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Longmont Celebrates the Holidays with Family Fun

6th Holiday Creek Walk to Light Up the Night

Plan on joining the Longmont Police Department at the 6th HOLIDAY CREEK WALK on Saturday, December 16, 2006.

Festive holiday displays will light up the beautiful St. Vrain Greenway from Roger's Grove to Izaak Walton Park. You'll experience the joys of an old fashioned Holiday with carolers, chestnuts roasting over open fires, and costumed holiday characters.

Bring the entire family to see Santa and his live reindeer, up close! We'll even have Santa's workshop set up. Cookies, hot cider and hot chocolate will be served free of charge.

The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. and goes 'til 8:30 p.m. Free parking is available at the Boulder County Fairgrounds with RTD (handicapped accessible) available for transportation.

Join your friends and neighbors as we catch the hometown holiday spirit at the Holiday Creek Walk.

NEW THIS YEAR: We will have over 80,000 lights illuminating Izaak Walton Clubhouse and timed to holiday music. This "Magical Moments Light Show," sponsored by AMGEN, will surely make this a holiday no one will forget. There will be over 160,000 holiday lights at this year's event!

If you would like to volunteer at or contribute to this community event, please call 303 -774-4440. We have many volunteer needs and welcome your participation!

Holiday Parade of Lights & Fireworks Extends Route

"Magical Moments" in the All-American City is the 2006 Holiday Parade theme to be held on Saturday, December 9, 2006 in downtown Longmont.

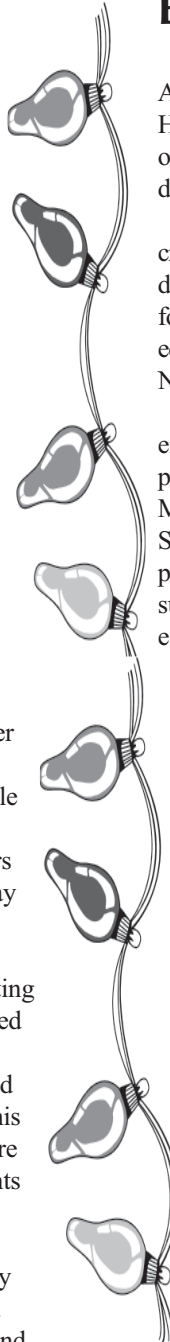
Artist Jim Mayne Freeheart created a special piece of art depicting the magic of the parade for this year's event. Posters (limited edition) will be available beginning November 20 for \$15 each.

This year, pre-parade entertainment will begin at 4:15 p.m. in the 400-700 blocks of Main Street & Coffman Street. Stilt walkers, giant illuminated puppets, jugglers and more surprises will be in store, so come early to get a great viewing spot!

Beginning at 5 p.m., over 70 illuminated floats, marching bands, street performers will step off in the 400 block of Main Street. Coffman Street (400-700 blocks) will be additional viewing area for this year's parade.

Immediately following the parade, the fireworks display will take place in the 400 block of Main Street. The parade line up will take place on the streets surrounding Roosevelt Park beginning at 4 p.m.

The parade is sponsored by the Daily Times-Call, US Bank, and the Eye Care Center. For more information, please contact the City of Longmont Recreation Services at 303-651-8404.





A Message from

Mayor Julia Pirnack



Learn Today, Change Your World Tomorrow

The Longmont community is embarking upon what may be the most important initiative of the last five years – an initiative that will have profound effects not only on individual success but on our capacity as a community to thrive in the future.

The mission is to partner with education providers to offer life-long educational opportunities to each and every member of our community.

Cities across the nation are realizing that municipal governments, but more importantly, community organizations, businesses and residents, can make astounding contributions to the success of students when collaborative action is taken by all in concert. We believe that Longmont can lead the nation by mobilizing community energy to offer technical, scientific, workforce, arts and civic learning opportunities and support to supplement the academic rigor offered students by our education providers - no matter whether pre-school, K-12, college or lifelong learners.

We have gathered together a steering committee with representatives from many different interests to begin an initiative called *Learn Today - Change Your World Tomorrow*. The first task of the committee is to plan an education summit for the community that will combine a world-class keynote speaker, issues review, best-practices analysis and community action planning. The summit will take place in

Spring 2007.

As this community initiative continues, we likely will ask for investments of your time - in mentoring a student, teaching a class, opening your doors to curious learners, sharing technology - who knows? An educated workforce will help residents be able to find good jobs locally, and as you know, businesses cannot perform at a top level without well-trained employees. Our schools must produce graduates who will become the next generation of successful entrepreneurs, managers and skilled workers. In today's economy, this also includes re-training opportunities for workers whose career needs are changing.

Already a software and high tech storage hotbed, by offering a range of educational opportunities throughout our community, Longmont will continue to be an attractive and desirable place to locate.

There are a variety of ways for community members to participate. For more information about the summit or to offer your services call the Longmont City Manager's Office at 303-651-8634.

With your help we will take the first steps to strengthen the entire community's capacity to address key educational challenges that lie ahead.

Julia Pirnack

City Offers Christmas Tree & Cardboard Recycling

Do something good for the environment in the New Year! Take your Christmas trees to be recycled! The City of Longmont will be recycling Christmas trees for residents from December 26 through January 5. Bring trees to the Tree Limb Diversion Center located at 140 Martin Street 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.

Drop Off Sites:

Tree Limb Diversion Center
Roosevelt Park
Garden Acres Softball Park
Kanemoto Park
Centennial Park

140 Martin Street
Parking lot at 8th Avenue & Pratt Street
West side of parking lot off 18th Avenue
Parking lot on the west side of S. Pratt Parkway
East parking lot at Alpine Street & Verdant Circle

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

Ice Pavilion to Open in Mid-November

Longmont Power & Communications and Platte River Power Authority, your electricity partners, are proud to once again sponsor the Longmont Ice Pavilion at Roosevelt Park, scheduled to open Sunday, November 19, weather permitting.

Once again the sponsorship will include free skate rental for LPC customers. Check the back of your November utility bill for details.

New this year: Broom ball! The game provides friendly competition using the equipment its name implies. Skates and skills, however, are not required. The “Learn

to Skate” program has been given a complete makeover with age-appropriate and skill-based groups that are smaller in size.

Hockey clinics are planned for December for those who can’t make the regular league, and adult drop-in “Stick and Puck” will continue.

Skate with Santa will return on Saturday, December 23, so don’t miss out on the reindeer games. The Pavilion



is also a great party place for holiday events and birthday parties. Pavilion representatives will even help plan the event for you.

Check the City of Longmont web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us these schedules as well as for open skate times.

Holiday Safety Tips from LPC and Fire Dept.

If you could tell a friend something that would keep them from experiencing a disaster, wouldn’t you? Your friends at the Longmont Fire Department and Longmont Power & Communications have some safety tips for you. These words are provided to keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

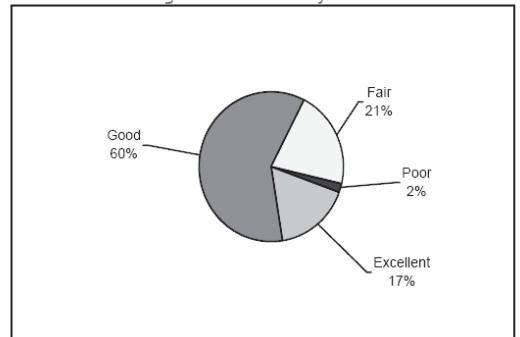
In your home be sure to:

- Keep matches and lighters locked away from children. Sadly, the leading cause of fire deaths for young children are fires they started themselves.
- Keep anything that can burn (decorations, curtains, bedding, furniture and floor coverings) at least three feet away from heaters, candles, fireplaces and stoves.
- If it can get warm, someone needs to keep an eye on it. If you leave the room or are going to sleep, make sure candles are blown out, and heaters, holiday lights and stoves are turned off.
- Have your chimney cleaned and know how to use it. Burn only wood (never wrapping paper or garbage) but don’t overload the fireplace with too much wood.
- Get a multi-plug surge protector if you are plugging in more than one cord. Make sure all your cords are in good shape, without any bends, fraying or broken plugs.
- Never cover a cord with a rug or furniture. Cords can overheat and quickly start a fire.
- Never use holiday lights rated for outdoor to decorate indoors. Warmer indoor temperatures and household décor combined with these lights can surely cause a disastrous fire.
- Remember to cover all outlets not being used by a plug with an outlet safety cover.

For more holiday safety tips, visit our web site at www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc and click on the holiday safety link.

Survey Says Residents Content with City

Figure 1: Overall Quality of Life



The City’s annual Customer Satisfaction Survey indicates a general satisfaction with the City’s quality of life and city services.

The graph above shows that 77% percent of residents rated quality of life in Longmont as “good” or “excellent.”

The entire survey results report is available on the city’s Web site at http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/reports/customer_survey.htm

The Longmont Customer Survey serves as a consumer report card for Longmont by providing residents the opportunity to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the City, the community’s amenities and satisfaction with local government.

The survey also permits residents an opportunity to provide feedback to government on what is working well and what is not, and their priorities for community planning and resource allocation.

Support the Library by Participating in Light A Candle Event

Light A Candle is an annual holiday tradition at the Library, celebrating 22 years this season. Sponsored by the Friends of the Longmont Library as a fund-raising event to enhance the library's collection, it provides an opportunity for residents and library users to participate in supporting their community library.

This year, Light A Candle starts December 2 and runs through December 17. During the event, selected books, cassettes, videos, DVDs and compact discs will be displayed in the Library.

These items are available for you to purchase as a donation to the Library collection. A bookplate is placed in each book or item to identify the donor. In addition, for each item donated, a candle ornament bearing the donor's name will be hung on the Light A Candle Tree which stands in the Library lobby during the holiday season.

Through your community support and generosity, the Library is able to further expand its collection. Donations to the Library collection benefit everyone, from the very young to our respected seniors.

All contributions are tax

deductible, and prices on the items vary significantly in order to allow everyone to participate.



Light A Candle is a wonderfully simple way to give something to the community. Become a part

of the tradition. Stop by and donate a book.

The Library is located at 409 Fourth Avenue, between Kimbark and Emery. For more information about Light A Candle, contact Linda Murchison, at 303-774-4441.

The Friends of the Longmont Public Library is a non-profit organization consisting of local library supporters who contribute funds and volunteer assistance to the Longmont Library. Further information about the Friends organization and/or becoming a member of the Friends can be obtained from Sandra Ames, Membership Chair, at 303-774-

8803. Information is also available at the Friends' kiosk in the Library lobby and at the Library's Circulation Desk.

Ansel Adams Comes to Longmont

Visit the Longmont Museum starting December 9 for Ansel Adams



LONGMONT
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& Edwin Land: Art, Science and Invention – Photographs from the Polaroid Collection. In 1948, Edwin Land invited Ansel Adams to the Polaroid factory to explore the potential of Land's instant film and cameras. This exhibit explores the results of that collaboration and includes many of the most beloved of Adams's landscape work. Admission is free. Call 303 651-8374 for more information.



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