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New Four-Day Trash Schedule Begins Dec. 31

The city's trash and recycling service will change from a five-day a week collection (Monday through Friday) to a four-day a week collection (Monday through Thursday) effective Monday December 31, 2007. Look for new collection route information and the new 2008 solid waste and recycling calendar of events that will be mailed out early December. **The new route collection changes will only affect about one-third of Longmont customers.**

Collection route changes and the new 2008 calendar of events have been posted on the city's web site, www.ci.longmont.co.us/solidwaste, for easy clarification.

Please note the important information regarding January holidays and the new collection schedule: Residents with service on Monday, December 31, 2007 will be collected as usual, on Monday.

However, residents with service scheduled Tuesday, January 1, 2008 (New Years Day) will be collected one day late, on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, Wednesday routes will be collected on Thursday, and Thursday routes will be collected on Friday.



The weeks of January 7 and 14, 2008, routes will run Monday through Thursday per the new 4-day week schedule.

Residents with service on Monday, January 21 (Martin Luther King Day) will be collected on Tuesday, January 22, Tuesday routes will be collected on Wednesday, Wednesday routes on Thursday and Thursday's routes will be collected on Friday.

We will anticipate some additional customer service needs as we roll out the new collection schedule, and we have prepared our staff to help make this transition as seamless as possible. If you have any questions please call the Public Works Operations support team at 303-651-8416.

Recycle Christmas Trees at Various Locations

The City of Longmont will be recycling Christmas trees for residents from December 26 through January 7. 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	140 Martin Street
Roosevelt Park	Parking lot at 8th Ave. & Pratt St.
Garden Acres Softball Park	West side of parking lot off 18th Ave.
Kanemoto Park	Parking lot on the west side of S. Pratt Pky.
Centennial Park	East parking lot at Alpine St. & Verdant Cir.

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

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Nomination Petitions Available

Citizens of Longmont who are interested in running for election to the City Council must circulate a nomination petition to get their name on the ballot. Nomination petitions may not be circulated before December 10, 2007 and must be filed with the City Clerk's office no later than December 28, 2007. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649.

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Vacant Seat Council Member - At-Large

This At-Large Council position will be filled by a special election on January 29, 2008.

Special Election Scheduled for January 29, 2008

A Longmont special municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 and will be a mail ballot election. There are two items on the ballot: the Union Annexation issue and filling a vacant At-Large City Council seat.

Currently, ballots are planned to be mailed to all active registered voters between January 7 - 14, 2008. Please verify your registration address at www.voteboulder.org.

Voters can either return their ballots in the envelope provided by mail or hand-deliver ballots to the Longmont City Clerk's office located at 350 Kimbark St.

The office will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as well as 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and Thursday. On Election Day only, Jan. 29, this office will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters can also return ballots to the Boulder County Clerk's offices:

- 1750 33rd Street, Boulder
 - 529 Coffman Street, Longmont
- Both offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The Clerk's Boulder office (1750 33rd St., Boulder) will be open additional business hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day only, Jan. 29.

Ballots can also be delivered to the designated drive-by drop-off site located at the Longmont Civic Center on:

- Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and
- Tuesday, Jan. 29, Election Day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All ballots must be in the possession of the Longmont City Clerk (350 Kimbark St.) or the Boulder County Clerk's office in Boulder (1750 33rd St.) by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Jan. 29.

If you have further questions please contact the Boulder County Clerk's office 303-413-7740 or the City of Longmont's Clerk's office, 303-651-8649.

Cutting the Red Tape



On October 30, 2007, City Council Members assembled to “cut the red tape” on the City’s new one-stop Development Services Center. The new center, located at 385 Kimbark St., is designed to better serve customers with their development needs including development review, plan checks, permit issuance, inspection scheduling, and addressing questions — all at one location.

Sidewalks Require Shoveling Within 24 Hours

As winter returns, it’s a good time to remind Longmont residents of their duty to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow and ice.

Longmont Municipal code 9.04.130 states that the owner, manager, or a tenant leasing the entire premises of any property abutting a public sidewalk; or any adult occupant of a single family home abutting a public sidewalk, must clear the walk of snow and ice the entire width of the sidewalk or to at least 4 feet, whichever is less.

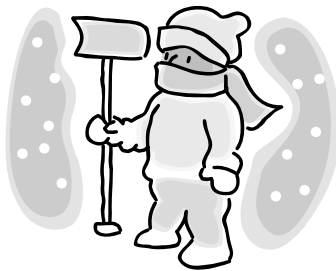
Residents on lots with north facing sidewalks need to be especially vigilant on removing snow, as the north facing walks will never experience enough “solar power” to melt the snow or ice. The snow and or ice must be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Snow or ice has not “stopped falling” if additional snow or ice falls within four hours.

Failure to shovel the sidewalk abutting your property may result in an official notice from Code Enforcement. If you receive notice in the mail, or as a door hanger at your residence, you have 24 hours to shovel the snow and remove the ice. If you do not comply with the official notice, you may be issued a summons and the City will order a contractor to

shovel the walks at your expense.

The City’s “Snow Chaser” program uses volunteers to help clear sidewalks for seniors and disabled people, that income qualify. The program is also based on the availability of volunteers. To volunteer or to request help, call Kari Grotting, Longmont Senior Services, at 303-651-8495.

To report snow and ice violations on sidewalks, citizens may call Code Enforcement at 303-651-8695 or 303-651-8321.



Keep Meter Pit Clear of Snow

To ensure an accurate water and wastewater bill during the winter, take a minute to clear off the water meter pit when it snows.

Some water meters are located inside the house while others are outside near the front sidewalk. The cover on outside meters are a cast iron lid, about one foot in diameter and in most cases located between one and seven feet inside the walk.

Taking a minute to clear the pit lid of snow while shoveling your front walk will ensure the meter readers have access to the pit lid and can read the meter. Meters that do not have access, are estimated, meaning your bill could be higher or lower than it should be (this is corrected the next time the meter can be accessed for reading).

If your meter is inside, nothing needs to be done. For information on the location of your meter or pit call utility operations at 303-651-8468.

Applications Available for Sister Cities Exchange Program

In July and August of 2008, the Longmont Sister Cities Association will once again send student exchange delegations to its sister cities in Chino, Japan and Ciudad Guzman, Mexico.

Students and chaperones selected to participate in this 10-day exchange will have the opportunity to live with a local host family and to learn more about the lives and customs of people living in Japan or Mexico.

Students selected as Longmont's ambassadors will participate in 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.

Applications for both chaperones and students are available now at the City Manager's Office, 350 Kimbark Street. 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 5:00 pm Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

Student ambassadors must be currently enrolled in grades 8 - 11, attending public, private or home-school classes within the boundaries of the St. Vrain Valley School District. Students must be outgoing, flexible, and interested in other cultures.

The students and their families must be willing to commit much of their summer to the exchange program. Student Ambassador Applications are due by 5:00 pm Friday, February 1, 2008.



Avoid Pouring Grease Down the Drain

With holiday cooking season in full swing, please remember that washing fat, oils or grease down the drain causes slow drains, blockages and sewer back-ups. Wipe off utensils, plates and pots to trash before washing. Use strainers in drains to capture food particles. Pour oil into containers for disposal to trash.



City of Longmont Public Works & Water Utilities is offering FREE Fat Trappers and replacement liners to all Longmont residents. Pick them up at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 501 East 1st Avenue. More information available at: www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwu/ww/fattrappers.htm or call 303-651-8667.

Help Your Neighbors with Utility Costs



Please take a minute to look at the back of your utility bill this month for an opportunity to help other citizens in

Longmont that struggle to pay their utility bills. You can add an extra amount to each payment you make and 100% of your contribution goes to this worthy cause.



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