was created and is toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Oregon.

On Wednesday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, come to the Longmont Museum for a Family Fun Day in celebration of *Little Builders*. Look at some of the City's cool heavy



equipment in the Museum's parking lot, have a snack, and explore the exhibit. The first 250 children to visit on that day get a free child-size hard hat, courtesy of Longmont Power & Communications.

The Longmont Museum is located at 400 Quail Road, next to the Longmont Recreation Center. Admission is free. **For more information, call 303-651-8374, or visit ci.longmont.co.us/museum.**

Photo courtesy of Patrick Kramer Photography.



The Callahan House Tours

Do you desire respite from a busy day? Have you ever wondered what's behind the red brick walls of the elegant Victorian home located at 3rd and Terry? The Callahan House Advisory Board invites the community to free summer tours of this historic home every second Thursday, June through August.

Bring friends, walk or have a picnic in the beautiful gardens, tour the home. Large groups are welcome and may call ahead to schedule a specific time slot.

TOUR DATES & TIMES:

June 11th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 9th, 4 to 7 p.m.

August 13th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Callahan House at 303-776-5191.

Summer Beat

Concert series returns!

The City of Longmont will be presenting 16 free concerts in the Summer Concert series. Concerts take place at different locations around the city – contact each venue for more information on their concerts. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the sounds of summer. Seating is first-come, first served, and alcohol is not allowed at any of these concerts. Concerts take place outdoors – please remember to wear sunscreen and insect repellent.

LONGMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

409 4th Avenue
303-651-8470

Concerts take place at the Longmont Library, west patio

Thursday, May 21, 7 pm

Long Road Home Traditional, progressive and original bluegrass

Thursday, June 4, 7 pm

Giddyup Kitty "The bad girls of Bluegrass"

Thursday, June 18, 7 pm
Jerry Barlow Celtic guitarist

Thursday, July 2, 7 pm

Crystal Swing Band Sounds of the '30s and '40s

Thursday, August 6, 7 pm

Kevin Dooley Trio acoustic musicians

LONGMONT MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

400 Quail Road
303-651-8374

Concerts take place in the Museum's courtyard

Wednesday, June 17, 7 pm

Longmont Jazz Combo

Wednesday, July 1, 7 pm

Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra Swing band

Wednesday, July 8, 7 pm

Northern & Southern Plains Indian Singers & Dancers

Wednesday, July 15, 7 pm

Saltanah Middle Eastern ensemble

Wednesday, July 29, 7 pm

Mensah Brothers with Logo Ligi African drumming and dance

Wednesday, August 12, 7 pm

Stanleytones Traditional bluegrass

LONGMONT RECREATION SERVICES

700 Longs Peak Avenue
303-651-8404

Concerts take place at the Pavilion in Roosevelt Park, unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, June 9,

6:30 to 8 pm

Sh'Bang Pop, funk, Motown, Oldies

Tuesday, June 23,

6:30 to 8 pm

The Trampolines Acoustic Pop rock

Saturday, July 4, noon

Longmont Symphony Orchestra at Thompson Park

Tuesday, July 14,

6:30 to 8 pm

The Indulgents Celtic rock

Tuesday, July 28,

6:30 to 8 pm

Oakhurst Bluegrass with rock and roll



Rhythm on the River

Save the date! *Rhythm on the River*, Longmont's signature festival of music, food, and environmental stewardship, returns to Roger's Grove Friday July 10 and Saturday July 11, 2009. Featured bands include Face, the Fab Four, and Opie Gone Bad. Best of all, *Rhythm on the River* is free, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors.

This event could not happen without the efforts of hundreds of volunteers. **Sign up online at www.ci.longmont.co.us/rotr, or call Kari Grotting at 303-651-8495.** Volunteers help throughout the festival, from greeting visitors to handing out water bottles.

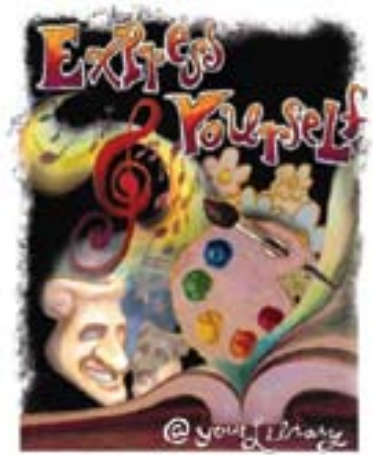
Library Browsings

Downloads Available

OverDrive Media is an affordable way to allow the library to offer the most popular downloadable audio books, music, and now video for our patrons.

Library patrons can browse the site, check out selected titles with a valid library card, and download to their PC, Mac, iPod, or MP3 player. To use OverDrive Media, go to <http://frontrange.lib.overdrive.com>. Follow the instructions, then type in your library card number.

For more questions about OverDrive, e-mail ask.marian@ci.longmont.co.us or call 303-651-8473.



Summer Reading Programs

Summer is a very busy time in the Children's and Teen Library. Summer reading program registration kicks off on May 26. The children's theme this summer is "Be Creative @ Your Library," and for teens and tweens we have "Express Yourself @ Your Library." You may register in person or avoid the crowds and register online at the library's web site (www.ci.longmont.co.us/library) where you can print out your own reading logs.

Library programs and concerts begin on June 8. There will be a change this year... Whenever possible our programs will be held outside on the west patio. Please be sure to dress accordingly (hats and sun block are recommended). This change should accommodate everyone, and we will not turn anyone away due to lack of space. In the event of inclement weather the programs will move inside and seating will be limited to the first 125 guests.

Thank you to the Friends of the Longmont Library and our corporate sponsors who fund our great programs and wonderful prizes. See you @ the Library!

Construction Season

Spring brings about the start of the road construction season. With over 300 miles of city streets and related utilities, it is critical that the City provide the ongoing maintenance, repairs, and improvements necessary to sustain our infrastructure and provide the services that are necessary for our community.



Annual Street Rehabilitation Program – Resurfacing and reconstruction of city streets at various locations throughout the community. Also included in this program is replacement of broken curbs and sidewalks. For information on this project contact either Tom Street at 303-651-8694, or Richard White at 303-651-8567.

County Line Road Improvements Widening of County Line Road north and south of the SH 119 intersection to improve the safety and flow of traffic at this busy intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin in May and continue through the end of the year. While traffic will be maintained as much as possible during construction, there will be delays and road closures will be

a new bridge across the St. Vrain River. This project will create new access to the regional shopping area along Ken Pratt Boulevard and also create new and improved access to the St. Vrain Greenway for pedestrians and bicyclists. Construction is scheduled to begin in June and continue through the end of year. This project will have minimal impacts on existing traffic at the north and south ends of the project. For information on this project contact Curtis Ansel at 303-651-8310.

Hover Street and SH 66 Intersection Improvements – The City received \$2 million in highway funding from the Colorado Department of Transportation to make these improvements to improve turn lanes and the flow of traffic through

delays, and road closures will be required at times. For information on this project you can contact Micah Zogorski at 303-651-8572.

St. Vrain Greenway Phases 7b and 8 – This project will extend the Greenway trail from its current terminus on the west side of 119th Street east across County Line Road to Sandstone Ranch. The project will include pedestrian underpasses of 119th Street and County Line Road and a pedestrian bridge over the St. Vrain River to connect to Sandstone Ranch Park. Construction is scheduled to begin in April and be completed by late fall. While additional landscaping and other improvements are still scheduled for various sections of the Greenway, this phase of construction will complete the approximately nine-mile trail section from Golden Ponds west of Hover Street all the way to Sandstone Ranch Park. The primary impact to traffic relates to construction of the underpasses on 119th Street and County Line Road, which will include some road closures. For information on this project contact Paula Fitzgerald at 303-651-8448.

Water Line Replacements – This project will be replacing water lines on Reed Place, and a section of E. 6th Avenue. For information on this project contact Jon Robb at 303-651-8367. ➔

Project information will be distributed to adjacent property owners and will be on the City's web site and in the local press as construction schedules are finalized.



required at times during this project. For information on this project contact Tom Street at 303-651-8694.

Martin Street Extension from 1st Avenue to Ken Pratt Boulevard – This project will extend Martin Street from 1st Avenue south to Ken Pratt Boulevard, including construction of

this intersection. The deteriorated asphalt pavement at this intersection will be replaced with new concrete pavement. This work is scheduled to begin in July and be completed by the end of October. While traffic will be maintained as much as possible during construction, there will be

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What is already on the way Housing and CDBG - The City expects \$144,674 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money.

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program – The City expects to receive \$785,100, to be used on energy efficiency programs. Staff members will be gathering public input on how to best use these funds in the community – keep an eye out in the *City Talk* column on Mondays in the *Daily Times-Call* and on the City's website, www.ci.longmont.co.us for more information.

Weatherization Assistance – distributed to residents through the Longs Peak Energy Conservation group. Last year over 500 people benefited from the weatherization program, and with stimulus funding over 900 homes will be weatherized (see sidebar).

Staff at the City is working hard to ensure that the residents of Longmont receive benefits from the federal stimulus funding and will continue to update the residents of Longmont on progress. ➔

Get Stimulated: Weatherize Your Home

Stimulus funding will expand free weatherization for income qualifying residents. Owners or renters may apply. Dwellings such as houses, mobile homes, duplexes, townhomes and condos are eligible. To qualify, household incomes must be below these limits:

Household Size	Total Gross Household Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100

Weatherization could save you \$400 annually in energy reduction. Energy saving measures include:

- Energy audits
- Insulation
- Furnace replacement or repair and safety checks
- Refrigerators
- Compact fluorescent lighting

To qualify, contact Longs Peak Energy Conservation a Division of Boulder County Housing and Human Services. ➔

Phone: 720-864-6401

Fax: 720-864-6419

www.longspeakenergy.org

With or Without Stimulus, Longmont Creates Jobs

While day-to-day operations of the City are performed by City employees, the major construction projects that residents will see during the summer months are completed by private sector contractors working for the City. Including the City's Annual Street Rehabilitation Program, the County Line Road improvements, the Martin Street extension, the Highway 66 and Hover intersection improvements, the water line replacement project and the St. Vrain Greenway project, over \$13.5 million will be expended on contracts with private contractors for jobs and materials in the community. ➔

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Senior Services volunteer Sandy helps Judith learn everything she needs to participate fully in today's computer society. Sandy loves seeing others grow from basic understanding to mastering advanced skills, and now Judith loves seeing her grandkids on YouTube.

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CITY OF LONGMONT

303-651-8609

www.ci.longmont.co.us/volunteer.htm