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## Variety of Issues to be Discussed at Annual Council Retreat

The Longmont City Council will conduct its annual retreat on Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28, 2006. The retreat will be held at the Xilinx Retreat Center, located at 3100 Logic Drive in Longmont.

Throughout the month of November 2005, the City Council reviewed suggested topics for the retreat from various Boards and Commissions as well as from staff and other Council Members. Topics chosen for the 2006 City Council Retreat include:



- Economic Strategies and Retail Analysis Outcomes
  - LDDA Project Planning/ Downtown Revitalization
  - Implementation of Redevelopment Plans and Transit Oriented Development/FasTracks Proposal
  - Future Education Collaboration
  - Public Safety Resources
- Staff reports, 2006 workplans and 2005 City accomplishments are available at [http://ci.longmont.co.us/city\\_council/reports/index.htm](http://ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/reports/index.htm) or at the Longmont Library, located at 409 4th Avenue.

## Oil Recycling Available at City's Public Works Facility

Although the weather is much colder, your car still runs hot. Proper maintenance of your vehicle becomes very important in the winter months.

This maintenance usually requires changing engine oil at regular intervals. Since it is a toxic substance, used motor oil should never be put in the trash, poured down the drain or on the ground.

When poured on the ground or in the drain, it can seep into the groundwater and contaminate our drinking water supplies. When oil is thrown in the trash, it will leak out of the

truck, pouring oil all down the streets of your neighborhood. According to AAA, one quart of oil can pollute up to 200,000 gallons of drinking water.

So what do you do with all that used oil? Bring that motor oil to Public Works Operations located at 375 Airport Road, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we will recycle it!

Also, up to five gallons of oil will be collected curbside by appointment. All oil must be in plastic, see-through, sealed gallon containers, such as milk jugs and should be at least two feet from refuse and recycling containers.

Call Public Works Operations at 303-651-8416 to make an appointment or for more information about oil recycling.





*A Message from*  
**Mayor Julia Pirnack**



# City's Largest Capital Improvement Project Honors Nelson & Flanders

**T**he new Nelson-Flanders water treatment plant was officially dedicated on December 3,

budget by approximately \$1 to 1.5 million.

Through prudent financial planning, the water

2005. The plant, named for two former Water Board members and dedicated community leaders Milt Nelson and Larry Flanders, is an impressive example of water customer dollars at work.



*Mayor Julia Pirnack (center) is pictured with Larry Flanders (left) and Helen Nelson (right), the wife of Milt Nelson. Longmont's new Water Treatment Plant is named after Nelson and Flanders. Nelson was on the City of Longmont Water Board for two decades, serving as chairman for 18 of those years. Larry Flanders served for 23 years on the Water Board.*

The plant, located on 122 acres between the City limits and the Town of Lyons, has the capacity to treat 30 million gallons of water a day. Combined with the other two active water treatment

Designed to complement the natural environment and rural character of the surrounding area, this facility will allow the City to meet new, more stringent federal and state drinking water standards that may be adopted over the next several years as well as meet our community's water needs for the next 20 years.

The construction of the Nelson-Flanders Treatment plant continues Longmont's long-standing commitment to ensuring the highest quality and most reliable water supply for our needs.

Nelson and Flanders had the ability 40 years ago to envision what Longmont would look like in the 21st Century and laid the groundwork for Longmont's enviable position as a leader in water resource management. They were dedicated to working together for the benefit of the city as a whole. That's why these two visionaries deserve to be specially recognized by us. In Colorado water remains a critical basic service that is linked directly to our ability to remain a vibrant and prosperous community.

Construction of the WTP began in August 2003. The budget for the project, including construction of new raw and treated water lines, was \$60.7 million. It is estimated that the project will come in under

utility was able to cash fund all but \$19 million and no rate increases were needed for the project. The site and project design allows for future expansion as the City approaches full build out of the Longmont Planning Area — up to an ultimate treatment capacity of 80 million gallons per day.

The City's oldest water treatment plant, built in 1934 with a capacity of 15 MGD will be retired early next year. A second plant, which is approaching 40 years of operation, is expected to be

phased out of service in the next 5 to ten years due to age and lack of ability to meet new drinking water quality standards. The new treatment plant is the new "base" plant, providing the bulk of the City's water treatment, while the other two plants will act as "peaking" plants, helping to meet heavy water demands especially during summer irrigation season.

The City has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with our neighbor, the Town of Lyons, to treat their water as well. Once their water is treated, Lyons will deliver the water to their residents through their own distribution system. This type of regional cooperation is mutually beneficial for both communities.

The City of Longmont is fortunate to have an excellent water supply, treatment plants ready to meet all federal and state drinking water standards, and stable, competitive water rates for our customers.

Thanks to two wonderful gentlemen, Milt Nelson and Larry Flanders, many other water board members over the years and the City staff as well as citizens for their great foresight and generosity in ensuring such a great water supply for our City.

**Julia Pirnack**

# Calling All Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy and Safety & Justice Volunteers

All graduates of the Citizens Police Academy and current S&J Volunteers are invited to join the newly formed "Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Volunteer Association."

Many police departments around the country have strong CPA Alumni/ Volunteer Associations. These Associations offer service projects for their communities and opportunities for social gatherings to its members. They are also another avenue to build bridges between residents and police officers.

**MISSION:** To bring together graduates of the Longmont Citizens Police Academy(CPA) and current S&J Volunteers as a source

of active volunteer support to the LPD, to promote awareness of law enforcement and community issues, and enhance relations between the community and the Department.

Over 40 Longmont community members have spent the last few months helping to get this new Association off the ground. Please join us at the first regular meeting of this new Association on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Safety and Justice Community Room. Police Chief Mike Butler will be our guest speaker. Refreshments will be provided!

For more information, call the Police Programs Coordinator at 303-774-4440.

# Fingerprints Available at the Longmont PD

The Longmont Police Department provides fingerprinting services for people who live and/or work within the city limits of Longmont.



These services are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Police window on the first floor of the Safety and Justice Center, 225 Kimbark Street. The cost is \$5.00 for the first card, and \$2.00 for each additional card.

The Police Department does NOT provide fingerprinting cards – they must be brought in by persons wishing to obtain the fingerprints.

# Water and Wastewater Billing Reflects 100-Gallon Readings

Your January utility bill reflects a change in how water meters are read and water and wastewater services are billed. Water meters are now read and water and wastewater usage billed in 100 gallon increments. They were previously read and billed in 1,000 gallon increments. This procedure is designed to increase accuracy and enhance equity among customers. The water and wastewater rates have not changed.

The usage on your current bill is shown and billed in 100 gallons. Previously it was rounded down to the nearest 1,000 gallons. For example, if you used 4,000 gallons of water, it will be printed on your bill as 4,000 gallons. Previously, it would have been printed on your bill as 4. If you used 4,300 gallons of water, it will be printed on your bill as 4,300 gallons. Previously it would have been printed on your bill as 4. Rates are also shown differently on your bill to reflect the change in how usage is printed.

Usage (gallons)	OLD BILLING		NEW BILLING	
	Gallons Billed	Rate	Gallons Billed	Rate
4,000	4	2.53	4,000	0.00253
4,300	4	2.53	4,300	0.00253

Although this water billing more accurately reflects your monthly usage, you should not see any significant difference in your overall annual water bill if you maintain a consistent consumption pattern from year-to-year.

Residential wastewater is billed against actual water usage on January, February, and March utility bills. Wastewater is billed the remainder of the year using an average winter water consumption calculated using the first three months consumption. This billing process recognizes that the seasonal use of water to irrigate does not enter the wastewater collection system or require treatment. Because of the greater accuracy in billing, you may see a change in your annual wastewater charges depending on how your 100 gallons consumption varies from the previous 1,000 gallons billing process. For example, if you consistently use 100 gallons above the thousands, you may see a small difference in your monthly bill. If you consistently use 900 gallons above the thousands, you may see a more significant change in your monthly bill.

# Apply Now for 2006 Students Exchanges to Japan and Mexico



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In July of 2006, the Longmont Sister Cities Association will again send two student exchange delegations to its sister cities in Chino, Japan and Ciudad Guzman, Mexico. Students and chaperones will spend approximately 10 days living with

a local family and getting to know the customs and people of another country. They will also meet daily as a group for scheduled travel and cultural activities during their stay in the host city.

Students selected as Longmont's ambassadors will attend fundraising activities and orientation classes during the spring and summer prior to the trip. Upon return, they will have the opportunity to host foreign students from these two cities, attend a variety of activities together, and give presentations about their experiences. Past participants rank this as one of their most memorable and unique opportunities.

Applications for both chaperones and students are available at the City Manager's Office, 350 Kimbark, 303-651-8601. Chaperone applicants must live and/or work within the boundaries of the St. Vrain Valley School District, but do not have to be employed in the public schools. They must be willing to begin orientation sessions following student selection. Chaperone applications are due by Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, and must be in the City Manager's Office by 5 p.m.

Student ambassadors must be currently enrolled in grades 8 - 11, attending public, private or home-school classes. Sister Cities is looking for students who are outgoing, flexible, and interested in other cultures. They must be willing to commit much of their summer to the exchange program. Student Ambassador applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2006.

If you are interested in this exciting challenge, here are some important dates and locations:

- Sunday, January 29, 2006 - Chaperone Interviews at Skyline High School, individual time slots
- Sunday, February 12, 2006 - Family Orientation, for Student Applicants and parents at Longmont Public Library, Meeting Rooms A & B
- Sunday, February 26, 2006 - Student Ambassador Interviews in Safety and Justice Building, Community Room, 3rd and Kimbark

If you'd like more information, contact Sue Bolton, 303-776-9224, or bellcrest2003@yahoo.com.

## Free Income Tax Prep Begins in February

Low income families and individuals who meet income limits, can receive free income tax assistance beginning in February.



• Starting February 1, 2006, tax assistance will be available on Wednesdays, 5 - 8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the US Bank located at 436 Coffman St.

• From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday between January 28 and April 15, free assistance will be available at Front Range Community College located at 2121 Miller Dr. (entrance 7, Room C1772).

• On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., free assistance is available to seniors at the Longmont Senior Center, February 2 thru April 13.

Many low-income individuals and families are eligible for an EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit), which averages approximately \$1,500 per return.

Volunteers will prepare tax returns for free and they also offer electronic filing. Last year, US Bank prepared over 300 returns, which calculated into over \$300,000 in EITC brought into the Longmont community and the program saved filers over \$45,000 in tax preparation fees.

US Bank will offer the opportunity to open instant bank accounts for depositing tax refunds. Spanish translators will be available to assist in the tax filing process.

For more information, call 303-678-9612.



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For questions about this publication call 303-651-8840

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