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Recycling Options Available at Annual Stop-N-Drop Event

Public Works Solid Waste Operations will host their next Stop-N-Drop program of 2007 on Saturday, June 9, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, located at 375 Airport Road.

Customers can bring large and bulky household items or other debris for disposal at no charge.

A new recycling component will be introduced and customers are asked to partake in the growing environmental responsibility to keep our earth habitable. Customers are encouraged to help with this component by separating items by recyclables before arriving at the Stop-N-Drop.



For example separate by Lumber - unstained/unpainted; Metals - copper, aluminum, brass; Cardboard - paperboard, corrugated and just plain ordinary refuse.

Please bring a utility bill with you as the program is only available to City refuse collection customers. Residents are asked to bring 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, shingles, chemicals, limbs, yard waste, tires, auto parts, hazardous waste or refrigerators.

For recommendations on how to dispose of these items, call Public Works Operations at 303-651-8416.

Meet with City Council Members on Fourth Tuesday of the Month

Do you have a question or comment for City Council? Talk to two Council Members face-to-face on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

These informal meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. This gives individuals an opportunity to speak directly with local representatives in a relaxed, casual manner.

The next opportunity to chat with Council Members will be on **Tuesday, May 22 from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Study Session Room** in the Civic Center at 350 Kimbark Street. Another meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2007.

For a complete schedule call the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649.



A Message from
Mayor Julia Pirnack



Citywide Planning Effort Paying Dividends

It's hard to believe, but it's been two years since the community came together at the Radisson Conference Center to talk about planning for Longmont's future. This citywide planning effort called Focus on Longmont produced five very specific policy directions that the City Council has adopted as we get closer to building out to Longmont's borders.

The five policy directions were created as a result of a year-long effort to survey and engage the community in conversations about the direction that the city is headed that culminated in a day-long summit in April 2005.

- The strategic policy directions are:
- Promote a Healthy Business Climate
 - Support Education as a Community-wide Value
 - Enhance the Natural Environment
 - Focus on Downtown
 - Promote Community Identity and Cultural Inclusion

So what progress has been made on these initiatives after two years? Plenty.

Promote a Healthy Business Climate – An Economic Vitality task force, was developed in the summer of 2006 to provide a set of recommended economic development strategies that City Council may consider for implementation. The task force – comprised of many local community members – recently prioritized a top 10 list of strategies which the Council will review in the near future.

Support Education as a Community-wide Value – On March 17, 2007, the city hosted the wildly successful Education Summit that attracted 600 educators, parents, students and community members for in-depth discussion to increase understanding of current challenges and to explore promising practices that can transform Longmont into a community where all children and adults can succeed in school and in life.

Enhance the Natural Environment – The City Council recently approved a list of strategies, developed by City staff members, to protect and enhance our environment including bolstering

the City's rebate program on low-flush toilets and energy efficient appliances, increasing recycling opportunities for the general public, modifying the popular Stop-N-Drop program to include recycling opportunities, and reviewing plans for "build-green" strategies for the development community.

Focus on Downtown – The City Council has been working in partnership with the Longmont Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) to build a mixed-use retail and parking structure that could serve as a catalyst for future downtown development. The Council is also reviewing recruitment and incentive programs

to attract businesses into Downtown.

Promote Community Identity and Cultural Inclusion – For the past five years, the Council has taken an active leadership role in creating and implementing a community-wide multicultural plan to ensure that Longmont is a caring and inclusive community. In 2006, the City Council joined the National League of Cities Inclusive Communities Partnership.

The actions we are implementing are only the beginning to this citywide effort. Our strategies are intended to act as a road map and guide Longmont for the next 10 to 15 years. We have made a good start but the process does not end – it will continue to evolve as our demographics change and we alter our priorities as a community.

I want to thank the countless community members who have participated and contributed to this citywide planning effort and I invite those of you who want to get involved to join your neighbors who have shaped this plan during the past 2 years.

It's never too late to make a difference in your community. If you have a particular interest or expertise in any of these areas, call the Longmont City Manager's Office at 303-651-8601 to join us in this effort to make Longmont the best community possible.

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City Offers Rebates for Energy and Water Conservation

City of Longmont utility customers can save money and help conserve natural resources by taking advantage of the following rebates offered by Longmont Power & Communications (LPC) and Public Works and Water Utilities.

Clothes Washer Rebate

A cash rebate of \$50 on ENERGY STAR® rated clothes washers purchased between January 1 and December 31, 2007. ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use 35-50% less water and 50% less electricity per load than a standard clothes washer. A typical household will save an estimated 6,300 gallons of water and 600 kWh of electricity annually. That's a savings of about \$51 a year based on Longmont water and electric rates.

Dishwasher Rebate

A \$50 cash rebate on ENERGY STAR rated dishwashers purchased between January 1 and December 31, 2007. ENERGY STAR qualified dishwashers use about 41% less electricity and 40%

less water than a standard dishwasher, saving a typical household about 860 gallons of water and 107 kWh of electricity each year.

Toilet Rebate

A \$50 cash rebate on ultra low volume toilets (1.6 gallons per flush or less) and a \$100 rebate on dual-flush toilets purchased between January 1 and December 31, 2007. The rebate only applies to new toilets that replace old standard toilets (3.5 to 7.0 gallons per flush) that were installed prior to 1994.

To obtain the rebate, customers must turn in the old toilet. Ultra low volume toilets save about 14,800 gallons of water per year for every old toilet replaced.

Appliances and toilets must be installed at addresses receiving City of Longmont utility service. Rebate requirements and application forms are available on the City of Longmont web site at: www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc, or by calling LPC at 303-651-8386 or Public Works and Water Utilities at 303-651-8376.



Barking Dogs and Barking Neighbors: Mediation Skills for Resolving Neighborhood Conflict

Do you live next door to a barking dog that's driving you nuts? Do you and your neighbor disagree about who should trim a tree that overhangs on both of your properties? Nobody enjoys dealing with these sensitive issues with their neighbor but the fact is that conflict is a natural and inevitable part of life. The key is how you choose to handle it.

The City has proclaimed May as Mediation Month and encourages you to take the time to resolve that issue with your neighbor that's been bothering you in a way that can be mutually beneficial to both parties. Here are a few tips from the Longmont Mediation Program to help you in resolving your conflict:

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.

If talking it out with your neighbor doesn't work, the City of Longmont has a mediation program to assist with neighborhood issues. The service is free for all Longmont residents. Call 303-651-8444 for more information.

The community is invited to participate in the annual Bike to Work Day on Wednesday June 27, 2007. This state-wide event is organized by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), a planning agency with more than 50 city and county member governments. It is joined by enthusiastic planning partners including the City of Longmont, Bicycle Longmont and sponsored by The Daily Times-Call, Amgen and Xilinx. Go to www.drcog.org for more information or get more details in next month's issue of *City Line*.



Summer Concert Season Kicks Off in May

The City of Longmont, Department of Community Services, is proud to present eighteen concerts at City facilities and parks.

Through the support of our

sponsors, all the concerts are free. Seating at some venues is limited; call the sponsoring division for more information:

- Longmont Museum & Cultural Center: 303-651-8374

- Longmont Public Library: 303-651-8470
- Longmont Recreation Services: 303-651-8404.

Summer Concert Schedule

Concerts at the Museum, 400 Quail Road

Wednesday, June 20, 7 pm

Mensah Brothers with Logo Ligi

African drumming and dance

Tuesday, July 3, 7 pm

Pete Wernick & Flexigrass

A blend of bluegrass and classic jazz

Wednesday, July 18, 7 pm

Plains Indian Singers and Dancers

Wednesday, July 25, 7 pm

Beloved Invaders

1960s surf rock

Wednesday, August 15, 7 pm

FACE

All-vocal rock

Concerts at the Library, 409 4th Ave.

Thursday, May 17, 2007 7 – 8 pm

Gregory Alan Isakov and The Freight

Acoustic folk concert

Thursday, June 7, 7 – 8 pm

Long Road Home

Traditional, contemporary and original bluegrass

Thursday, June 21, 7 – 8 pm

Liz Masterson and Julia Hays

Tales and Tunes of the West

Thursday, July 26, 7 - 9 pm

The Healing Force Band

Uplifting reggae music

Thursday, August 16, 7 – 8 pm

Primordial Blooze Band and Friends

Longmont swamp blues

Recreation Services – Concerts at the Pavilion in Roosevelt Park

Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 pm

Funk Shui

Funky Soul Based Jazz

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 pm

Kelly J Band

Country

Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 pm

The Indulgents

Irish/Celtic

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 pm

Rebecca Folsom

Folk/Rock

Wednesday, July 4, 12 noon

Longmont Symphony Orchestra

at Thompson Park

Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 pm

The Strolling Scones

60's British Invasion

Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 pm

Longmont Concert Band and Longmont Barbershoppers

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 pm

Girls On Top!

Motown, R & B, Funky Dance Covers

Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 pm

Chris Laterzo and Buffalo Robe

American Folk/Rock



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