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Information Fair to Answer Questions about Boards, Committees & Commissions

Have you ever wondered what types of boards, committees and commissions exist in your City? What do they do and what is their purpose? How are the members appointed? How can you become involved?

Join us on June 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center, 350 Kimbark Street, for the Board, Committee, and Commission Information Fair. The City of Longmont and the Neighborhood Group Leaders Association are hosting an Information Fair to help answer these questions and much more.

Board members and/or staff liaisons from various boards, committees, and commissions will be present to make presentations, answer questions and share their experiences

Information Fair
June 15, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Civic Center
350 Kimbark St.
303-651-8649

with you.

Citizen participation helps to ensure that our local government is truly addressing the needs of our entire community.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your local government, plan on attending the Information Fair to learn about the different types of boards, their purpose, and find out how you can become a member. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, June 15, 2006.

City Hosts Bilingual Housing Fair at Mall

The City of Longmont is sponsoring the 2006 Bilingual Homeownership Fair on May 21, 2006 at Twin Peaks Mall.

The fair will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the North Foyer of the Mall. Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, real estate agents, and mortgage lenders will provide information on their services in English and Spanish.

This is an opportunity for those interested in homeownership to talk with local housing professionals about available resources to help them purchase a home. Resources on predatory lending, refinancing, reverse mortgages, and repair loans will also be available for those who already own their home. Drawings for prizes will be held throughout the day.

For more information, please call Molly McElroy at 303.651.8530. Llame Enrique Damian en 303.774.4445 por más información.





A Message from

Mayor Julia Pirnack



Longmont's Visionary Leaders Provided the City with Plentiful Water Supply

The old saying, "Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting" was no idle observation. Water was so important to Colorado settlers that they didn't hesitate to use guns and fists to protect their claims to it.

The scarcity of water paved the way for Colorado's water law that awards water rights on a first-come, first-served basis. Under the doctrine of "prior appropriation" (sometimes called the Colorado Doctrine) water rights are established when water is put to a beneficial use.

The water court officially recognizes the right by issuing a decree and assigns a priority date. In times of water shortages or droughts, senior water rights are satisfied first before junior water rights. The Morris Coffin family, 1860 settlers of Sandstone Ranch, initiated the legal case that set the precedent for this "first-in-time, first-in-right" doctrine.

The City of Longmont is fortunate to have an extensive portfolio of senior water rights developed by the visionary leaders of our past. The City's high-quality water resources originate in mountain watersheds fed by snowmelt and rainfall.

The Public Works & Water Utilities' staff continues to manage and develop the City's water supply in accordance with the Raw Water Master Plan that includes a set of Guiding Water Principles. All new annexations are required to transfer to the City enough water rights to serve their proposed development, or alternatively, pay cash-in-lieu so that the City can purchase adequate water rights.

To ensure a plentiful supply of water, staff is working with other northern Front Range cities and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District to construct new water storage facilities. The City manages its water supply with the intent to balance the various water requirements of the community—domestic, commercial, recreational and environmental protection.

Longmont is a semi-arid region with average

annual precipitation of 14 inches. During the recent drought, precipitation fell to a low of 8.66 inches in 2002. A drought is typically defined as single or multiple consecutive water years with below average stream flow.

The City has both a Drought Response Plan and Water Conservation Master Plan in place to address the wise use of water, especially during times of shortages.

Longmont citizens have a strong conservation ethic, and per capita water consumption is actually declining. Several initiatives have contributed to our ability to continue this trend. Low flow showerheads, faucets and toilets have been required in all new construction since 1996.

The City encourages the use of low-water use appliances by offering a rebate on qualified washing machines and toilets purchased April 1 through September 30, and on qualified dishwashers purchased October 1 through December 30. All water services are now metered, so that all water delivered can be accounted for and customers pay for the water they actually use.

Since outdoor irrigation accounts for 50% of residential water use, we have stepped up educational opportunities aimed at reducing irrigation usage. These opportunities include free irrigation system efficiency inspections offered in June through August, free Xeriscape seminars, the Quail Campus and Sunset demonstration Xeriscape gardens and the "garden-in-a-box" program.

Water is a finite resource. As the world population grows, there will be less water for each individual, and water is not always available in each place at all times. While we are in an enviable position, we must remain diligent and careful stewards of our high quality, well-planned water supply and storage system.

Julia Pirnack

Customer Satisfaction Survey to Measure City Services

In an effort to gauge public opinion on the effectiveness of local government, the city is mailing surveys to residents of Longmont. Three-thousand households have been randomly selected to participate in the survey and all respondents will remain strictly anonymous. If you receive the survey, please fill it out and return it as quickly as possible. The survey is being administered by the National Research Center in Boulder.

Learn to Address Conflict Productively

How many of us are comfortable with conflict? Whether it's with our neighbor, spouse, children, landlord, friend or co-worker, conflict is inevitable and can be a continual challenge.

Most of us are not comfortable with these situations and are unsure about how to effectively address them. Many of us are afraid of confrontation and may try to just ignore the problem, hoping it will just go away while others may swing to the opposite extreme by becoming emotionally aggressive and enraged. Neither extreme is productive in the end.

Learning how to effectively approach and address conflict is certainly not easy, but it is worth the effort. May is Mediation month for the City of Longmont, so we encourage you to take the time to address any unresolved conflict in your lives in a productive and healthy manner. Consider some of the following tools to address whatever conflict you may be experiencing.

1. Use "I" messages to explain your perspective. "I feel upset about..." Avoid accusations of what the other person is doing which can create defensiveness.
2. Seek true understanding about what the other person is saying by clarifying and restating what you think you've heard.
3. Try to release the past and focus on the present.
4. Be clear about what you want.
5. If all else fails, consider mediation.

The Longmont Mediation Program is a free service for those who live or work within the City of Longmont to help mediate conflicts in the areas of neighborhoods, landlord/tenant, workplace, family and cross-cultural issues. For more information, call 303-651-8444.

Bike to Work on June 28

On Wednesday, June 28, 2006, thousands of people will ride their bikes to work as opposed to driving in a car. That's the date that Colorado's legislature has declared Bike to Work Day, an annual event that educates and excites people about commuting by bicycle.

Why bike to work? It's a great way to get out of traffic, save gas, and get some exercise at the same time, so bicycle commuting just makes sense.

Most metro areas across the state have Bike to Work Day events, but the metro Denver/Boulder area, having the largest population, also holds the largest event.

On Bike to Work Day 2005, over 18,000 individuals across the Denver/Boulder metro area rode their bikes to work and reduced the automobile miles traveled on our roads by slightly more than 268,000 miles in just one day.

Individuals commuting by bicycle to Longmont or on their way out of town can enjoy a free breakfast at one of six locations. Breakfast stations will be open as early as 6:30 a.m. and will continue serving riders until 8:30 a.m. In Longmont, breakfast will be provided to riders at the



following locations:

- City of Longmont, Civic Center Complex, 350 Kimbark Street
- Deja Brew Coffee Shop, 600 S. Airport Road
- Great Harvest Bread Company, 1100 Ken Pratt Boulevard
- Java Stop, 301 Main Street
- Panera Bread, 425 Ken Pratt Boulevard
- St. Vrain Valley & Premier Members Credit Unions – RTD Roosevelt park-n-Ride, 775 Coffman Street

The Denver Regional Council of Governments, a planning agency with more than 50 city and county member governments, organizes Bike to Work Day. It's joined in this effort by a team of dedicated, enthusiastic planning partners and sponsors, including the City of Longmont, Bicycle Longmont, the Daily Times-Call, and Amgen.

For specific information and on-line registration, go to the DRCOG web-site at www.drcog.org and click on the Bike to Work Day icon. On-line registration should be available beginning May 1, 2006.

Pay Utility Bills at Cash Outlet Store

The City is now accepting payments (cash only) for monthly utility bills at Cash Outlet, 218 South Main Street. Their business hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Western Union, who processes these payments, charges a \$1 processing fee for each payment. You need to have either a payment stub from your monthly utility bill or a payment stub from a "Reminder Notice" that is mailed to you when your bill becomes past due.

In order to assure that your payment is credited to your account correctly, payments will not be accepted at Cash Outlet without one of these stubs.

Also remember that you can now pay your account over the web by going to www.ci.longmont.co.us, selecting "Utility Billing" from the drop-down menu and registering for access to your account. Call 303-651-8664 for more information.

Summer Concert Season Kicks Off in May

The City of Longmont, Department of Community Services, is proud to present twenty-one concerts at City facilities and parks around the city. Through the support of our sponsors, all the concerts are free. Seating at some venues is limited; call the sponsoring division for more information.

Concerts take place from

May 18 to August 16, and are held at the Pavilion at Roosevelt Park at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays (and one Friday) and at the Longmont Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Whether you attend one or more concerts this summer, please enjoy them responsibly. Concerts

are held outdoors, so please wear sunscreen and insect repellent, and bring a blanket or chair. Alcohol is not permitted on City grounds. In the event of hazardous weather, please follow the directions of concert organizers.

For more information, call the Museum at 303 651-8374, the Library at 303 651-8470, or Recreation Services at 303 651-8404.

Summer Concert Schedule

May 18, 7 pm – Library
Dave Honig & Friends

June 6, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Big Bang

June 8, 7 pm – Library
The Muses

June 13, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Influx

June 20, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Longmont Concert Band & Longmont Barbershoppers

June 21, 7 pm -- Museum
Jockamo

June 27, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Mollie Weaver

Friday, June 30, 7 pm -- Museum
Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

July 4, noon – Thompson Park
Longmont Symphony Orchestra

July 13, 7 pm – Library
Flamenco with Grupo Maria Vasquez

July 18, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Soul Sacrifice

July 19, 7 pm -- Museum
Denver Taiko

July 25, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Coal Creek Bluegrass Band

July 26, 7 pm -- Museum
Northern and Southern Plains Indian Singers & Dancers

July 27, 7 pm – Library
Juba Juba

August 8, 6:30 pm – Roosevelt Park
Third Road Home

August 9, 7 pm -- Museum
The Stanleytones

August 10, 7 pm – Library
Sitar Music with Roshan Bhartiya

August 16, 7 pm -- Museum
Sperenza

August 24, 7 pm – Library
The Beloved Invaders

Longmont Power & Communications Wins National Award

Longmont Power & Communications (LPC) is one of only 64 public power utilities nationwide and the first in Colorado to earn Reliable Public Power Provider™ recognition from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.

William Gallagher, chair of the APPA Board of Directors, presented the award April 10 during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference in Sacramento, California.

"Receiving the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation demonstrates a utility's commitment to its employees, its customers and its community," said John Humphries, general manager of Princeton, Ky., Electric Plant Board and chair of APPA's RP3 Review Panel. "This is certainly an achievement of which to be proud."

The RP3 designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, training and system improvement. Criteria within each category are

based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. LPC received the "Diamond" RP3 award for meeting 100 percent of the defined program criteria.

LPC was established in 1912 as a community-owned, non-profit electric utility. Today it provides electric service to more than 35,000 customers in and around Longmont. In 2005, LPC's

average rate for all customers was 31 percent less than the Colorado average and 35 percent less than the national average. At the same time, LPC's record of service reliability ranked in the best 25 percent of utilities surveyed nationwide for system outage frequency and outage restoration time.



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