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## One New Member Joins Three Incumbents on Council



**NEW COUNCIL TERM BEGINS:** *The Longmont City Council began its new term on November 7 following a swearing-in ceremony. Pictured L to R (back row) Fred Wilson, Mary Blue, Karen Benker, Doug Brown, (front row) Mayor Pro Tem Roger Lange, Mayor Julia Pirnack and Marty Block.*

Longmont Mayor Julia Pirnack, Council members Roger Lange and Karen Benker and new Council member Mary Blue were sworn into office during a ceremony on November 7, 2005 at the Longmont Civic Center.

Pirnack gathered almost 60% of the vote in the race for Mayor while Lange and Blue topped a field of eleven candidates for two at-large positions. Benker defeated two others to represent Ward II.

The Council also selected Roger Lange to be the new Mayor Pro Tem.

Former Council member Tom McCoy vacated his seat due to term limits. A reception was held for him last month honoring his 22 years of service on the Longmont City Council.

## City Offers Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Longmont will be recycling Christmas trees at no charge for residents from December 26 through January 6. Bring trees to the Tree Limb Diversion Center located at 140 Martin Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or to one of the satellite drop-off sites listed below. **Decorations and bags must be removed from the tree prior to drop off. Please do not leave any other trash or debris at the drop off sites.** The Tree Limb Diversion Center will be closed on New Years Day.

### Drop Off Sites:

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| Tree Limb Diversion Center | 140 Martin Street                                 |
| Roosevelt Park             | Parking lot at 8th Avenue and Pratt Street        |
| Garden Acres Softball Park | West side of parking lot off 18th Avenue          |
| Kanemoto Park              | Parking lot west of S. Pratt Parkway              |
| Centennial Park            | East parking lot at Alpine St. and Verdant Circle |

Call 303-651-8416 for more information. Happy Holidays!



*A Message from*

*Mayor Julia Pirnack*



## Historic Preservation an Important Priority

Longmont is a special community for many reasons, but nothing surpasses its colorful history – a history that we’re reminded of every day when we see or visit historic properties in our city, some that date back as far as the 1860s.

It is important for everyone to recognize that the City, organizations and residents have been and will continue to be very engaged in preserving properties that are historically significant. We will continue to evaluate and devote resources to restore special and significant historic residences and commercial properties in the City that warrant preservation.

The Longmont Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) began a surveying effort in 1999 with the assistance of the State Historic Fund and Certified Local Governments program. To date the HPC has received \$141,950 from these two programs. Since 1999 the HPC has surveyed over 500 homes within the East and Westside Neighborhoods, including the entire Eastside National Historic District. The city is continuing the survey of the Westside National Historic District. This effort has also included HPC sponsored Preservation Week activities, community meetings and commission meetings to promote the survey and the advantages of preservation.

This heightened awareness and activity has led to a significant increase in the number of locally designated landmarks. In 1999 Longmont had 84 Landmarks. This number has increased to 113 in 2005 as a direct result of the surveying effort. Regular mailings are sent in October and April to residents living within surveyed areas notifying them of their eligibility status and the benefits of local designation. These mailings publicize preservation and dispel myths about designation.

The St. Vrain Historical Society, incorporated in 1967, has built a distinguished record of successfully completing preservation projects, maintaining properties to protect their historic integrity and operating them to maximize public benefit. Remember that the holiday season is a wonderful time to attend or plan an event at some of these properties! Projects have included:

- Spearheading the campaign to save the

landmark 1881 Old St. Stephen’s Church

- Restoring the 1871 Townley House, one of the earliest Chicago-Colorado Colony homes
- Developing Old Mill Park as a historic and educational resource for the community
- Donating funds for restoration projects at the Callahan House (City of Longmont), WPA Post Office and old Trojan Theater (Longmont Theater Company)
- Restoring the 1860 pioneer Affolter Cabin
- Refurbishing the 1873 Hubbard House
- Restoring the Hover Farmstead and development of a Farmstead Park
- Purchasing and preserving historic Hoverhome
- Refurbishing the 1890 Billings Cabin

In the Central Business District, since 2000 alone, the Longmont Downtown Development Authority has leveraged \$7,020,359 in funds to assist business and property owners with façade improvement and restoration on 90 Central Business District properties including these locally designated buildings:

- The historic Dicken’s Opera House
- The historic First National Bank Building
- The Pumhouse
- The historic Imperial Hotel
- The historic Post Office and VFW

Finally, residents in the Historic West and Eastside Neighborhoods have and will continue to spend millions in private funds renovating and restoring historic properties in these districts. Additional efforts will continue into the future to identify feasible and sensible means to preserve Longmont’s agricultural landmarks including the flour mill and sugar factory through adaptive reuse.

As you can see, the city, non-profits and private individuals have invested a significant amount of resources to conserve landmarks in our community and preserve the unique history that makes Longmont such a special place.

If you would like further information on any of these properties or opportunities for historic preservation, please give us a call 303-651-8601.

**Julia Pirnack**

## Residents Encouraged to Rank On-line Services

The City of Longmont is in the process of evaluating the best mix of Internet services it can provide for its residents. An on-line survey is available for customers to complete at <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/survey/> to help gauge present and future priorities for doing business on-line with the city. As new on-line applications are developed, feedback from customers will help us determine which are most desirable.

## Adopt-A-Park Volunteers Needed

The City of Longmont, Parks & Forestry Department wishes to thank all of our dedicated 2005 "Adopt-A Park" volunteers for their generous help in keeping our parks and greenways beautiful. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

There are still parks available for adoption in 2006. If you are interested in "Adopting A Park" or a section of the St. Vrain Greenway, please call Lore Blattner, Parks & Forestry Division, 303-651-8446.

## Ice Pavilion to Open for the Holidays

Recreation Services is proud to announce the opening of the Longmont Ice Pavilion in Roosevelt Park.

Open skate, skating lessons, youth hockey leagues, adult drop-in stick and puck and special days will all be included in the 2005-2006 season.

Parking is located in the lots adjacent to the rink on Longs Peak Avenue.

The Longmont Ice Pavilion is sponsored by Longmont Power and Communications and Platte River Power Authority. For a complete fee and hour schedule, please call the Ice Pavilion at 303-774-4777.

## Credit Card Auto Pay Ready for Utility Customers

Tired of writing a check each month to pay your residential utility bill? Then sign up for automatic payment with your credit or debit card.

Here's how it works: call Customer Service at 303-651-8664 and give us your credit or debit card information over the phone. You will receive your bill in the mail every month just as you do now, and have time



to review it before your credit or debit card is charged with the monthly billing amount.

If you have a question about your bill, just call Customer Service before your due date to discuss it with us. Your bill will be charged to your card on your due date, or the next business date after your due date, if the date is on the weekend or holiday.

## Help Neighbors Pay Utility Bills

Please take a minute to look at the message on the back of your utility bill this month for an easy way to assist your neighbors in Longmont that are less fortunate. As little as \$1 a month can really make a difference, and signing up is very easy.

## Fat Trappers Now Available

Stop! Don't pour your cooking grease down the drain. It causes sewer blockages. Collect it for disposal to the trash. Public Works & Water Utilities are offering free Fat Trappers and inserts (as seen at Rhythm on the River). Call 303-651-8667 for more information.

## Large Item Stop-n-Drop on January 14

Do you anticipate a lot of cleaning up to do after the holidays have come and gone? Public Works Solid Waste Operations will host the first Stop-N-Drop program of 2006 on Saturday, January 14, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Public Works Maintenance Facility, 375 Airport Road.

Customers can bring large and bulky household items as well as leftover holiday trash for disposal. Please bring a utility bill to the Stop-N-Drop, as the program is available at no cost to City refuse collection customers only.

Residents are also asked to consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to the OUR Center.

The following items will not be accepted during the Stop-N-Drop program: household waste, dirt, rock, sod, concrete, roofing materials, chemicals, limbs, yard waste, tires, auto parts, hazardous waste, air conditioners or refrigerators.

For recommendations on how to dispose of these items or for more information about the Stop-n-Drop Program, call Public Works Operations at 303-651-8416 or visit our website at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/solidwaste/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/solidwaste/index.htm).





# The Front Porch

## Focus on Longmont Share your Vision - Create our Legacy

In January 2005, the Longmont City Council launched *Focus on Longmont: Share your vision, Create our legacy* — a community-wide planning effort about our city's future. Throughout this entire year, over 500 Longmont community members have been engaged in one-on-one interviews or nearly 20 community forums to share their ideas about Longmont's future as a mature City with no more new land available for development inside Longmont Comprehensive Planning Area.

Community members not only shared their visions, but they also helped create strategic policies and actions that will help Longmont remain a distinct, vibrant community with adequate resources to sustain the kind of life residents want to enjoy for decades into the future.

We are in the homestretch of what has been a creative and engaging process. Whether you participated in the 20 different *Focus on Longmont* forums or not, we hope you have realized an opportunity to contribute to this critical, long-term planning effort.

### What Happens Next?

Comments from the community will be used in developing the Policy Report for the *Focus on Longmont* strategic plan. The report will describe in detail the five policy areas which are: *Promote a Healthy Business Climate; Support Education as a Community-Wide Value; Enhance the Natural Environment; Focus on Downtown; and Promote a Sense of Community Identity and Cultural Inclusion.* Additionally, the report will provide an assessment of how each policy reflects what we learned from the community and how it will help Longmont be sustainable at build-out of the Longmont Planning Area. The Policy Report may be viewed by going to <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/focus>. We invite you to comment on this report by completing the online form.

Early in 2006, our consultants will conduct a fiscal impact analysis that will look at a range of potential economic scenarios at build-out. The results of this analysis will assist City Council in

setting priorities for implementation of specific aspects of these strategic policies, which is scheduled to occur by the end of February, 2006.

### How Can I Stay Involved?

One of City Council's initial goals related to the *Focus on Longmont* project was that it would entail broad community involvement throughout the process. As a result of the efforts of the community members and volunteers, we have made great strides towards meeting that goal. This community-based approach will be carried forward as we move into the implementation stages of the plan.

Once City Council determines which of the policies they wish to focus on first, the best approaches for continued community engagement will be developed and pursued.

Please continue to check out the City's website for updates and for new opportunities for involvement at <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/focus>. You can also contact one of the project leaders for ongoing information about *Focus on Longmont*: Karen Roney at 303.651.8633, Dale Rademacher at 303.651.8355 or Carmen Ramirez at 303.651.8445.

## Thank You Coordinating Team

A team of nearly 40 community members helped guide the *Focus on Longmont* project. They worked long hours to bring diverse voices from the community into the process. If you know any of these people, please feel free to thank them for their efforts on behalf of our community.

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