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An informational newsletter for Longmont residents.

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Youth Corps Blazes New Trails

Boulder County Youth Corps Protects St. Vrain Greenway



Members of the Boulder County Youth Corp clear debris and build a trail in Longmont as part of the "Keep it Clean 'cause we're all downstream" initiative.



Last month, the Boulder County Youth Corps Public Health team spent four days building a path to the kids' fishing area at Izaak Walton Park, cleaning up the St. Vrain Greenway and distributing "Keep it clean, 'cause we're all downstream" door hangers in nearby neighborhoods.

"The team will help prevent erosion by rebuilding a path at Izaak Walton and their clean-up efforts will help keep our greenway cleaner," says Kathryn Marko, associate civil engineer with the Longmont Department of Public Works and Natural Resources.

From improper disposal of trash to wind and rain that carry litter into our waterways, pounds of trash are often left behind in the St. Vrain River. In addition, in Longmont and throughout Boulder County, rainwater washes down streets and parking lots, driveways and sidewalks, roofs and yards, carrying water and everything it picks up into a storm drain. These storm drains and



a series of pipes collect that rainwater (stormwater) and deposit it directly into nearby lakes, creeks, streams, rivers, wetlands. This combined pollution goes straight to our local fish habitat, swimming areas and drinking water.

The Youth Corps provides opportunities for Boulder County teens to develop a sense of community involvement through personal accomplishment, teamwork and service to the county.

Corps members benefit by learning strong work habits, new skills and the value of environmental and civic stewardship. County and participating municipalities benefit from the maintenance projects and tangible products such as new trails built by corps members each summer.

The Keep It Clean Partnership is a group of communities in the Boulder and St. Vrain Creek watersheds working together to protect water quality. Keep It Clean communities include Boulder, Boulder County, Erie, Longmont, Louisville, and Superior. **For more information on the many fun, FREE ways you can get involved, call 303-413-7365 or visit KeepItCleanPartnership.org.**

Your Choice

Vote by Mail or In Person

This year's statewide election on November 2 will be conducted by mail and at polling places throughout the state.

Residents of Longmont will be able to vote for governor, other statewide offices and several ballot issues from the comfort of their own homes or by making a trip to a polling place or vote center.

Register to Vote

October 4 is the deadline to register to vote for the 2010 General Election. If you have a Colorado driver's license or ID card issued by the Department of Revenue, you can

register to vote online at www.elections.colorado.gov. If you do not have these documents, you can register to vote by using the paper form available at this same website.

Mail-in Ballots

Registered voters can sign up to vote a mail-in ballot online at www.bouldercounty.org or by completing a paper form available at www.elections.colorado.gov.

You can register in Longmont to vote for the November election at the Longmont City Clerk's Office at 350

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Survey Says Residents Like Their Quality of Life

A majority of Longmont residents reported a good quality of life and evaluated the city as a good place to live, according to the 2010 Longmont Customer Satisfaction Survey. Most commonly, residents commented that they like the hometown, family feel in the community, as well as the friendliness and comfortable atmosphere in the city. The quality of life in general, an affordable cost of living and location were residents' favorite aspects of Longmont. Residents also gave high marks to the quality of municipal services. To see the results of the survey visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/reports/index.htm



Watch it Grow

Longmont an Ideal Place for Starting, Expanding or Relocating a Business

Longmont provides a unique business ecosystem that encourages and promotes business development.

Four years ago, LEGI, the Longmont Economic Gardening Initiative, was created to provide assistance and direction to individuals wanting to help their business grow. LEGI's mission was developed from a collaborative effort among local economic development agencies that brings together a collection of tools under one umbrella, making it easier for business owners to access assistance. Through participation in the LEGI program, businesses can take advantage of targeted data analysis, training, and strategic planning giving them a "leg up" on the competition.

Longmont's Department of Economic Development recently expanded its offerings to include a Start Up Grant (BSUG); this program will reimburse an eligible business up to \$2,000 for legitimate start-up costs after program requirements are fulfilled, and a Small Business Lending Program designed to provide loans of up to \$50,000 for business and nonprofit organizations that have yet to qualify for traditional financing. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/econdev/index.htm for more program information.

The Longmont Entrepreneurial Network (LEN) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering economic growth and vitality through the support of entrepreneurship, innovation and technology. LEN provides access to a large network of advisers who volunteer their time to help entrepreneurs by providing business expertise ranging from concept development and business planning to operations and management.

LEN has assisted a number of start-up and early stage

companies in the fields of software, bioscience and renewable energy and continues to provide guidance and mentorship. Most recently LEN partnered with PETAL, a technology incubator in Grenoble, France, to provide companies with the opportunity to expand their business reach to Europe. Visit www.leninc.com for more information.

The Longmont Area Economic Council (LAEC) actively supports the creation and retention of quality primary jobs, by supporting the needs of existing industry and recruiting new industry to the Longmont area. LAEC provides the best and most up-to-date Longmont information on industry, lifestyle, available sites and buildings, and Longmont economic development efforts in order to attract new industry. Read more about LAEC at www.longmont.org.

Other local organizations dedicated to economic development in Longmont that provide a variety of valuable services are the: Longmont Chamber of Commerce, Latino Chamber of Commerce, Longmont Downtown Development Authority, Longmont Area Visitors Association and the Small Business Development Center.

I encourage you to contact these organizations when considering starting a business in Longmont. They are dedicated to providing you with the best business advice and assistance possible to ensure your success. ➔



Alex Sammoury, Longmont City Council



Green Days

Earn Money, Reduce Traffic

Longmont commuters: Earn up to \$75 when you choose not to drive solo

You can not only save money, you can make money when you join 36 Commuter CA\$H, an innovative program to combat traffic congestion on the Diagonal Highway and U.S. 36. The program pays Diagonal Highway and U.S. 36 commuters who currently drive to work solo when they make the switch to a cleaner commute option. Participants can earn \$2 per day and as much as \$75 in a 60-day pledge period.

Instead of driving solo, get paid to try one of these commute options:

- * Bicycle
- * Carpool
- * Vanpool
- * Public transit
- * Telework
- * Walk

To get started, visit 36commutingsolutions.org or call 303-604-4385. For commute options, resources, and individual trip planning assistance, contact Natalie Abrahamson at 303-604-4385 or natalie@36commutingsolutions.org. *Drive green, earn green!* ➔



Dollars & Sense

Volunteers Needed for Tax Prep Assistance

There are two programs recruiting volunteers to help prepare tax returns for the 2010 tax season. Please consider being a part of one of these teams that helps hundreds of senior individuals and low- to moderate-income persons with income tax preparation and e-filing. No experience is required, just a desire to help, the ability to use a computer, and a willingness to commit some of your valuable time.

The first opportunity is with **AARP and Longmont Senior Services**. To ensure success, special training is required and is provided at no cost. Call Kari at 303-651-8495 or email kari.grotting@ci.longmont.co.us.

The second opportunity is with the **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)** program. VITA also provides all the training and support you will need to be successful. Send an e-mail to ColoradoVITA@gmail.com, or call Mark or Deborah at 303-678-5327.

If you don't want to prepare taxes, there also is a need for site greeters and Spanish/English translators.

Come be part of an effort that makes a real and immediate difference to a lot of people! ➔

Longmont Life is distributed six times per year via U.S. mail to all city residents and businesses. Comments on this newspaper format and content are welcome at cityoflongmont@ci.longmont.co.us

City Council

There are a variety of ways to contact city council members:

- City council meetings, every Tuesday at 7 pm
- Coffee with Council, last Saturday of every month
- E-mail and phone numbers listed here
- Mail c/o City Clerk's Office, 350 Kimbark St.
- Public events, including Cinco de Mayo, Rhythm on the River and Festival on Main

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

Election Selection

Longmont Says Know

Three statewide issues on the November ballot could have a profound effect on local governments around the state, including Longmont.

Colorado Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 are initiatives designed to cut municipal tax and fee revenue and to impose restraints that will make financing public facilities difficult and expensive.

The Longmont City Council has taken an official position opposing these issues in the resolution reprinted below. Please take time to read and become educated on these and all the 2010 ballot issues.

RESOLUTION R-2010-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL URGING LONGMONT CITIZENS TO VOTE NO ON BALLOT PROPOSITION 101, AMENDMENT 60 AND AMENDMENT 61, CONCERNING RESTRICTION OF STATE AND LOCAL REVENUES, ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 STATEWIDE ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS on November 2, 2010, voters of the state will consider ballot items Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS Proposition 101 will reduce revenues to the City, the State and other units of government by reducing certain motor vehicle fees and charges, certain telecommunication fees and charges and the State income tax, with an estimated loss of \$1,068,071 to Longmont's transportation projects in 2011 alone; and

WHEREAS Amendment 60 will reduce the City's general and storm drainage fund services by \$4,966,686 in 2011 alone, reverse Longmont voters' decision on the use of property taxes in their own City and reduce revenue for other units of government, including the Downtown Development Authority and the Urban Renewal Authority in Longmont; and

WHEREAS Amendment 61 will limit the State and other State entities from incurring debt and will limit debt issued by the City, which will result in a reduction of tax revenues in future years of \$1,118,612 in just 2012 and may adversely affect financing long-term capital improvements like recreational projects, fire stations and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 will adversely affect the ability of the City, the State and other units of government to provide essential governmental infrastructure and services such as parks, recreation, library, museum, senior and youth services, transportation, drainage, facilities maintenance, police and fire; and

WHEREAS Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 will negatively affect the economy in the City and the State in an already devastating economic downturn.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, RESOLVES:

Section 1

For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council OPPOSES ballot Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61.

Section 2

The City Council urges Longmont citizens to fully inform themselves about ballot Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 before voting, as the consequences of these ballot issues will dramatically change the level of services provided by their local government.

Section 3

The City Council urges Longmont citizens to vote "NO" on ballot Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61, regarding restriction of state and local revenue. ➔

Community Compassion

Longmont Police Department Recruiting Victim Advocate Volunteers

The Longmont Police Department launched its own Victim Services Volunteer Program on January 1, 2010, in order to provide efficient and timely victim services while adhering to the Longmont Police Department's Mission statement, *To protect and serve with integrity and professionalism in partnership with the people of Longmont.* The City of Longmont has seen significant changes in growth and community needs in the last 10 years. It was only natural to remain true to the police department's mission statement by creating a program staffed with Longmont resident volunteers with a desire to give back to the community they live in by helping fellow residents regain their physical, emotional, social, and economic well being by means of immediate intervention and advocacy.

The Longmont Victim Services Program is looking for Longmont residents who have an open mind, respond quickly, and have good communication skills. Genuine concern and empathy for victims of crime and survivors of sudden violent deaths, regardless of the circumstances, are necessary qualities. Volunteers must make a one-year commitment, complete 40 hours of training, attend monthly meetings, and be on call four to five times a month.

Applications and additional information are available at

www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/volunteer or in the lobby of the Longmont Police Department.

For additional information call 303-651-8855. ➔

To protect and serve with integrity and professionalism in partnership with the people of Longmont.

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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 4 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. ➔

The Longmont City Council has taken an official position on three ballot measures. Read their resolution in *Longmont Says Know* on this page.



Watch Out for Students Walking and Biking to School

It's back to school time when our children return to the classrooms and hit the books.

This also means that many neighborhoods and streets near our schools that have been relatively quiet all summer will become busy and often chaotic every morning and afternoon. Staff at the City of Longmont encourage kids to safely walk or bicycle to school as often as possible and remind parents to be safe when dropping off or picking up their children at school.

Crosswalks operate safely when pedestrians and drivers work together and follow the "rules of the road" from the Colorado 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.

A few final tips for pedestrians

- Along multilane 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.
- Pedestrians crossing a street should make eye contact with approaching drivers. If drivers don't not make eye contact with you, they may not see you.

We hope that everyone has a happy and safe school year! ➔

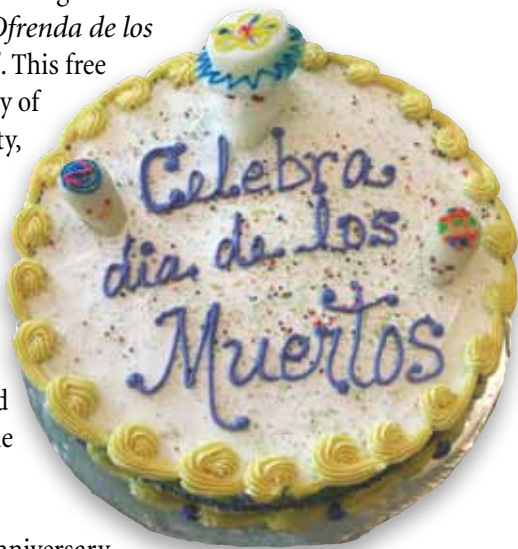
Honoring Memories

Exhibit Explores Day of the Dead Traditions

From October 9 through November 7, the Longmont Museum and its community partners present *La Ofrenda de los Muertos: Honoring Days of the Dead*. This free exhibit includes altars created in memory of loved ones by members of the community, and explores the traditions of Day of the Dead from different regions in Mexico.

El Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a traditional Mexican and Latin American holiday that occurs on November 1-2 each year. On those days, families honor the memories of deceased family and friends with altars, trips to the cemetery, special foods, and many other local and regional traditions.

This year, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Day of the Dead celebrations at the Longmont Museum, the exhibit will include photos from previous years' events and a display evoking the growth of the celebration from a small workshop in 2000 to the thousands who enjoy the exhibit and events today. Also new this year is a community Tree of Life, where the public is invited to bring copies of photos of deceased loved ones to place on the tree.



On Saturday, October 30, from 10 am to 5 pm, celebrate the Day of the Dead at the Longmont Museum with food, music, sugar skull decorating, and more in a free festival for the whole family. 📍

Make a difference at your doorstep.

You don't have to go to the ends of the earth to make a difference. In fact, you may only have to go a few blocks—to neighborhood stores, restaurants and events. It doesn't matter whether you're shopping for groceries, looking for a special night on the town or planning an outdoor adventure. You can find it all in Longmont, among fellow residents, businesses and attractions. The beauty of it is, the more energy and effort you give, the more our town will give back to you in the long run. And you just may make some new friends in the process. It's what being alive in Longmont is all about.

Can you feel the energy? There's so much of it right here in our town. Show your vigor and share your enthusiasm by shopping Longmont.

Be Alive in Longmont™

Share your story and follow us on

BeAliveInLongmont.com



Reading is FUNdamental

The Love of Reading Starts Now!

Words are all around us. You are reading this article right now. We have books, magazines, newspapers, and signs in every corner of our lives. The ability to read and learn is integral to reaching our potential, creating new ideas and communicating with each other.

Do you remember when you learned to read? Parents, grandparents, siblings and teachers were there to tell you that a certain squiggle on the paper was an A and what it sounded like. The vast majority of children need a helping hand in learning letters, numbers, sounds, words – and ultimately, how to read. They also need books. Studies have shown that when children are in homes with more books their reading abilities tend to be higher. When children have prereading skills before they enter kindergarten, they are ready to learn, ready to excel and ready to reach their potential as active members of their community.



The Mayor's Book Club is a program of the City of Longmont that provides free, bilingual books to 3 and 4 year olds in Longmont, as well as encourages and trains parents and caregivers in the best methods for teaching prereading skills to those children. Book club members receive these bilingual books through the mail every month, they watch the mayor and a Spanish-speaking community leader read the books on Channel 8 every morning, and they receive a Mayor's Book Club backpack and T-shirt with their membership. A child can start building their own library even before they enter school. Sign up now! New worlds await all of you. 📍

For more information about the Mayor's Book Club or to enroll your 3 or 4 year old, go to www.ci.longmont.co.us/youth_services/early_care/index.htm#mbc or call Children & Youth Resources at 303-651-8580.



City Source Offers 24-hour Answers

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

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 online 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, seven 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 website. ➔

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

Al marcar el 303-774-4370, usted escuchará un mensaje de bienvenida. Para interrumpir el mensaje e ir directamente al directorio de mensajes en español, oprima el '3'. Entonces puede marcar el código de cuatro dígitos para el mensaje que desea escuchar. Para ver estos mensajes por internet, visite: www.ci.longmont.co.us/citysource/.

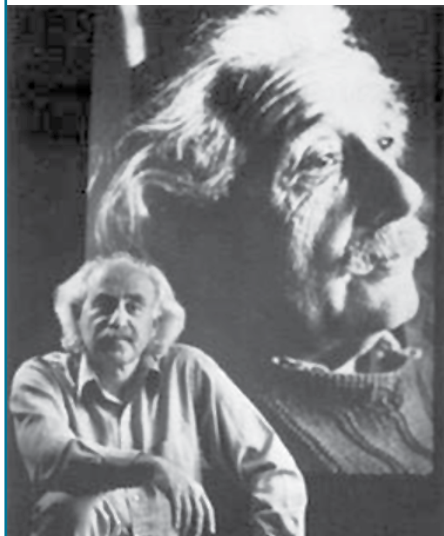
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SEPTEMBER

**1 Evening at the Museum:
The Low Flying Knobs**

7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374.

All women's Afro-pop marimba ensemble playing traditional and contemporary music from Zimbabwe, South Africa and other areas of the African diaspora. Seating is on the grass, picnics and lawn chairs welcome.



2 Einstein and Niels Bohr...A Fairy Tale

9 to 10 am at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Since creating this Einstein theater piece, Len Barron also has given talks and workshops for students and faculty at all levels, sharing Einstein's perspective on education and making a life.

7 Discovery Days

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, **9 – 10:15 am, 10:15-11:30 am, 12:30 – 2 pm** at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374.

Hands-on art, craft, and other activities for ages 2-5 and a parent. \$3 per child for residents, \$3.50 for nonresidents



10 Opening Reception for Longmont Studio Tour Preview Exhibit

6 to 9 pm at Muse Gallery, 356 Main St.

Come view art by each of more than 60 participating artists at this "taster" for the Longmont Studio Tour. The free exhibit continues through Friday, October 1. Tour maps are at the Muse and www.LongmontStudioTour.org. Toll free info: 1-888-827-8566.

11 Taste of Therapy Fair

10 am at Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 South Sunset.

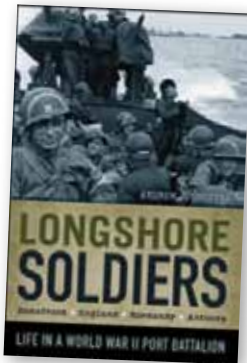
Sample a variety of alternative wellness options, \$5 per 15-minute session. 303-651-8404.

15 Longshore Soldiers

7 pm at Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374

Longmont author Andrew Brozyna will discuss his new book, "Longshore Soldiers," about the experiences of the 519th Port Battalion in Europe during World War II. Several pieces of trench art from the soldiers of the 519th are included in the Longmont Museum's Trench Art exhibit.

Lecture admission \$5, members of the Friends of the Museum admitted free.



18 Fire Muster

9 am on Main Street (north from 3rd to Longs Peak).

The parade, hosted by the Longmont Fire Department, begins at 9 am. A display



of emergency vehicles and demonstrations will be from 10 am to 2 pm at Roosevelt Park with a children's area and vendors. For specific information,

including the landing time of the emergency transport helicopter, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/fire/index.htm.

22 Elk Echoes

1:30 to 2:15 pm at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Join RMNP Ranger Richard Boye as he shares his stories of this majestic creature.

24 Fiesta Vaquera

6 to 9 pm at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Enjoy music and entertainment at this annual cultural celebration. Bring your favorite dish to share and your cowboy boots – it's Western Night. For more information contact Veronica Garcia at 303-651-8716. Free, registration required.

25 & 26 11th Annual Longmont Studio Tour

10 am to 5 pm in Longmont and surrounding area, including Niwot.

Discover Longmont's finest artists by taking the Longmont Studio Tour. This free, all-ages, self-guided tour invites you to visit working artists' studios. For information, a FREE tour map, and list of artists, go to www.LongmontStudioTour.org or call 1-888-827-8566.



17 Volunteer Sugar Skull Making Day

1 to 4 pm at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374.

20 Mitlan: The Place of the Dead

7 pm at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374.

Maruca Salazar, Executive Director of the Museo de las Americas in Denver, explores the traditions of Day of the Dead in an evening program.

23 Create a Catrina!

10 to 11:30 am at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374.

Hear the legend of this famous and fancy skeleton figure, discover the history behind the flamboyance, and create your own Catrina or Catrin. Taught by artist and folk historian Rita Flores de Wallace along with artist Julie Marino. \$5 per child, \$4 for 2nd child, \$3 for 3rd child, preregistration recommended, space is limited.

OCTOBER

9 Taste of Therapy Fair

10 am at Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 South Sunset.

An opportunity to sample a variety of alternative wellness options, \$5 per 15-minute session. 303-651-8404.

15 Friday Afternoon Concerts and Art Shows

Performances take place at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Tickets are \$7 at the door for each concert. Art exhibit opens at 1:30 pm and concerts begin at 2:30 pm. Call 303-651-8411 or 303-678-7869 for information or stop by the Senior Center to purchase your tickets in advance. The general public is invited, too. Bring your friends of all ages!

15 It Takes Three to Tango

At the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

This program will feature piano solos and chamber music for violin, cello and piano by Latin American composers. Local favorite Alejandro Cremaschi will be joined by Thomas Heinrich on cello and Elizabeth Kipper on violin in an exuberant and colorful program of chamber music.



15 & 16 Inclusive Communities Celebration

Friday **6 to 9 pm** and Saturday **9 am to 1 pm** at Longmont Senior Center, 910 Long Peaks Ave.

The entire Longmont community is invited to participate in the fourth annual celebration to discover and learn more about different cultures that are part of our diverse community.

25 Skull Masks

6 to 8 pm at the Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Ave. 303-651-8470.

30 Day of the Dead, Annual Community Celebration

10 am to 5 pm at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374.

This free community festival is the Longmont Museum's signature event. Enjoy traditional foods, music and dancing in the Museum's courtyard (weather permitting), sugar skull decorating, family altars, and much more.

30 34th Annual Halloween Parade

10 am on Main Street
Enjoy a foot parade down Main Street followed by Trick or Treat Street at participating merchants. Parade line begins at 9:30 am at the St. Vrain Memorial Building. 303-651-8404.

31 Safe Halloween Night

6 to 8:30 pm at Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road.

A night of free fun and games geared for children 10 and under. 303-651-8404.



Stop It

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Don't Make Excuses, Make it STOP!

Most domestic violence victims will seek help or change their situation because someone asks about their relationship.

ASK.

You could save a life!

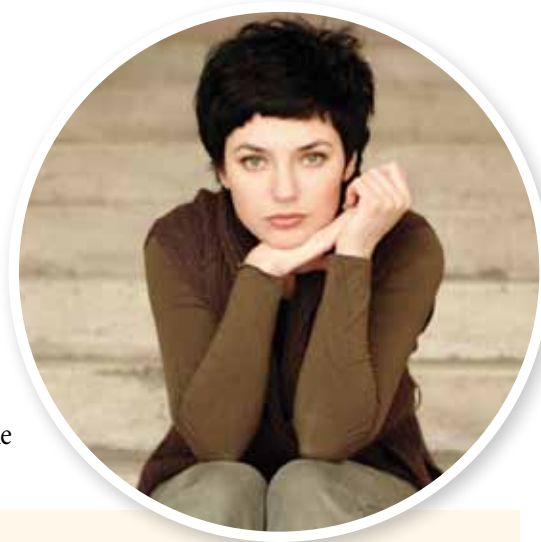
For non-emergency information and resources, call LEVI at 303-774-4534.

Emergency counseling and shelter, call 303-772-4422.

In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national movement to bring public attention to the problem of intimate partner violence. The Longmont Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI), a collaboration of 24 local agencies, works to raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence. Our goal is to educate the public about the effects of domestic violence on families and to find ways in which we can all work together to promote safety and eliminate domestic violence in the Longmont community. While October is the official month for this campaign, many individuals and organizations in Longmont make domestic violence awareness their goal every single day.



Facts:

- » Domestic violence is the #1 public safety issue in Longmont. 40% of cases in Boulder County occur in Longmont. More people are injured from domestic violence than any other crime in Longmont.
- » Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.
- » One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- » An estimated 37% of women who sought emergency room care were DV victims.

Many events are taking place during October to bring awareness to domestic violence. "Off the Shelf" is a display of books and materials on domestic violence at the Longmont Public Library. The Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley will hold their annual domestic violence memorial gathering called 'Light of Hope' at Isaac Walton Ponds. The Beth Haynes Award will be given on October 21 to a police officer who has shown outstanding domestic violence work in Boulder County. More information about these events will be posted on www.LongmontDomesticViolence.org as soon as it becomes available.

Domestic violence is not a family, individual or police issue – it is a community issue. **For more information, please call LEVI at 303-774-4534. For a 24-hour hotline, emergency counseling or shelter, call Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley at: 303-772-4422. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.** [↗](#)

THE FIRE MUSTER IS BACK!

The Longmont Fire Department will again host a Fire Muster on **SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, 2010!**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- * **9am** : Parade on Main Street (north from 3rd to Longs Peak)
- * **10am-2pm** : Roosevelt Park Display of Emergency Service Vehicles, Children's Area and Food Vendors
- * **Demonstrations** : **10:15am** Vehicle Extrication; **10:45am** Antique Steamer; **11:15am** Fire Dept Rappelling; **12:45** Sprinkler Demo; **1:15pm** Emergency Transport Helicopter Landing; **1:45pm** Bucket Brigade

For current information visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/fire



Stop Crime at the Doorstep A Program for Landlords

There are three ways criminal activity comes into a rental community: the criminals live there, they visit friends there, or they randomly come to the property to commit crimes. A new program to Longmont, the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, addresses all three of these situations.

Residents of rental properties are more likely to be transient. Most often, they sign a six-month, nine-month, or a twelve-month lease, and in many cases, owners don't even require leases, and residency is on a month-to-month basis. This allows occupants to move very easily if they feel crime has reached a level they will not tolerate. It is easier to move away from crime than to confront it.

By not renting to people with criminal intent, landlords not only reduce the likelihood of crime in the community, they also reduce the number of visitors who come to the property with criminal intent, for instance, to purchase drugs. This program's concept is to bring together a unique coalition of police, property managers and residents of rental properties to reduce crime in multifamily properties.

One of the key components of

the program allows for a Crime Free Lease Addendum to the lease residents sign. This addendum lists specific criminal acts that, if committed on or off the property, will result in immediate termination of the resident's lease.

In communities across the United States in which the police have implemented the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, they have achieved almost instant success. In rental properties with the highest crime rates, the immediate results showed up to a 90 percent reduction in calls for police service. Even in the best properties reductions of 15 to 20 percent are not uncommon.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is successful because it approaches crime on many fronts. The police can't solve crime problems alone – neither can the managers or residents of rental properties. But by working together, the end result has been the reduction of crimes in rental communities. [↗](#)

For information, or to participate in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, please call 303-774-4300, extension 2222.

Equal Access

Free Internet Service Available To Qualified Residents



As part of the installation of a citywide wireless Internet infrastructure, the City of Longmont received free Internet service accounts to help bridge the digital divide for families that cannot afford to purchase this service. These accounts are now being offered to low- and moderate-income households in Longmont with children in middle school or high school.

In addition to the free Internet service some families may receive help to purchase the scrambler units needed to receive the wireless service in the home. There also may be help available for families that don't have a computer through a partnership with the Jared Polis Foundation and the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Each household will be required to complete an application and provide verification of income, address and lawful presence in the United States.

To make an appointment or for any additional information please contact Tracy DeFrancesco, Housing Programs Specialist, at 303-774-4445. [+](#)



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CHERRY TREES BLOSSOM: Longmont Mayor Bryan L. Baum (third from left) and other dignitaries officially dedicate the new cherry tree grove in Kanemoto Park, 1151 S. Pratt Parkway. A delegation from Longmont's two sister cities Chino, Japan, and Ciudad Guzman, Mexico, also participated in the celebration. The Southmoor Park neighborhood donated their \$9,000 City of Longmont neighborhood improvement grant to help make the project possible. Pictured L to R are Ken Kanemoto, Joyce (Kanemoto) Williams, Mayor Bryan Baum, Jane Kanemoto, Consul General of Japan at Denver Kazuaki Kubo, Council Member Gabe Santos, Kazuko Kubo (wife of the Consul General) [+](#)

September is National Preparedness Month

During National Preparedness Month this September, the Federal Emergency Management Administration and the Longmont Office of Emergency Management are asking residents to accept their responsibilities as part of the country's emergency preparedness and response effort.

This year, National Preparedness Month (NPM) will focus on helping Americans recognize their role as part of the nation's emergency management team and encouraging everyone to get involved and be prepared. The 7th annual NPM is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. This year's slogan is "Plan Now, Work Together, Get Ready."

To coincide with NPM, the Longmont Office of Emergency Management announces the kickoff of the "Be Ready Longmont" program. The goal is to create a self-aware community that is capable of being self-sufficient for 72 hours. The program will focus on education, preparedness activities, and the "4 Steps to Self-sufficiency":



You'll be seeing educational materials and tools to help you be prepared when the program is launched in the fall. [+](#)

HAPPY RETURNS

EARLY LEARNING

A VILLAGE

LEARNING IS FUN

Numerous summer achievements advance St. Vrain

By Don Haddad, Superintendent, St. Vrain Valley School District

More than 27,000 students have returned to classrooms across the district and embarked on their next level of academic challenge and responsibility. This is an exciting time, and as superintendent I want to extend a sincere welcome to each of our new and returning students and their families.



Over the summer, district personnel have been working on a variety of initiatives to prepare for the new school year. Here's a summary of some of the projects we've been attending to:

The Technology Services Department has installed 1,163 new computers and upgraded another 10,000 operating systems at schools across the district. In addition, technicians have installed more than 100 state-of-the-art "smart carts" in many classrooms in the district's oldest schools. Each unit includes a laptop, a document camera, and a high definition projector and audio system.

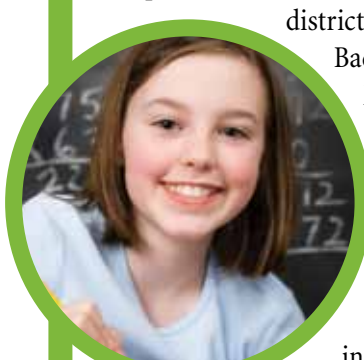
The Learning Services Department completed extended school year classes for hundreds of students. By students remaining enrolled in school throughout the summer – engaged primarily in intensive reading and writing instruction – we are elevating their academic performance.

At no time in the past have students and families in our district had so many curriculum options to choose from. Every elementary school in the district has a complete selection of early childhood education programs, and the district has added focus schools in International Baccalaureate, Science, Math & Technology, Arts & Music, Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement to name a few.

The role of parents is critical to a child's success in school. By remaining involved with your child's learning activities, teachers and school, your child's academic achievement is likely to improve. Positive parent involvement includes reading to your children, helping with homework, ensuring that students make time for studying every day, and asking your son or daughter about what they're doing in their classes and other school activities.

I also encourage parents to attend parent-teacher meetings, volunteer in the school, attend PTA meetings, know their school board representatives, and follow school newsletters and websites for important developments, school functions, and valuable program opportunities. Developing a strong connection with your school community – especially your child's teachers and principal – is the easiest way for a parent to ensure that their child succeeds in school.

Finally, throughout the coming year, the district will continue to strengthen its efforts to communicate with parents and other stakeholders, keeping you informed of our accomplishments and emerging challenges. As always, if you have questions or concerns about the district, I welcome you to contact me at 303-682-7205 or haddad_don@stvrain.k12.co.us to discuss your ideas. [+](#)





Room to Change

New Bathhouse Coming in 2011

Sunset Pool will sport a very different look when the 2011 season begins – it will have a brand new bathhouse.

The bathhouse will be known as The Village at Sunset, and it will include two family locker rooms in addition to separate men's and women's facilities, better wheelchair accessibility, a larger concessions area, as well as an eco-friendly electrical system.

The bathhouse has had heavy use—about 80,000 people access Sunset Pool each season, enjoying the mountain views, water slide and high dive from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Some people travel to Sunset from as far as Denver,

according to Sandy Stubblefield, pool manager.

The City has budgeted \$931,000 for the new bathhouse through its capital improvement projects fund and will begin accepting construction bids at the end of this summer. The plan is to begin construction in the fall, soon after bids are approved.

The City will continue a long tradition with the new bathhouse at Sunset Pool—it acquired the land that would become Sunset Park in 1915, and the public enjoyed swimming even back then, but in a small lake. The first bathhouse at Sunset was built about circa 1923. ➔

Go Downtown for Adult Education

Where can adults go in Longmont to learn English or get a high school diploma? To a school right downtown on Main Street — St. Vrain Valley Adult Education.

Adult Education offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes,

literacy and basic skills studies, as well as a citizenship class. You can also pursue a high school diploma from our Adult High School in a self-paced, independent setting. You must be 17 years or older and live within the St.

Vrain Valley School District.

Adult Education is open Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 8:30 pm (no school on Fridays). Visit them at 820 Main Street or call 303-678-5662. Se habla español. ➔

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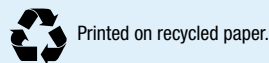
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- Recreation Brochure:** www.ci.longmont.co.us/rec/index.htm
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Animal Control	303-651-8500
Building Inspection	303-651-8332
CDBG/Affordable Housing	303-651-8736
Centennial Pool	303-651-8406
Children & Youth Resources	303-651-8580
City Manager/Mayor	303-651-8601
Code Enforcement	303-651-8695
Economic Development	303-651-8330
Electric Power Interruption	303-776-0011
Fire Administration	303-651-8437
Jobline	303-651-8710
Library	303-651-8470
Longmont Power & Communications	303-651-8386
Municipal Court	303-651-8688
Museum	303-651-8374
Community & Neighborhood Resources	303-651-8444
Parks and Open Space	303-651-8446
Parking Enforcement	303-651-8658 or 303-774-4724
Police Administration	303-651-8555
Public Works Engineering	303-651-8304
Recreation Center	303-774-4800
St. Vrain Memorial Building	303-651-8404
Senior Services	303-651-8411
Street Maintenance	303-651-8416
Trash and Recycling	303-651-8416
Utility Billing	303-651-8664
Water/Sewer/Storm Drainage	303-651-8468



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LPC launches new efficiency resource

Longmont Power & Communications, the community's local electric provider, will launch a new online efficiency resource, LPC's PowerOutlet, in early October. It offers numerous resources, including interactive tools to help customers make their homes more efficient and stay plugged in to conservation.

The free web service will be easily accessible through LPC's website and will highlight loads of energy savings and electric service information.

LPC's PowerOutlet is highlighted by a monthly e-newsletter covering seasonal topics as they relate to efficiency, new and emerging technologies and much more news about the Longmont community, the region and the nation that will be delivered directly to your e-mailbox.

eCalculators allow customers to compare heating and cooling systems as well as track home energy use, carbon footprint and appliances' energy use.

An eLibrary includes segments on home comfort (heating, cooling, insulation and weatherization), appliance profiles, lighting, home safety, energy in lawn and outdoor spaces, green living and energy resources.

Subscribers will also benefit from Quick Tips – two- to three-line suggestions offering ways to improve efficiency and conservation bottom line.

You can register for LPC's PowerOutlet by visiting www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc and clicking on the program icon. ➔

Jobs Lead to Independence

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state-provided service through the Colorado Department of Human Services that helps individuals with disabilities become active in the workforce and live on their own. If you need help, or know someone who does, contact the DVR at 303-776-6878. ➔