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An informational newsletter for Longmont residents.

Project Green

It's good to be green, according to City Council Member Gabe Santos. Longmont is quickly becoming a regional leader in the environmental movement. **PAGE 2**

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Election Process

Mail Ballot for November Election

The City of Longmont's regular municipal election on November 3 will be conducted by mail this year.

Residents of Longmont will be able to vote for Mayor and City Council members from the comfort of their own homes rather than making the trip to a polling place.

Residents who are registered to vote by October 5 will be mailed an election ballot packet that includes the ballot and detailed instructions on how to prepare and return the ballot. Packets will be in the mail the week of October 11.

You can register in Longmont to vote for the November election at the Longmont City Clerk's Office at 350 Kimbark St. or at the Boulder County Clerk's Office at 529 Coffman St. If you have moved since the last election, you must complete a change of address form by the October 5 registration deadline.

To verify that you currently are registered to vote, call the Boulder County Election Office at 303-413-7740 or the Longmont City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649, or check online at www.voteboulder.org.

There are four seats up for election this year: Mayor, one Ward II Council member and two at-large Council members. In addition to the candidate races, ballots may also include municipal, county, state and school district issues.

Turn to page 3 to read about City of Longmont proposed ballot issues. ➔



Be Aware

Watch for Pedestrians at Crosswalks

Now that school has started there is much more foot traffic on the streets of Longmont. Here are some "rules of the road" at pedestrian crossings, and a few safety tips.

Crosswalks operate safely when pedestrians and drivers work together and follow these basic "rules of the road" as defined by City and State laws:

- Drivers must yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk, but not necessarily on the sidewalk waiting to cross.
- Pedestrians cannot enter the crosswalk unless there is a safe distance between them and approaching traffic.
- Vehicles cannot overtake and pass a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian at a marked crosswalk.

Finally, here are a few safety tips for pedestrians crossing streets:

- Pedestrians crossing a street should make eye contact with approaching drivers. If the driver does not make eye contact with you, they may not see you.
- At busy or multi-lane streets like Main Street in downtown Longmont, pedestrians should watch for vehicles in the far lane of traffic, even if traffic in the near lane has stopped.

Be aware! Keep an eye out, whether you are a pedestrian or a driver. ➔



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LifeLongmontLearning: www.lifelongmontlearning.com/

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It's Good To Be Green

Longmont is a Leader in All Things Green—that's a lot easier to say than "environmental sustainability."

It's a mouthful, but it sums up Longmont's aggressive approach and commitment to protecting the environment through programs focused on renewable energy, energy efficiency, carbon footprint reduction, water protection and conservation and recycling – just to name a few.

Working together as a community, we will inspire other municipalities to join with us as green leaders. In fact, the City of Longmont is quickly becoming a regional leader in all things green. That's why we have devoted the center section (pages 4-5) of *Longmont Life* to highlight all the efforts that the City currently is engaged in – and the things that residents can do – to make a positive environmental impact. What's really exciting about the Longmont's

approach is that we are leading by example. The City is in the process of retrofitting the Recreation Center and Centennial Pool with solar panels to heat the water. This will save the City almost \$33,000 per year in energy costs, and the panels will pay for themselves in 14 and 11 years respectively. Lights in five of the buildings have been replaced with energy-efficient fixtures for an annual saving of more than \$28,000 and a six-year payback. And electricity used in the Civic Center will be supplemented with solar power generated by new photovoltaic skylights.

I hope you'll take the time to read about the City's efforts and the many other initiatives available to the Longmont community. And I hope you'll be inspired to join your friends and neighbors as we work together toward a green standard for the present and future residents of Longmont. ➔



Gabe Santos
Longmont City Council



Council Contact

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

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

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

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

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

E-Mail addresses have changed for some City Council Members for consistency and convenience and to improve public access to their e-mail. All Council Members can be contacted with one single e-mail by using the online form on the City Council contact page or individually by using their City e-mail addresses. If you use a personal e-mail address book, it's a good idea to update your list with these new addresses.

Current e-mail addresses are listed next to the Council Member photos.

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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
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Museum.	303-651-8374
Community & Neighborhood Resources	303-651-8444
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Parking Enforcement	303-651-8658 or 303-774-4724
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Recreation Center	303-774-4800
St. Vrain Memorial Building	303-651-8404
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Proposed Ballot Questions

In addition to filling four City Council seats and a question about retaining the municipal judge, there are three questions that voters may be asked to vote on in the November election. Look for more information on these items, as well as pro and con discussions of each, that will be mailed to all Longmont residents.

1

Street Fund Sales Tax Extension

In 1986 voters approved a 3/4 cent sales and use tax dedicated to maintaining and improving Longmont's streets and transportation system. This tax has a sunset provision by which voters must approve continuation of the tax every five years. Because this is an extension of an existing tax, approval will not change the rate of sales and use tax currently paid in Longmont.

2

Telecommunications Ballot Question

In 1997, the City of Longmont installed a fiber optic network in order to provide advanced telecommunications services to our community. In 2005 the Colorado General Assembly passed legislation that prohibits municipalities from providing such services. However, if approved by voters, the City potentially could provide fiber bandwidth leases and advanced data, voice and video services, including Internet access and wireless services, directly to customers.

3

Wastewater Treatment Plant Bond Question

Longmont's wastewater treatment plant and its effluent currently meet or exceed all state and federal quality standards. However, those standards are expected to become much more stringent in the next five to eight years. The plant was constructed in 1956. It has had several updates, but some portions of the plant are 30 to 50 years old and in need of repair. The City will ask voters to approve issuance of a bond to fund improvements that will expand and update the plant so that it can meet future quality standards and protect St. Vrain Creek. There will be no rate increase associated with this bond. ➔



Signs (and Volunteers) Make a Difference

George Golder (left) and Paul Brown install new handicap parking signs near Centennial Pool as part of the City of Longmont's sign project. The City has joined forces with Imagine!—a local nonprofit that helps people with special needs—to help area businesses post handicap parking signs at their places of business. Federal regulations require that businesses post handicap parking signs in designated parking spaces. In an effort to help businesses comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) the City of Longmont and Imagine! are offering to post signs for businesses seeking this type of assistance. **Longmont businesses are encouraged to have signs posted at their locations—learn more by calling 303-774-4724.**

ENCOURAGE

MAKING TIME

EARLY LEARNING

A VILLAGE

Encourage Positive Learning Habits at Home

This fall, school bells start to ring, ushering in another season of learning. It is a great time for parents of school-aged students to renew their commitment to ensuring the educational success of their children.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, "the more families support their children's learning and educational progress, the more their children tend to do well in school and continue their education." This means promoting healthy learning habits by setting positive examples for your children and getting actively involved in their learning at home.

The key to your child's success, both inside and outside of the classroom, is you! The following tips from our St. Vrain Valley School District

officials and the Child Development Institute are just some ways parents can be involved and help their children form good learning habits.

For elementary-aged students:

- Model learning behavior – let your children see you reading or learning for yourself.
- Show interest in their work – review your child's homework every night.
- Find opportunities to discuss homework concepts they have been learning in real-world situations.
- Encourage imagination and curiosity.



For middle and high school-aged students:

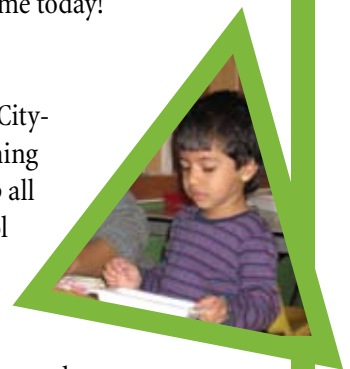
- Regularity is key to academic success – create a designated time when study time begins and stick to the schedule.
- Get organized – particularly for older students, homework assignments and projects may be given many days or weeks ahead of the due date.
- Help your children formulate academic goals.



More tips for parents wishing to instill lifelong learning habits in their children are available at www.LifeLongmontLearning.com. Start encouraging positive learning habits at home today!

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 entire 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.** ➔



This edition of *Longmont Life* is dedicated to Svein Edland, who helped design this publication and the artwork that led to Longmont winning the All-America City award. Svein lived his life with passion, a great sense of humor and an eye for creating beauty. His spirit will live on through the indelible mark he made on the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center and his many friends in our community.





Creating A Sustainable City

Sustainability has evolved to encompass many broad issues ranging from water and energy conservation, local agriculture, and land development to transportation, building codes, and business recruitment.

The City of Longmont is involved in several efforts to enhance the community's "sustainability." But what does that mean?

Initially a concept to encourage responsible environmental practices, sustainability has evolved to encompass many broad issues ranging from water and energy conservation, local agriculture, and land development to transportation, building codes, and business recruitment.

Ron Shaw, Longmont's environmental sustainability coordinator, explains that City departments now are working together to consider the impacts of their programs on all of these issues, and success is measured through a "triple bottom line" analysis: Programs are evaluated on how well they succeed not only economically but also environmentally and socially.

Longmont's commitment to sustainability is evident in a recently submitted application for \$250,000 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds that are being made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Among the projects for which the City is seeking funding are:

- A pilot program that will let both residents and businesses compare their energy use to their neighbors, which should encourage more efficient use of electricity;
- A test of highly efficient LED lights in city street lights;
- A grant to the nonprofit St. Vrain Manor and Inn Between for installation of energy efficient HVAC equipment, insulation, and other retrofits; and
- Free energy audits with assistance to implement energy-saving recommendations.

The City also will use EECBG funds to develop a strategy that will set energy efficiency, conservation and use goals and develop methods to determine the most effective ways to reach those goals. When this

plan is complete and approved by the U.S. Department of Energy, Longmont will be eligible to apply for an additional \$535,000 in EECBG funds.

And those funds will come in handy. The City has a long list of projects – many of which were suggested by residents at community meetings – that may be eligible for EECBG funding.

Developing the energy efficiency strategy is part of a larger effort to create an integrated environmental plan for the city. It will outline Longmont's goals for sustainability and will address sustainable practices in recycling, transportation, land use, local agriculture, open space, and water conservation.

Community involvement is a central and ongoing component of this process. If you're interested in helping create a sustainable future for Longmont, look for announcements of opportunities to contribute your ideas as well as steps you can take to incorporate sustainable practices into your daily life.

Where's the money coming from?

With the City of Longmont facing serious budget cuts, many are wondering why the City is investing in energy efficiency and incurring expenses to upgrade buildings and provide customer incentives.

Much of the funding for these programs is coming from sources outside the City.

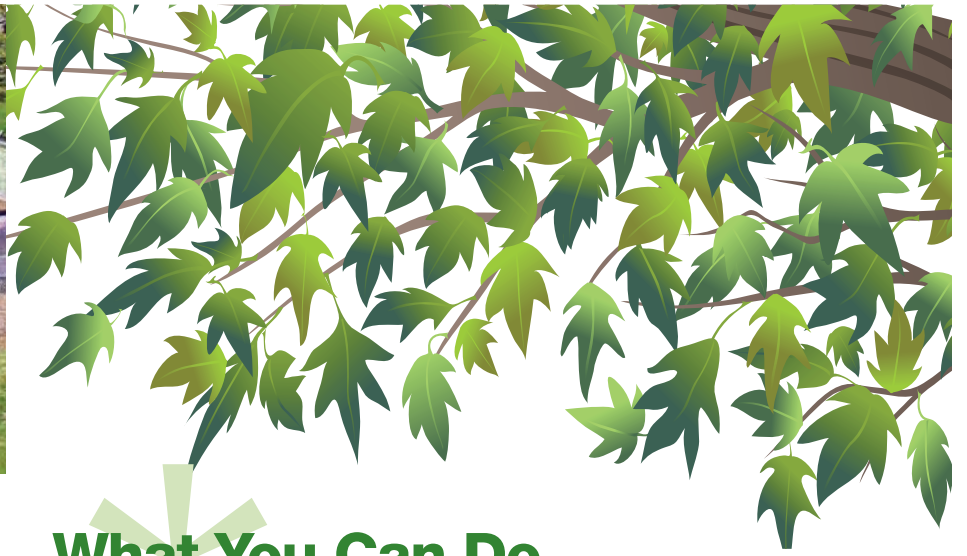
The City will pay only about 50 percent, or \$275,000, of the cost to complete the six energy efficiency projects proposed in the City's EECBG funding application. Forty-six percent, or \$250,000, will come from the federal government, and the remainder will come from the state of Colorado and other sources.

The City's energy performance contract with McKinstry (see "Walking the Efficiency Talk" on page 5) to reduce energy consumption in six City buildings guarantees specific energy cost savings for each project. If those savings aren't achieved, McKinstry pays the difference. And it's those future cost savings that will pay for the City's portion of the projects without the need to allocate additional funds. The City also received almost \$400,000 in grants from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the Governor's Energy Office for this effort.

Funding for customer energy and water efficiency incentive programs comes from utility enterprise funds, not the City's general fund, and often is supplemented with state or federal funds. As more opportunities arise to help residents and businesses save money by making Longmont's homes and commercial buildings more efficient, the City will continue to look to grants and other creative sources of funding with which to leverage Longmont's limited resources.

The bottom line is that all of these projects will help the City and its residents save money and energy in the future.

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Walking The Efficiency Talk

As a proponent of environmental sustainability, the City of Longmont is putting its money where its mouth is. Literally.

In April of this year, after having received a detailed energy audit of City buildings, the City contracted with energy service company McKinstry to manage energy efficiency improvement projects at six of them: Quail Recreation Center, Centennial Pool, Safety & Justice Center, Civic Center, Longmont Public Library, and the Development Services Center.

According to Mike Frailey, the City's energy services specialist, the City focused on these buildings first because they are heavy consumers of electricity and because grants were available to help cover the costs.

Some of the projects are big and impressive. The pools at Centennial and the Recreation Center are now heated by a total of 216 solar panels. This will save the City almost \$33,000 per year in energy costs, and the panels will pay for themselves in 14 and 11 years respectively. Lights in five of the buildings have been replaced with energy-efficient fixtures for an annual saving of more than \$28,000 and a six-year payback. And electricity used in the Civic Center is being supplemented with solar power generated by new photovoltaic skylights.

Other projects, while not as noticeable, are contributing just as much to the City's energy savings. Motion sensors have been installed that turn lights on when people enter rooms and turn them off when the rooms are not in use. Hot water pumps and motors have been replaced in two buildings, and an air curtain has been installed at the entrance to the Recreation Center to prevent outside air and wind from entering the facility and affecting the heating and air conditioning.

One of the last projects to be implemented in this phase of improvements will be real-time energy consumption reporting that will allow the City to spot potential problems quickly and to fine-tune the new systems to eke out the most savings possible.

One aspect of this project that Frailey is particularly pleased about is that both the new and existing mechanical systems will be "commissioned." That means simply that they will be inspected, tested, calibrated and monitored regularly to assure that they are functioning at the highest efficiency and performing to the design specifications to deliver promised energy and cost savings.

If funding can be secured, a second-phase efficiency project will focus on additional City buildings to create even more savings.

What about our carbon footprint?

What, exactly, is a carbon footprint?

A carbon footprint is a measure of the degree to which our activities affect the environment and, in particular, climate change. It reflects the amount of greenhouse gases produced primarily from activities that burn fossil fuels such as generating electricity and operating gasoline-powered vehicles. Those greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere causing a rise in temperature, and carbon dioxide is the most common greenhouse gas.

The energy efficiency projects being undertaken by the City of Longmont will not only reduce the City's energy costs, they also will reduce its carbon footprint. The annual reduction in carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the City's energy efficiency upgrades is estimated at 5.3 million pounds. That's equivalent to planting 640 acres of trees or taking 406 cars off local roads. *

* Based on EPA Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator.

What You Can Do

The City of Longmont provides numerous programs to help residents and businesses increase their energy and water efficiency, use more renewable energy, build greener buildings, reduce pollution and generally protect our environment.

A few of these programs are listed here, but there are many more. For information about other environmental programs that will benefit your home or business visit the City's Web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us, and click on "Environmental Sustainability" on the left side of the page. **Or, call Longmont Power & Communications at 303-651-8386 or Public Works Operations at 303-651-8416.**

1. REBATES AND DISCOUNTS

Longmont Power & Communications provides rebates for ENERGY STAR dishwashers and clothes washers and for water efficient toilets. Energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs can be purchased at a discount from several area retailers, including Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Budget Home Center, Albertson's and Lowe's. And, commercial rate customers can receive incentives for investing in energy efficient improvements such as lighting, HVAC equipment, and manufacturing equipment. The City also offers commercial customers a matching grant of up to \$5,000 for investing in energy and water efficiency improvements.


2. ENERGY AND LIGHTING AUDITS

Homeowners can receive a low-cost, subsidized energy audit, and businesses can receive a free audit that provides customized suggestions for improvement measures that reduce energy use and lower utility bills.

3. RENEWABLE ENERGY

Longmont electric customers can purchase renewable energy generated by wind and other sources. Because it costs more to generate renewable energy, there is an additional charge for it: \$1.52 per 100 kilowatt hour block of renewable energy used.

4. RECYCLING

Longmont provides recycling opportunities for just about everything that can be recycled. In addition to every-other-week pick-up of residential recycling, the City partners with Eco-Cycle to accept hard-to-recycle items four times a year. You can recycle computers, TVs and stereo equipment; office equipment, including copiers and fax machines; newspaper; plastic grocery and dry cleaning bags; and small electronic items. There is a fee for some items, but cell phones, printer and inkjet cartridges, computer keyboards, and books and manuals are among the items that are accepted at no charge. The next Hard-to-Recycle Roundup is September 26 at 140 Martin Street. Turn to page 7 to see eco-events scheduled on the City's events calendar. **For more information, call Eco-Cycle at 303-772-7300.** 





A pedestrian promenade will connect the east and west sides of the park at the confluence of Dry Creek and Clover Basin Irrigation Ditch.



The expansive green of the play fields at the entrance allows for uninterrupted views through the park and to the mountains. Connections to existing and future parks, the Dry Creek Greenway, and neighborhoods link the community.

From Concept to Paper

Community Helps Design New Park

Located adjacent to Silver Creek High School, Dry Creek Community Park will offer shared outdoor recreational facilities to the school district, Longmont residents and community groups. The 81-acre park will be developed in four phases, and its timing will depend on budget considerations.

The park's facilities were proposed by the public as part of an eleven-month public design process; the master plan and official park name were approved by the Longmont City Council in November 2008. Work has continued since that time on the phasing plan and on detailed design for Phase 1. The final construction design work for Phase I will be completed this year; as part of the budget process City Council will determine if the time is right to put this important project out for construction bid in 2010 or to wait for better economic conditions.

Phase I will include improvements to the existing Silver Creek facilities. These upgrades take advantage of the existing facilities which were built by the school district, and broaden the use of this site to include the City's needs:

- The existing 6-court tennis facility will be expanded to a 10-court tournament-type facility.
- A synthetic surface will be installed on the existing varsity field so that this facility may be used year-round.
- A parking lot to accommodate the increased use of the site.

Plans for the future phases on the park site will include multi-use fields, sports courts, running/walking trails, outdoor pool and water plaza, 18-hole disc golf course, sledding hills, shelters and a land reservation for a future, as yet unfunded, recreation center.

Check updates at: www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/park_dev/cloverbasin.htm.

Open Ears

Provide Advice to City Council

Join a Board or Commission

There are many ways to have an impact in your community—one way is to serve on an advisory board. The City of Longmont has 22 citizen-based boards, committees, and commissions on which more than 160 residents serve. Citizen participation helps ensure that our local government is truly addressing the needs of the local community through the services, planning and decision-making provided by each board. Citizen volunteers provide time, talent, knowledge and enthusiasm that enhance that of elected officials and City staff.

Every year the City Council recruits volunteers to fill expiring terms on many of these boards and commissions. This year there are 42 positions available on 19 different boards. The City Clerk's office will accept applications for these vacancies beginning October 19, 2009.

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

It feels good: The satisfaction and pride you feel when helping to create solutions for the whole community is fulfilling.

It strengthens your community: When the residents of a community work together, they forge strong bonds that are hard to break.

Share your skills and gain new ones: Your willingness to share your time and knowledge to work through issues helps to ensure that the local government represents the desires of the broader community.

To learn more about these opportunities to give back to your community by serving on a City board, committee or commission, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649 or visit our Web site, www.ci.longmont.co.us. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, November 23, 2009.

Outdoor Opening

Celebrating an Art Explosion

They seem to appear out of nowhere. Public artwork, months and sometimes years in the making, that appears one day in an open space near someone's house, on the way to work, or around the corner from a favorite coffee shop. Over the past 20 years, 50 of these works seemingly "appeared," taking on the various faces of whimsical and contemporary, realistic and comforting, or just thought provoking and abstract.

It started in 1989 when City Council adopted a code that would set aside one percent of capital improvement dollars to purchase and install public art throughout the City. At that time, a handful of other municipalities had adopted similar codes, and Longmont was on the leading edge of small cities that made a priority to provide public space for artwork that could be enjoyed by all. Since then, more than 300 municipalities around the country have joined the effort to enhance their cities in similar ways.



"Front Range" by Chad Haspels located at Collyer Park.

On September 26, the Art in Public Places Commission, a group of 15 volunteers appointed by City Council, will celebrate 50 artworks in 20 years with an Art Explosion. Everyone is invited to attend this free event at the Roosevelt Pavilion. There will be self-guided walking and bicycle tours of several of the pieces (you can pick up a map at various locations prior to the event), and several guest artists will be demonstrating their artwork and the process that they use and will be available for questions and comments.

Among other activities and artists yet to be announced, Bongo Love will be demonstrating his passion for carving and experience with the chisel as he completes a wood sculpture;

Jessica Bernstein will demonstrate her creativity in using recycled materials to fabricate interactive and entertaining artworks for "kids" of all ages; Jennifer Mosquero will provide the framework for all to try their hand at "chalk art" as she seeks assistance from the crowd to complete the piece designed just for Longmont. The Mark Diamond Trio will entertain while we engage in various interactive art forms, Art in Public Places trivia and information about opportunities for volunteers as well as for artists.

More information? Call 303.651.8924 or e-mail Lauren.greenfield@ci.longmont.co.us

details

September 26, 2009
Roosevelt Pavilion
8th & Coffman Streets
10 am to 2 pm

Pick up maps of self-guided tours at various City of Longmont locations available after September 11.
More information?
Call 303.651.8924 or e-mail
Lauren.greenfield@ci.longmont.co.us

FREE



"Nuhu" by Tim Upham located at Lanyon Park.



"Bouquet" by Don Mitchell located at Clark Centennial Park.

Home Remedy

Housing Rehab Program Improves Living Conditions

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

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

The City of Longmont offers three different housing rehabilitation programs.

1

Emergency Grant Program

offers grants to qualified applicants at or below 50 percent of the area median income (AMI – see chart below) to make emergency repairs to mitigate serious threat to the health, safety or welfare of the family. Examples of eligible repairs include, replacing a furnace, fixing outdated electrical elements, replacing a water heater and plumbing work.

2

The General Homeowner Rehab Program

offers deferred loans or low interest loans up to \$25,000 to homeowners who have incomes at or below 80 percent AMI to correct housing code violations, make energy efficiency improvements, or to make other housing upgrades. Eligible work may include roof repair, weatherization of house or other energy efficiency improvements,

3

The Architectural Barrier Removal Program

offers persons with disabilities whose income does not exceed 80 percent AMI a grant or a forgivable loan to make their housing accessible for them or for a family member. For owner-occupied units, a maximum of \$5,000 can be granted. Projects of more than \$5,000 to a maximum of \$10,000 will be funded as a forgivable loan (forgiven after five years if disabled renters occupy the property for five years). Eligible modifications may include construction of wheelchair ramps, modifying a bathroom so that a disabled resident will be able to use the toilet and shower, widening doorways, lowering kitchen counters and installing devices, buzzers or flashing lights to aid the sight or hearing impaired.



This before and after bathroom remodel shows a kind of home rehabilitation project that would qualify under the **Emergency Grant Program** and the **General Homeowner Rehab Program**.

electrical upgrades, replacing flooring, lead-based paint hazard removal, repairs to correct building code items and replacing plumbing fixtures.

FAMILY SIZE INCOME LIMITS

	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
=80% AMI	\$44,800	\$51,200	\$57,600	\$64,000	\$69,100	\$74,250
=50% AMI	\$31,200	\$35,650	\$40,100	\$44,550	\$48,100	\$51,700

For more information about this program contact Molly McElroy; 350 Kimbark Street (Civic Center) or telephone: 303-651-8530, fax: 303-651-8590, e-mail: molly.mcelroy@ci.longmont.co.us

More Parking Spaces Added to Downtown

Forty-three new parking spaces have been added to downtown Longmont by replacing parallel parking with angled parking.

During the current Downtown Main Street Study, City staff held discussions and interviews with local stakeholders. Almost everyone identified a shortage of available nearby parking in the downtown area as one of their major concerns. Staff reviewed parking configurations along streets programmed for rehabilitation, as well as on other adjacent streets on the east side of downtown.

Since these changes were completed, for the most part, in conjunction with the annual Street Rehabilitation Program, there were no significant additional costs to implement the changes. On 4th Avenue and 8th Avenue, where resurfacing did not take place, there were minor costs to remove existing pavement markings to implement angled parking.

coming attractions

There are lots of fun activities and important events between now and the end of the year. Below are few of them you won't want to miss. Check the City's Web site for more information.

September 1–30

Open enrollment to change the size or number of your trash containers. Your service will remain as it is currently unless you request otherwise. Call 303-651-8416.

September 5

Landfill Drop at 1830 County Road 5. This event is free for all trash paying customers; please bring a copy of your recent utility bill.

September 7

Labor Day, trash and recycling one day behind; Tree Limb Diversion Center closed.

September 12

Taste of Therapy Wellness Fair, Izaak Walton Clubhouse.

September 12

Celebrate your health at the **Mexican Independence Day Concert** and Health Fair. Fair from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Heritage

Middle School; Music & Celebration at Kensington Park from 4 to 8 p.m. Call 303-678-6151.

September 26

Pharmaceutical Drop-Off Day – FREE to all Colorado residents. Bring unused medication to Longmont United Hospital, 1950 Mountain View Ave., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Details at www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwwu/enviro/rx.htm.

September 19

Household Chemicals Drop Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Public Works Maintenance Facility, 375 Airport Rd. Call 303-651-8416 for information.



September 26

Hard to Recycle Roundup, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 140 Martin St. Call 303-651-8416.

October 10

Large Item Stop-N-Drop at 375 Airport Road. This event is free for all trash paying customers; please bring a copy of your recent utility bill.

October 10

Taste of Therapy Wellness Fair, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 S. Sunset St. Sample a variety of wellness options for \$5 each. Call 303-774-4827 for information.

October 12–December 4

Fall Leaf Collection at Curbside Residents may place bagged leaves (no other refuse of any kind) at street curbside during the designated week. Please check the newspaper or visit our Web site for more information



on the week your neighborhood is scheduled.

October 16

Alejandro Cremaschi, pianist, performs at Longmont Senior Center. Call 303-651-8411 or 303-678-7869.

October 24

Pumpkin Dunk, 5 to 7 p.m., Centennial Pool, 1201 Alpine St. Activities, crafts, contests and costumes for all ages. \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Call 303-651-8406.

October 30

A letter From Vincent, Klass Hofstra's one-person show about Vincent Van Gogh at the Senior Center. Call 303-651-8411.

October 31

32nd Annual Halloween Parade.

Line up at 9:45 a.m.; parade begins at 10. Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave. Kids in their Halloween costumes parade downtown then visit merchants for Trick or Treat Street. Call 303-651-8404.

October 31

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 400 Quail Rd. Free. Call 303-651-8374.

October 31

Safe Halloween Night, 6 to 8 p.m., Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Rd. For ages 10 and under. Free. Call 303-651-8406.

Prepare & Plan

National Preparedness Month

Changing perceptions about Emergency—September 2009

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and the Longmont Office of Emergency Management is encouraging all citizens to prepare themselves and their families for natural and human caused disasters.

Throughout the month of September, hundreds of activities are planned across the country to highlight the importance of individual and family emergency preparedness. The National Preparedness Month coalition, which includes the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, more than 80 organizations and all 56 states and territories, will encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare themselves and their families for any possible emergency or disaster.



As we commemorate the tragic events of September 11, 2001, LOEM recommends taking four simple steps to be better prepared for emergencies and disasters by:

1. Acquiring a kit of emergency supplies
2. Making an emergency plan
3. Being informed
4. Getting involved

For more information, please visit the following Web sites:
www.ready.gov • www.dhs.gov ➤

Expanding the 911 Emergency Notification System



Public safety agencies in Boulder County, including the City of Longmont, are pleased to announce the launch of a new emergency notification system. This system, available immediately, will allow residents to be notified of an emergency situation in a variety of ways, including on their cell phones, home and work phones, text messaging and e-mail.

Residents that choose to use the new system will need to register for this service through the following link: www.ci.longmont.co.us/police. Community members who choose not to add additional lines or cell phone information will continue to receive notifications on their home landlines.

For more information call 303-651-8566.
Residents can also sign up for a variety of non-emergency alerts at
www.ci.longmont.co.us/selectalert/. ➤

Domestic Violence

You can help. We all can.

Domestic violence is the number one public safety issue in Longmont. More people are injured in domestic violence incidents here than any other crime.

The police and nonprofits are making an impact, but nobody is better equipped to eliminate this problem than you. How, you ask?

- Get the facts: Learn about domestic violence, and find out what resources are available in the community. Visit LongmontDomesticViolence.org or call the Longmont Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI) at 303-774-4534 for more information. LEVI can also provide educational presentations to your group free of charge.
- Help those involved: Victims and abusers are much more likely to seek help for their situation when somebody they know asks them about it. For tips on how to talk to victims and abusers and a complete list of area resources, visit LongmontDomesticViolence.org.
- Set a good example: Other people see your behaviors and actions, especially young people. Treat others with respect, and teach the young people in your life about healthy relationships.
- Call the authorities: If you witness an incident, report it to police. You could be saving a life!
- Take a stand: Every man and woman can and should play a role in resolving this problem. We all need to be involved in becoming part of the solution. Longmont is a community where many men have stepped up to be a part of the White Ribbon Campaign during the past two years. Men – wear a white ribbon to show your desire to end ALL violence against women, and talk to other men and boys about where you stand on the issue. Purple ribbons are available for domestic violence awareness.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Let's show this community where we stand on the issue. There is no excuse for abuse – period. **For more information, please visit LongmontDomesticViolence.org or call LEVI at 303-774-4534. For counseling, advocacy or emergency shelter, call Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley at 303-772-4422. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.** ➤

Swine Flu

What is Novel H1N1?

Novel H1N1 (referred to as “swine flu” early on) is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in the United States in April 2009. Other countries, including Mexico and Canada, have reported people sick with this new virus. This virus is spreading from person to person, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread.

IS NOVEL H1N1 VIRUS CONTAGIOUS?

Yes. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that novel H1N1 virus is contagious and is spreading from human to human. However, at this time, it is not known how easily the virus spreads between people.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF THIS VIRUS IN PEOPLE?

The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Also, like seasonal flu, severe illnesses and death have occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS?

Avoid Contact With Others. In general, you should avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness. That means stay home from work or school if you are sick. You can find more information from the following health organizations:

Boulder County Public Health

www.bouldercounty.org/health/

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.hhs.gov/

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ ➤

MATERIAL FROM CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

GRAND OPENING

On July 21, the Longmont Fire Department hosted a “ribbon-cutting” ceremony to celebrate the opening of the community's newest station at 11th Ave. and Terry St. The new station is home to a three-person engine crew, a four-person ladder crew, a two-person ambulance crew, and the on-duty chief officer. ➤



Pictured at the official hose “uncoupling” are (L to R) Council Members Sean McCoy, Sarah Levison, Gabe Santos, Mayor Roger Lange, Brian Hansen and Karen Benker.