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An informational newsletter for Longmont residents.

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Longmont Celebrates Cinco de Mayo

This year's Cinco de Mayo Celebration is an event that celebrates culture and honors the health of the Longmont community.

Longmont's Cinco de Mayo Celebration already has a long history of being a healthy, family oriented event through its alcohol- & tobacco-free standard. This fun family event includes various musical and dance entertainment, vendor and informational booths, a car show, chihuahua contest, and tons of great food! Many organizations will be participating and providing health related services/messages promoting unity in our community and celebrating the Latin culture.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration aims to create awareness of the many diverse cultures that exist in our county and thus create a better understanding and acceptance of Latino community. Cinco de Mayo is not as many believe to be, Mexican Independence day.

The holiday of Cinco de Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexican militia over the



May 1, 2010 • Noon to 7 pm
Roosevelt Park (700 Longs Peak Av.)
www.longmontcincodemayo.org

French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, with

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Spring Sting

Swat West Nile Mosquitoes

Just like a late-season snow and tulips popping up from the ground, mosquitoes have become an annual rite of spring around Longmont.

And with mosquitoes comes the City's annual tips to help prevent the spread of West Nile virus.



REMEMBER THE FOUR D'S OF PREVENTION:

- 1 DEET:** Use insect repellent that contains at least 10% DEET. Use DEET according to manufacturer's directions. It is not recommended for children under 2 months of age. Do not apply DEET directly to children, and do not apply it to children's hands. Apply to your own hands, then put it on the child.
- 2 Dress:** Dress in long sleeves and long pants. If outside

during evening, nighttime, and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, children and adults should wear protective clothing

such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks.

- 3 Dusk and Dawn:** Reduce or eliminate outdoor activity between dusk and dawn.
- 4 Drain:** Make sure to drain standing water around your home including pools, birdbaths, tires and plant pots.

In addition to endorsing the common sense tips above, the City

of Longmont has also adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for combating West Nile mosquitoes. In keeping with the City's philosophy of respecting and protecting the environment, several strategies have been developed to limit the spraying of insecticides.

1 Site Monitoring and Surveillance

Longmont contracts with Colorado Mosquito Control (CMC) for citywide surveillance of mosquitoes. CMC inspects approximately 2,500 sites throughout Longmont and Weld counties seven days a week.

2 Larvicide Feeding

The City treats stagnant waters with an organic compound that interrupts

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Emergency System Tested

The Longmont Outdoor Emergency Warning System is tested on the first Monday of each month at 10 am, April through August.

The Outdoor Emergency Warning System (OEWS) consists of a series of public address speakers installed on top of poles located throughout the city. Other than for testing, the system will only be used to notify the community when immediate action should be taken. If you hear the sirens, and it is not the first Monday of the month at 10 am, 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.

Chips Down

Lead Paint in Homes

If you own a home built between 1960 and 1978 it is *possible* your home has leaded paint. Homes built between 1940 and 1960 are *likely* to have leaded paint and homes built before 1940 *probably* have many layers of leaded paint.

A new federal law took effect April 22 of this year that requires individuals with homes built before 1978 to receive an information pamphlet before renovating more than 6 square feet of interior painted area or 22 square feet of exterior painted area. Federal law will also require contractors to have

when it lands on plates, cups, etc. Wet mops and wet disposable towels are the cheapest clean up methods that do not spread dust. Never dry dust, brush, blow or sweep paint chips or dust because this spreads leaded paint.

For less than \$100 you can purchase a vacuum with a HEPA rated filter. Vacuums with good hose attachments work very well around windows, cabinets, etc., but never use one without a HEPA filter. Never empty the vacuum inside the house. Always, wear a disposable dust mask when working with



By taking proper precautions and following new Federal Laws, you can keep you and your family safe.



certification before disrupting lead based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools.

This may be the last thing you want to hear about if you already have asbestos and radon issues in an older home. It is very important to remember that kids exposed to leaded paint are at risk of irreversible brain damage and fetal development is very sensitive to low lead levels. Adults can also suffer from nerve damage, loss of coordination and increased blood pressure.

If you own an older home I highly recommend that you look at some of the very useful information on the Internet, test your paint with a simple kit from the hardware store and send in a paint sample for accurate analysis. You should also follow some simple clean up steps if paint is chipping, peeling or scraping off of surfaces.

The most important places to clean are the kitchen and places where kids are. Paint dust is easily inhaled or eaten

leaded paint. Never dry sand or scrap leaded paint because it can create dust and chips that can be inhaled or ingested. Never reuse or recycle cleaning supplies or construction materials that have leaded paint on them.

Please look at all the great information available on leaded paint posted on the internet by HUD, EPA, CPSC, CSU, and Colorado Department of Public Health (www.cdph.state.co.us/ap/leadhome) before starting any project involving leaded paint.

I hope Longmont uses the new federal law in a positive way to remind us of leaded paint hazards and adopt safe renovation methods. Longmont contractors should get certified early so older homes stay competitive in the market and renovation construction jobs stay a strong part of our economy. +

Brian A. Hansen
Brian Hansen, Longmont City Council

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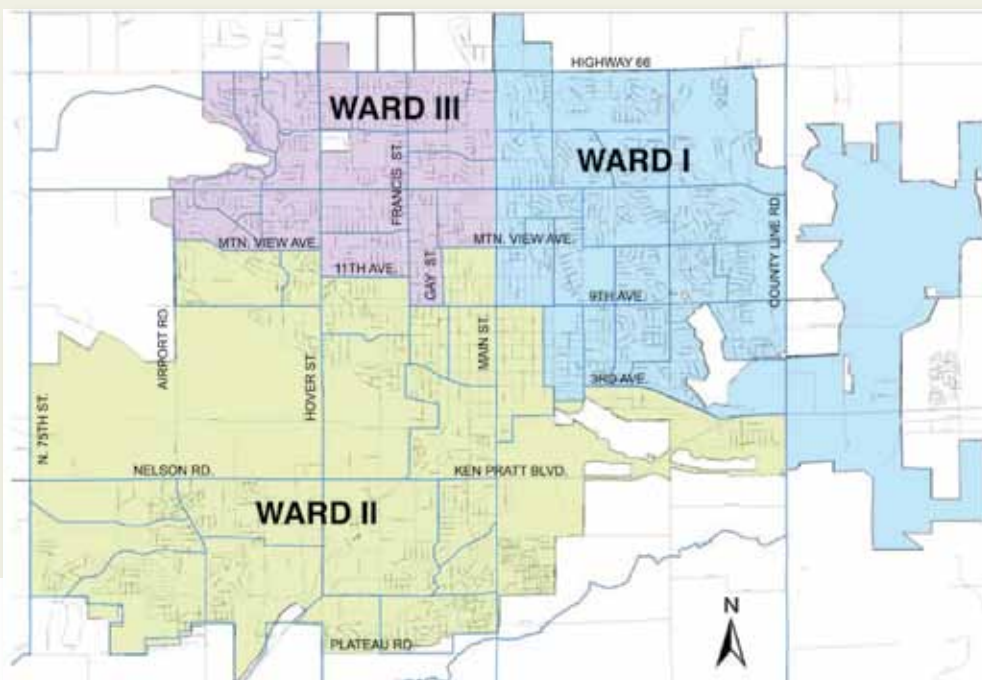
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From left Gabe Santos, At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem; Katie Witt, Ward II; Bryan L. Baum, Mayor; Alex Sammoury, At-Large; Brian Hansen, Ward I; Sean McCoy, Ward III; Sarah Levison, At-Large.



Coffee with Council

There are a variety of ways to contact City Council Members, and one of the more popular is over a cup of coffee. Join us on **May 29** at Las Palmeras, 199 S. Main St. and **June 26** at Caffé Luna, 800 Coffman St. from 9 to 10 am.

Call 303-651-8601.



Blow'n in the Wind

Take Cover During a Twister

Spring is approaching and with it tornado season, typically April through July.

Get prepared by ensuring there is a radio in your disaster kit that can be tuned to weather broadcasts in the event of an emergency. Your kit also should have some fun stuff in it, so if you are stuck in the basement for a while you can entertain your family (you probably don't want Twister, though!). Don't forget medications, food and toys for your pets.

Make sure you have a plan so that if there is a tornado everyone knows exactly what to do. If you have a basement, designate an area with limited or few windows where you can meet. It's also a good idea to have some pillows or blankets in case you have to stay in the crouched position with your hands over your head on your knees for a while.

The best way to stay safe during a tornado is to stay inside. You want to be

in a secure building firmly held to the ground (cars and mobile homes are not safe during tornados). In Longmont, the Outdoor Emergency Warning System (OEWS), which consists of a series of public address speakers installed on top of poles located throughout the city, will be sounded. Other than for testing, the system will be used only 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. The system is radio controlled by the Longmont Emergency Communications Center and operates on solar charged batteries. The system remains functional even in the event of a power failure or when phone lines are down.

If you hear the sirens and it is not the first Monday of the month at 10 am, seek

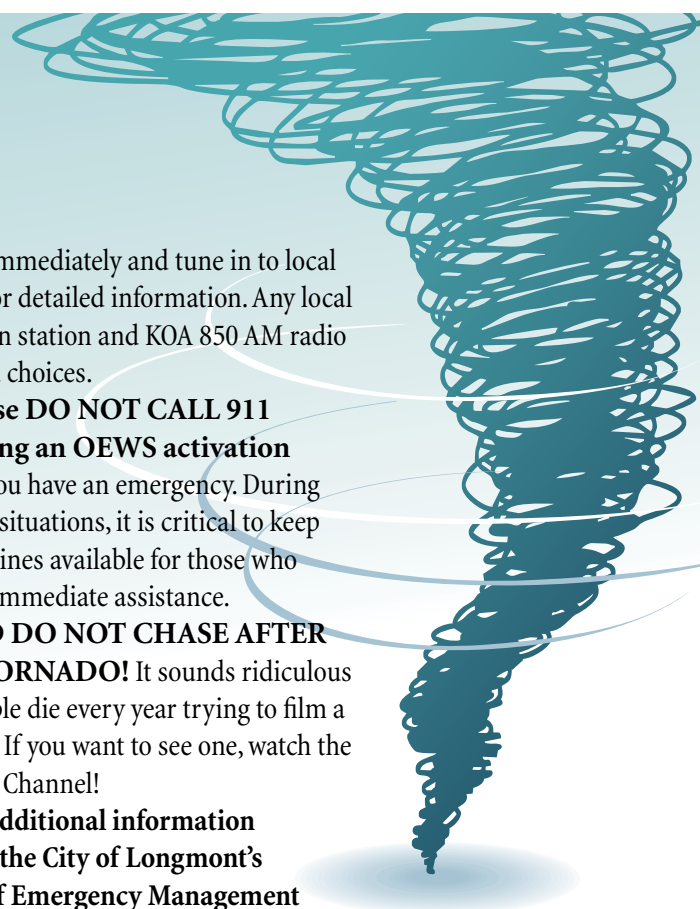
shelter immediately and tune in to local media for detailed information. Any local television station and KOA 850 AM radio are good choices.

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 those who require immediate assistance.

AND DO NOT CHASE AFTER THE TORNADO! It sounds ridiculous but people die every year trying to film a tornado. If you want to see one, watch the Weather Channel!

For additional information contact the City of Longmont's Office of Emergency Management at 303-651-8438. ➔

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Teen Time

Understanding Curfew

Youth under the age of eighteen can not be or remain on any street, alley, park, playground, schoolyard or other public areas between 11 pm and 5 am., Sunday through Thursday, or between midnight on Friday and Saturday and 5 am of the following day.

Students are permitted to travel to and from a place of employment. Students are also permitted to travel with parents or guardians or another 21-year-old that has permission of the parent or guardian. A youth may also accompany a person between 18 years old and 21 years old who have in their possession written permission of a parent or guardian to have custody of the minor.

Students are permitted, in the event of an emergency or as directed by the parent to run an errand. Students are also permitted to travel to and from a religious service.

Parents can be cited for violation of the curfew ordinance in Longmont. Parents who knowingly allow a student to remain in or at any street, alley, park, playground, schoolyard or other public area between the curfew hours can be issued a city summons by a Longmont Police Officer. ➔

Stomp It Out

Summer Brings Increase in Juveniles Setting Fires

As warmer weather draws near, local fire departments begin to see more instances of juveniles setting fires. The days are longer and warmer, children are outside playing, and there's more time for them to get into trouble.

Sometimes children choose to play with matches or lighters because they're curious about what might happen. Sometimes they're just bored. There are times, however, that children will set a fire because they're upset or stressed out about something going on in their world. Firesetting can become the release when they don't know how to express their feelings. **No matter the reason for firesetting, it can have dangerous or deadly consequences for children and the innocent people around them.**

Please be extra aware of what your children are doing, where they are, and who they are with during these warm-weather months.

If you see signs of fire play or firesetting from your child please contact the Longmont Fire Department (LFD). LFD has a free Juvenile Firesetting Prevention Education program that teaches children and their families about the physical, social, emotional, and legal consequences of playing with fire. The program also educates the family about how to prevent fires and how to escape from fire safely.

Without professional assistance, firesetting rarely stops on its own. Children will usually continue to set fires, even if caught, until they hurt themselves or those around them. For help with juvenile firesetting in the City of Longmont, please contact Safety Education Coordinator Stephanie Thai at 303-651-8432. ➔



Longmont's Annual 2010 Fireworks Show!

When: Sunday, July 4 at 9:30 p.m.

Where: Boulder County Fairgrounds (Nelson and Hover) and a view within 1 mile of the fairgrounds.

The City's annual fireworks show is a great way to enjoy the Fourth of July holiday safely.

Please remember that **FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL on Longmont's streets, parks, golf courses and other public areas.** The following types of fireworks are illegal anywhere in the Longmont city limits: fireworks that explode or leave the ground, fireworks purchased out of state, and anything labeled 1.3 G (formerly Class B) and/or UN 0335. The fine for possessing or using illegal fireworks is \$500 and/or a sentence of up to 90 days in jail. All fireworks purchased from a stand within the city limits are legal.

The Longmont Fire Department and Police Department urge you to take advantage of this community event as a safe alternative. **For detailed information, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/fire/fire_safety/fireworks.htm.**

Have a happy and safe 4th of July! ➔

Volunteers Needed for Rhythm on the River

At the very pulse of Rhythm on the River are community volunteers! Scheduled for July 9-10, more than 300 citizen volunteers are needed for this annual signature event. Sign up and help make this year's festival a huge success! All volunteers will receive a keepsake T-shirt to wear at the event identifying you as a representative of Rhythm on the River.

Register online for a volunteer position at http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/rotr/volunteer_app.htm

Call Theresa at 303-651-8578 or Kari at 303-651-8495. ➔



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Hot Beats

Another Summer of Great FREE Concerts

The City of Longmont will be present 17 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 City parks or the Museum. Concerts take place outdoors – please remember to wear sunscreen and insect repellent.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK ROOSEVELT PARK, 700 Longs Peak Ave. (except July 4)

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 pm

June 8	Face
June 22	The Patrick Emerine Band
July 4	Longmont Symphony Orchestra (Thompson Park), noon to 2 pm
July 13	She Groovez
July 27	The Long Run

Food and beverages available for sale

EVENING AT THE MUSEUM

Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 400 Quail Rd.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

June 30	Bill Barwick
July 7	The Low Flying Knobs
July 21	Colcannon
July 28	The Northern and Southern Plains Indian Singers and Dancers
August 4	The Modniks
August 11	Spring Creek

DOWNTOWN STREET CONCERTS

4th Avenue and Main Street

Thursdays, 5:30 to 9 pm

*Bands play 6:30 to 8 pm

Food & Beer Garden open from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

June 24	Fab 4
July 1	Deja Blue
July 8	Buckstein
July 15	Jockamo
July 23	Pure Prairie League
July 29	The Informants
August 14	Rebecca Folsom Band



The Informants
July 29



Buckstein
July 8



She Groovez
July 13



The Long Run
July 27

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the respiratory process of mosquito larvae before they hatch. In addition, a number of lakes and ponds around Longmont 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.



3 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 nonspraying techniques. Hotspots generally include the Boulder County Fairgrounds, Jim Hamm Park, St. Vrain Greenway, Sandstone Ranch, Clover Basin, and the Shores neighborhood near McIntosh Lake.

4 Countywide Integrated Emergency Response

This is the portion of the City's program that has concerned many residents. Again, this strategy is used 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 citywide adulticide application only if needed.

5 Public Education and Outreach

If and when spraying becomes necessary, there are several ways that the public is notified:

- **Notification** appears in the *Times-Call* newspaper;
- Visit www.comosquitocontrol.com for notices and links related to WNV and other health issues;
- **Complaint Line** – call this toll-free number to report problem areas or voice concerns: 877-276-4306;
- **Chemical Sensitive Notification List** – residents can request notification prior to spraying by calling Colorado Mosquito Control at 303-558-8730;
- **Shut-off Request List** – If citywide spraying becomes necessary, residents can request that CMC turn off the spray unit when it is in front of their homes by calling Colorado Mosquito Control.



Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/westnile/ throughout the summer for updates and reports. ➔

Batter Up!

Unified Softball: A Partnership

The City of Longmont Recreation Services provides unique athletic programs for people with special needs.

Softball For All is a beginning-level program for athletes 8 years or older who need more one-on-one assistance. In the **Unified Softball league**, for participants age 13 and older with developmental disabilities who know the fundamentals of softball, athletes play with nondisabled partners in a team situation.

These programs help develop social skills as well as long lasting friendships. Recreation Services is always looking for volunteers, partners and sponsors to keep this program affordable for all participants. Games are held on Monday nights at Clark Centennial Park. Athletes who played last season will be contacted by a coach. **New players interested in playing, volunteers, and potential sponsors may call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404.** ➔



Pedal on Down to the Museum

Colorado may well be the bicycling capital of the United States, with many racers, amateur riders, triathletes and others calling this area home. The Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, takes a look at the past, present, and future of bicycling in *Bicycles! 150 Years of Gears* on view from April 24 through July 3.



Admission to this very special exhibit is \$5 for adults and \$2 for ages 5-12, free for 5 and under. Visit for free on April 30, June 12, and June 23.

Visitors to the Longmont Museum can see an authentic 1860s "Boneshaker" bicycle – with an iron frame and iron tires, riding it must have been a "bone shaking" experience. The "penny-farthing" bicycle, with a large front wheel and rubber tires, was the first in a series of technological advancements that led to greater speed, more comfort, and ultimately the diversity of bikes on

Colorado's roads, trails, and tracks today.

The exhibit includes an elegant Schwinn Streamline Aerocycle from 1934 and even a streamlined tricycle for little brother or little sister. Racing bicycles had their own aesthetic, one that is evident in a sleek 1928 Iver Johnson racing bicycle. A bicycle from 1992 Tour de France stage winner Andy Hampsten and contemporary ultralight carbon-fiber racing bikes showcase the high end of bicycle racing.

Hands-on activities dot the gallery, from a station that teaches basic safety procedures to a comparison of bicycle frame materials. Discover the great network of bike trails in and around Longmont through maps in the exhibit.

As gas prices rise and environmental concerns mount, bicycling may be coming full circle toward a major form of transportation. Bicycles have come a long way since the "Boneshaker," but if recent innovations are any guide, their story is just beginning. ➤



Get Vocal

Longmont Idol is Back for its Third Year!



Longmont Idol, an annual competition modeled after the popular "American Idol" show, doesn't have Simon, Rand, or Ellen as judges, but they surely would be impressed by the level of talent of our local youth.

Longmont Idol will be held over five consecutive weeks starting on August 27 at the Festival on Main. Contestants will audition prior to the competition for a spot in the Longmont Idol. Normally, in a contest like this there would be weekly eliminations, but we would like to keep the contestants involved throughout the competition and allow for "comebacks."

Longmont Idol is open to youth and young adults between 11 and 21 years of age who reside in Boulder County. The chosen Idols will compete each week, and the live audiences will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite Idol.

Applications for the competition must be received no later than 5 pm on August 9. Longmont Idol auditions will be held on Friday, August 13, from 6 to 8:30 pm at the Longmont Youth Center, 1050 Lashley Street. The top three contestants will be announced at the final performance and will all receive a cash prize. If you are a talented young person residing in Boulder County, check out the Longmont Idol Web site for your opportunity to become a part of Longmont Idol 2010. Complete rules, registration forms, and sponsorship information are available at Children and Youth Resources, 1050 Lashley Street, and at www.ci.longmont.co.us/youth_services/idol/index.htm.

The competition is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come out for fun-filled family evenings while supporting some of our community's most talented residents. If you or your business would be interested in supporting this year's Longmont Idol competition, please contact Children and Youth Resources at 303-651-8580. We hope to see you either on stage performing for your chance to take home the top prize or in the audience cheering on your favorite Idols! ➤



Appliance meter loan program a success

In January, Longmont Power & Communications (LPC) and the Longmont Public Library teamed up to offer electric customers in Longmont the appliance meter loan program. Since then all meters have been continuously on loan and the library has created a list of future borrowers. LPC acquired more meters in early April to help reduce the number of customers on the waiting list.

An appliance meter is easy to use and tracks the amount of electricity your appliances are using. Simply plug the appliance in to the meter and plug the meter in to the outlet. After collecting data, you can make decisions about becoming more energy efficient to reduce your electric use and your utility bill.

Borrowing the meter is also easy. If you are an LPC customer and you have a Longmont Public Library card, simply stop at the library and show your card. If a meter is available, you can check it out as you would a library book and use the meter for two weeks.

If all meters are checked out, you can place your name on the list of future borrows and be contacted when it's your turn to check out the meter. You can also place a hold from your home computer if you have a library card by visiting www.ci.longmont.co.us/library or call the library at 303-651-8472.

For more information visit LPC's web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc. ➤

Channel 3 Moves to Channel 8

Longmont's Channel 3 will move to Channel 8 on May 11, 2010.

The channel that has provided community programming for 28 years must leave its position on Comcast Cable's Channel 3 due to FCC protection requirements for independent broadcasters. An independent broadcaster transmitting a signal on

Channel 3 out of Sterling, Colorado is guaranteed rebroadcast rights on local Channel 3, forcing local programming to move.

Channel 3 programming is managed by a non-profit organization named Longmont Cable Trust established in 1982. All programming viewed on Channel 3 will be available on Channel 8 including the Longmont City Council meetings on Tuesday nights, police updates on Behind the Badge and local sports information on Sports This Week. ➤



Denver Regional Council of Governments

BIKE TO WORK DAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010

NEW WEBSITE Coming May 2010

Brought to you by: **DRCOG**
DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Register at www.drcog.org or 303-458-7665

City Source Offers 24-Hour Answers

Answers to commonly asked questions is only a phone call or a mouse click away.

Pre-recorded information can be heard 24-hours-a-day by dialing 303-774-4370 and entering a 4-digit code. These codes can be found in the City Source brochure that was mailed to all Longmont utility customers during April. They can also be found on-line at www.ci.longmont.co.us/citysource/.

City Source is not meant to replace person-to-person contact, but rather to offer you the convenience of information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. More than 250 messages with information about the City are available for free in both English and Spanish and messages are updated regularly.

TELEPHONE ACCESS:

- Using a touch-tone phone dial 303-774-4370
- You will hear a general greeting for the system.
- Press "2" for City Source messages.
- Enter the four-digit code from the City Source brochure or from the City's Web site.

City Source, En Español - Un Servicio Telefónico y por Internet las 24 Horas

Usando un teléfono de botón, marque 303-774-4370, usted escuchará un mensaje de bienvenida que usted puede interrumpir a cualquier tiempo marcando el código de cuatro dígitos que desea. Para ver estos mensajes por internet, visite: <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/citysource/>

datebook

MAY

1 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Noon to 7 pm at Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak.

Celebrate Hispanic heritage and pride here in the United States. Call 303-776-8184.



1 Spring at Sandstone Ranch

11 am to 3 pm at Visitor Center, off Highway 119, one mile east of Weld County Road 1.

Come see wood carvers, a story teller, a May pole, old time crafts and games, and planting our garden. For the creative, decorate a scarecrow and enter it in our scarecrow contest. Call 303-774-4692 or visit http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_list/overview/SSR_District_Park.htm.

4 "The Story of My Life" by Helen Keller, Book Discussion and Film:

6 pm at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Cost: \$2 (fee includes the book "The Story of My Life") Call 303-651-8411

5 Otto Mears: Russian Orphan to Road Builder of the San Juans

1:30 to 3 pm at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Cost: \$4 resident, \$5 non-resident. Call 303-651-8411.

8 3rd Annual Youth Fishing Derby

9am at Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Rd.

Longmont Recreation Services and the Colorado Department of Wildlife invite youth ages 15 and younger to a morning of fishing clinics and fishing fun. Entry fee \$5 includes five ten-minute clinics and fishing pole (limited quantities).

Check-in begins at 8:30, judging begins at 11am. Call 303-774-4800 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.

11 Keeping in Touch Through Social Networking

6 pm to 8 pm at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave. Call 303-651-8411.

11 & 13 Easy Photo Editing

1:30 to 3:30 pm at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

In this 2-session course, you will get a FREE photo editing program to use on your home computer. Call 303-651-8411.

14 Buying a Computer

9 am to Noon at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

We will provide guidelines and tips for shopping. FREE, registration required. Call 303-651-8411.

14 & 15 Finding Meaning and Purpose in the Second Half of Life

Friday 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Saturday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Longmont Senior Center.

Cost: \$100 resident, \$120 non-resident. Come explore the opportunities and challenges that arise in the second half of life. Call 303-651-8411.

May 14-June 19

The Face Of Poverty

The Face Of Poverty: Photography by Jon Clarke and Amy Weinstein at the Old Firehouse Art Center, 667 4th Ave. Photo exhibit, which were taken in Longmont in 2009, show the varied faces of homelessness in our community. Sponsored by the Longmont Housing Opportunities Team. Visit www.LHOTonline.org.

15 Sweet Taste of Longmont

6 to 9 pm at Radisson Conference Center, 1850 Industrial Circle.

An evening of delicious dessert tastings showcased by local restaurants and caterers. The purchase of auction items supports our ability to provide transitional housing, programs, and services for the homeless. \$35 per person, \$300 table of ten. Visit www.theinbetween.org or call 303-684-0810.

15 Women on Wheels

9 am to 1 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Rd.

Ladies – grab your bike, your water bottle and ride with Lauren Greenfield! Begins with a workshop covering roadside maintenance, what to wear, saddle talk, how to find ride partners, and choosing routes and rides with confidence, then concludes with safety checks and a group ride. Beginner to intermediate level. Ages 16 and up. \$40 resident, \$50 non-resident, preregistration required.

21 ArtLink

6 to 9 pm on Main Street between 3rd and 6th Avenues.

Free evening of art exhibitions music, live theater, dance and children's activities. Call 303-678-8417.

22 Opening Day for Sunset Pool

10 am to 5 pm at 1900 Longs Peak Ave. Call 303-776-5823 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec.

26 Klunkerz: A Film About Mountain Biking

7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road

Winner of the Boulder and Durango Film festivals, this acclaimed documentary is a journey through the history of mountain bike featuring bike pioneers Gary Fisher, Joe Breeze, Mike Simyard, Tom Ritchey, and Charlie Kelly. Admission \$5, free for Friends of the Museum.

29 Opening Day for Kanemoto Activity Pool

10 am to 5 pm at 1151 S. Pratt Pkwy. Call 303-651-6934 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec.

5 Opening Day for Roosevelt Activity Pool

10 am to 4 pm at 903 8th Ave. Call 303-774-4455 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec.

5 6th Annual Longmont Kids Only Triathlon

8 am at Centennial Pool, 1201 Alpine St. Longmont Recreation Services' Kids Only Triathlon provides young athletes ages 7 to 17 the opportunity to compete in distance-differentiated races as determined by age. Kids can swim any way they want, bike on any style bike (with helmet), and run to a medal at the end of the race! \$38. Call 303-651-8406 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.



30th Annual Longmont Triathlon

6:45 am at Centennial Pool.

Longmont Recreation Services offers the longest running triathlon in the continental United States! A great event for both the beginner and experienced triathlete with 525 yd. swim, 12-mile bike, and 5K run. Individual and team registration available. \$84. Call 303-651-8406 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.

12 Bike to the Museum Family Day

10 am to 1 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Rd.

Activities include a bike decorating station, Helmet Safety Program and the Bike Patrol Team, bike rodeo, free basic maintenance checks, demos for how fix a flat tire, and tasty refreshments. Free admission all day to event and exhibit.



19 79th Pet & Doll Parade

10 am at Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Ave. Longmont Recreation Services hosts the annual Pet & Doll parade around the interior of Roosevelt Park. Free. Call 303-651-8404 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.

23 Bike to Work Day: Breakfast at the Museum

7 to 9 am at 400 Quail Rd.

Take in a healthy power breakfast at the Museum, sponsored by the City of Longmont and Great Harvest Bread Company. Free admission all day to event and exhibit.

26 & 27 Longmont Classic Grass Doubles Volleyball Tournament

8 am at Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Ave.

Longmont Recreation Services offers a grass doubles volleyball tournament in a single-day format for both adults and youth at Roosevelt Park. \$65/team. Call 303-651-8404 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/special.

30 Evening at the Museum: Bill Barwick

7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Rd.

Free concert in the Museum's outdoor courtyard; seating on the grass. Bill Barwick, the 2009 Western Music Association Male Performer of the Year, brings old and new cowboy classics to the Longmont Museum.

Grow Your Business

Longmont Economic Gardening Initiative (LEGI)

It's spring and time to think of gardening! The City of Longmont Department of Economic Development gardens throughout the year with the Longmont Economic Gardening Initiative (LEGI). Economic gardening enriches and grows local business. LEGI can help your business thrive! It gives existing business the resources needed to improve their competitiveness and stability in the local economy. The City of Longmont created the program in partnership with other local economic development agencies to bring together all their resources under one umbrella to make it easier for business owners to get answers and assistance.

All businesses located within the city of Longmont can participate in the LEGI program. LEGI's basic services are FREE, but there may be



HOW CAN ECONOMIC GARDENING HELP MY BUSINESS?

The LEGI program provides Longmont businesses with free or low-cost resources that can be too expensive or specialized for businesses to tap into on their own. They may include:

- Targeted sales and marketing leads lists for direct marketing
- Profile of current customers
- Finding new prospects that "look like" your ideal customers
- Expert advice on business growth strategies
- Individualized assistance and training

a nominal charge for extended use or for optional resources. Applicants meet confidentially with Department of Economic Development staff to discuss their present and future goals for their business. Working closely with the client, staff then will try to match the appropriate service, resource, or training to the client's needs.

LEGI offers targeted data analysis, training, and strategic planning to business owners (see sidebar).

A LEGI application is required and can be obtained at www.ci.longmont.co.us/legi or at the Longmont Development Services Center, 385 Kimbark Street. For more information about LEGI and other economic vitality programs, contact **Doug Bene, Economic Development Manager, at 303-651-8403 or doug.bene@ci.longmont.co.us**.

Congestion Relief

"New" Martin Street

When the Martin Street extension project is completed this summer, the new roadway and bridge will be a great way to beat the traffic congestion at Highway 119 and Main Street and provide a quick connection to the shops at Harvest Junction.

In August 2009, construction began to improve Martin Street from 3rd Avenue to 1st Avenue and extend Martin Street southward connecting to Ken Pratt Boulevard (State Highway 119). Martin Street is designated as an arterial roadway on the City of Longmont Comprehensive Plan and as a multimodal corridor in the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan. The project is one of the City's capital improvement projects that is paid for through the City's ¾ cent Street Fund sales tax.



Part of the Martin Street improvement project includes a 305-foot long concrete bridge over the St. Vrain River.

The new Martin Street will be a three-lane asphalt roadway consisting of one northbound lane, one southbound lane and a center turn lane. On-street bicycle lanes also will be included to provide a connection from

Martin Street to the trails of the St. Vrain Greenway. This new roadway and bridge will be a great way to beat the traffic congestion at Highway 119 and Main Street. Simply turn south on Martin Street from 3rd Avenue and go across the new bridge and you will be at Harvest Junction.

Construction on this project should be completed and the roadway opened for use by this June.

For more information on the Martin Street Project contact Curtis Ansel at 303-651-8310 or curtis.ansel@ci.longmont.co.us.

MAKING TIME

EARLY LEARNING

A VILLAGE

LEARNING IS FUN

Summer is for Fun and Learning

Submitted by: Mark Mills, Area Assistant Superintendent for the St. Vrain Valley School District

It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner. I want to send a heartfelt *thank you* to everyone for a very successful school year! As we all look forward to having fun over the summer break, it is important to

remember that learning can be fun, too.

From a student's perspective, summer is about play, holding that first job, camping, and other real-life experiences. While everyone knows that these activities are healthy for each child's social, physical and emotional well-being, strengthening skills in reading, vocabulary and math is equally important. Summer is an outstanding time for families to be involved with each other, emphasizing that learning happens year-round.

The St. Vrain Valley School District offers various learning opportunities for students throughout the summer. Two elementary schools will have an extended school year this summer, and many students can obtain additional instruction in subject areas that have challenged them during the school year.

Longmont and the surrounding communities offer many affordable learning activities. Whether you spend a day at the museum, the YMCA, or the local recreation center, these activities can bring tremendous benefits for your child. Our public libraries also offer numerous activities to keep your student engaged with learning over the long summer. To discover the many summer activities available in our area, go to www.LifeLongmontLearning.com

When I think of summer, I recall the many fond memories of my childhood growing up in Wyoming and the special outings and experiences my mother created for me. When our family traveled by car to visit Yellowstone or have a summer picnic on Casper Mountain, she would engage us in alphabet games using the first letter on road signs (spelling), the automobile license game trying to obtain all 50 states (geography), singing favorite family songs (music), and counting figures along the road, white horses, traffic lights, etc. (math). I also recall the summer that mom encouraged me to walk six blocks to the community college and play in the junior chess club (creative thinking).

A friend of mine in college, when referring to his memorable childhood summers, told me he, "*played without the word tired, rested without the word worry... it was childhood and it was as simple as that.*" **Have a great summer!**

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.



Move In

Homeownership: It's closer than you think!

Explore the possibility of owning your own home. On Saturday, May 22, 11 am to 3 pm, local organizations will showcase their well-priced homes on the Tour of Affordable Homes in Longmont.



Sonoma Village at Ute Creek



Sunfield Townhomes at Fox Meadows



Blue Vista - "Wee Cottage"

You will be surprised at the variety, quality, and prices of the homes offered through these programs: condominiums, townhomes, and single-family homes in new and established neighborhoods are available for qualified households with prices starting as low as \$104,440.

The Tour of Affordable

Homes provides an opportunity for the public to view affordable homes and talk with representatives from the different programs who can provide information on the homes, many of which are energy efficient and have high quality construction. The City of Longmont and

Thistle Community Housing homes on the Tour are for sale for qualified households. Habitat for Humanity homes on the Tour are not for sale but offer an example of the homes

available through the program for qualified homebuyers. Visit www.tourofaffordablehomes.org.

Homeownership can be a great investment to build long-term financial and personal stability. Mortgage interest rates are at a historic low, and there is down payment assistance available for first-time buyers. However, it remains more important than ever for homebuyers to educate themselves on the home buying process in order to buy a home within their financial means and become successful homeowners.

Two educational presentations will be held prior to the Tour to give an overview of the affordable homeownership programs and educational resources available to homebuyers.

- **Thursday, May 13, 6:30 – 8 am,**
Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Avenue
- **Saturday, May 15, 10 – 11:30 am,**
Spangler Elementary School, 1440 Collyer Street

Presenters will include representatives from the different affordable homeownership programs and a housing counselor with the Boulder County Housing Counseling Program. The housing counseling program offers free, confidential housing services, including credit, budget, and pre-purchase counseling. These presentations are free and no registration is required. Presentations also will be offered in Spanish.

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



Cinco de Mayo

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some recognition in other parts of Mexico, and especially in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population.

Cinco de Mayo organizers hope is to bring diverse communities together to educate, share, appreciate and enjoy each other's differences, as well as give each other an opportunity to learn about the many resources we have right here in our community.

For more information visit www.longmontcincodemayo.org.

Family Fun, Food, and Shopping

Every year a variety of food vendors, lots of vendor booths for shopping, and many fun activities for kids in the Kid's Tent attend the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. There also are many non-profit booths and other vendors with information on resources that are available to you here in Longmont.

Car Show & Shine / New Car Show

The 2010 New Car Show and Car Show & Shine will be going on the whole day of the festival. Individuals from all over Longmont will be bringing their custom cars and bikes and dealers will be bringing new cars to show off. So drop by and take a look, talk with the owners, and maybe get inspired for your own project car!

Chihuahua Contest

This will be the 8th year that the Chihuahua Beauty Contest is a part of the Longmont Celebrates Cinco de Mayo Celebration! The Chihuahua Contest is hosted by, *I Have a Dream Foundation* and this year the Chihuahuas will be judged by some of the young *Dreamers* from this awesome organization!!!



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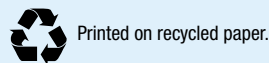
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- The GO for the 55+ audience:** www.ci.longmont.co.us/sen_ctr/general/golden_outlook.htm
- Various City e-Alert services:** www.ci.longmont.co.us/selectalert/index.htm
- LifeLongmontLearning:** www.lifelongmontlearning.com/
- Longmont Museum's e-Buzz eAlert:** www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum/e-mail_signup.htm
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Building Inspection	303-651-8332
CDBG/Affordable Housing	303-651-8736
Centennial Pool	303-651-8406
Children & Youth Resources	303-651-8580
City Manager/Mayor	303-651-8601
Code Enforcement	303-651-8695
Economic Development	303-651-8330
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Fire Administration	303-651-8437
Jobline	303-651-8710
Library	303-651-8470
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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
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St. Vrain Memorial Building	303-651-8404
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