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Longmont Lights 2007

Longmont Lights

Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Park (Longs Peak Ave.
between Coffman & Bross)

The City of Longmont Community Services Division will host this new light creation at Roosevelt Park.

Come walk around to view the lights and enjoy the entertainment in the Park. We will have performers, bonfires, dance, movies, hot cocoa and more. This event is free to the public. LDDA will offer carriage rides to view the main street window art on Friday night. Come over after the parade on Saturday evening to enjoy the fireworks and park festivities. Watch for a complete event listing in the Daily Times-Call in late November. Call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404 for more information.

Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 8
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Main Street (400-700 blocks)
Fireworks now at Roosevelt Park
at 6:30 p.m.



Hometown Holiday Parade:
2007 Theme
"Longmont Parade of Lights"
Parade:
Saturday,
December 8th
at 5:00 p.m.,
Main Street

& Coffman Street, Longmont (400-700 blocks).

Come watch this magical parade as thousands of lights illuminate over 60 floats. Marching Bands, street performers and costumed characters will entertain the crowds. Pre-registration is required to participate in the event. Fireworks will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Vrain Memorial Building in Roosevelt Park.

Santa's Workshop

Friday, December 7th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
St. Vrain Memorial Building Gymnasium, 700 Longs Peak Avenue

Santa Claus invites you and your child (8 & under) to visit his local workshop on this special evening. Parent/Child will be making toys, crafts and visiting with Santa himself. Bring your camera to take pictures. After the workshop, please enjoy the holiday huts around Roosevelt Park and have a cup of hot chocolate at the Senior Center. This workshop is presented by Recreation Services Small Wonders Preschool. For more information call 303-651-8404. Admission is free, but must pre-register in advance by December 1 by calling 303-651-8404.

Start the Holiday season of giving by bringing a canned item which will be donated to the O.U.R Center.



A Message from
Mayor Julia Pirnack



Thank You for the Honor of Serving as Your Mayor

When I took office in October 2002, the country had taken a serious turn following the tragic events of September 11. Instead of the continued economic prosperity that we enjoyed in the late 1990s and into the turn of the century, we experienced many months of drought, wildfires and economic downturn.

As I mentioned in my State of the City speech earlier this year, adversity can either overwhelm or strengthen – Longmont accepted the challenge as a community and mobilized for action rather than simply trying to maintain the status quo and survive.

Indeed, this is the choice that we will continue to make in the future. Our overarching goal cannot be simply maintain or sustain. Ever-changing circumstances, adversity and the unknown provide the opportunity for great creativity; to demonstrate trust in each other and trust in the processes we have designed to help us make good decisions and move forward.

During my tenure as mayor we encountered many challenges and achieved even greater successes. We focused on balanced policy-making and addressing a wide variety of needs, not a single goal to the exclusion of all else. Without the energy and participation of the community we could not have achieved the absolutely memorable successes during the past six years of:

- A 15-month public process culminating in a visionary update of the City's Comprehensive Plan – a document that has guided the City in planning for buildout while allowing substantial additional retail development;
- Securing an extension of commuter rail from Longmont to Denver's Union Station in the FasTracks initiative, passed by voters and to be built by 2012;
- Several initiatives to assure reliable and safe transportation and deal with traffic congestion - renewal of the 3/4 –cent street sales tax, the City's first Multi-Modal Transportation Master plan and important updates to the neighborhood traffic mitigation process. Projects including the Ken Pratt extension and Airport Road improvements, among others, were built;
- In cooperation with the Downtown Development Authority, review of proposals for a public/private partnership to develop a special gathering place and mixed use development in Downtown Longmont that

will increase the number living, working and enjoying downtown and provide a catalyst for economic development;

- The Longmont Housing Opportunities Team tackling homelessness as we continue to explore ways to improve our affordable housing program in a sluggish real estate market;
- Formation of the Longmont Area Visitors Association to promote Longmont to residents and visitors alike;
- Passage of the Public Safety Tax to provide the necessary investment to further enhance our proactive vandalism and graffiti abatement programs, the gang intervention program, a much-needed fire station in the downtown area and more officers on the street. I am proud that our police force, even before tax revenue started being collected, achieved crime rate reduction in the City by 30%;
- Building our future through the Bright EYES (early years education stewards) initiative and on the success of the Education Summit at which more than 600 community members collaborated to articulate the City's commitment to lifelong learning;
- Remarkable increases in entertainment and recreation. I was lucky to come into office as the new recreation center, museum and Roosevelt park facilities were just coming on line. We are celebrating the library's centennial this year; we completed the lake MacIntosh Master Plan, allowing public access to this lake for the first time, and have opened multiple other parks and trails. Art, from gateways to Geese to gazebos, continues to be created – always interesting and always controversial. We have also begun to draw national and even international competitions to the City – including everything from swooping to skateboarding to cricket.
- The year-long Focus on Longmont initiative that brought together a variety of viewpoints from all facets of the community to create a strategic plan for the City's future as we approach buildout and begin to formulate strategies to shift from our traditional reliance on new development to proactive re-development. This initiative won an international award for public participation.

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CFLs Save Energy and the Environment

Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) not only save about 75% of the electricity used by traditional incandescent light bulbs, they also help save the environment.

When you use a CFL, you are reducing the need to produce the electricity an incandescent bulb would have used.

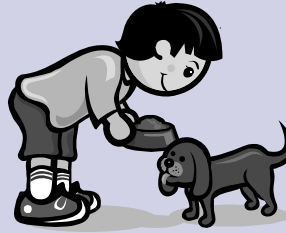
Properly disposing of CFLs is also an important step in helping save the environment. Just as you take precautions in disposing of hazardous household materials such as paint, solvents and motor oil, you should also take precaution in disposing of CFLs. Instead of throwing CFLs away when they burn out or break, you should recycle them.

The City of Longmont is developing a CFL drop off program that will make recycling convenient. Some City facilities will be designated as collection sites for CFLs. Bring your CFLs to these sites and the City will take care of the rest. Be sure to watch the City's website for details about the program as they become available.



Pet Licenses Available at Humane Society

Longmont city ordinances require that all domestic cats, dogs and pot-bellied pigs within the city limits be licensed. Licenses will be available for purchase at the Longmont Humane Society beginning December 1, 2007 and are valid for the calendar year.



Although proof is not needed to obtain a license, city and state laws require that all cats and dogs have a current rabies vaccination. Fees for licenses are \$15 for spayed and neutered animals and \$25 for unaltered pets. You may purchase pet licenses at the shelter or by mail. Additional information is available on our website at www.longmonthumane.org or by calling 303-772-1232 x 0.

Mayor Pirnack Thanks Community

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Of course this is only a small sample of this community's achievements during the past six years. But it is representative of the kind of quality work that can be accomplished when all of us work together.

It has been a terrific 6 years – the council, the city staff and the community can be an unstoppable team. Longmont is truly coming of age and I know that others have begun to realize this. While our City, our non-profits, our businesses and residents receive many awards and recognition for outstanding service, their professional and volunteer work and programs, we also have received several truly memorable recognitions that belong to our whole community.

One is being selected last year by Money Magazine, as one of the top 100 places to live in the country, of cities over 50,000. The description - small livable cities with the best possible blend of good jobs, low crime, quality schools, plenty of open space, rational home prices, lots to do – describes us to a tee and relies upon every facet of the community to achieve. Another was receiving large city of the year from the Economic Development Council of Colorado for 2005.

The third is the most prestigious honor that a City can receive, that only ten cities receive

each year – large and small – one that many cities have competed for many times and never received. This award is from the National Civic League, the oldest organization in the nation that promotes strong civic leadership, and one honoring community partnerships that come together to collaboratively address needs in a community. Longmont received the All-America City designation in 2006. What a testament to this City's strength and creativity in times of adversity.

I ran for office on a request to serve my community. I ran on a platform of balanced economic development, lifelong learning and people setting the agenda. I believe in many ways we have, together, achieved these goals and so much more.

I want to thank our outstanding City staff and the entire Longmont community for the honor to work with you and to serve as your Mayor. Great thanks and love also go to my husband and family for their support during this time. It has been an experience that has sometimes frustrated me, but always inspired me to learn and grow – which is much more than I had hoped for – and for that I am profoundly grateful.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia Pirnack".

Julia Pirnack

Community Invited to Participate in "Light A Candle" Event

Light A Candle is an annual holiday tradition at the Library, celebrating 23 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 1st and runs through December 16th. 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 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 Sue Hagedorn, Membership Chair, at 303-684-6453. Information is also available at the Friends' kiosk in the Library lobby and at the Library's Circulation Desk.

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.



Frederic Remington Comes to Longmont

Frederic Remington's art helped define the American West. His classic sculptures, like *The Broncho Buster*, and his prints, such as *In from the Night Herd*, represent the highest tradition of western art. Frederic Remington *Makes Tracks...Adventures and Artistic Impressions* from the Frederic Remington Art Museum will be on exhibit at the Longmont Museum from November 10, 2007, to January 6, 2008. This exhibit shows Remington's achievements as an illustrator, printmaker, and sculptor through original prints and silver recasts of original sculpture.

The Longmont Museum is located at 400 Quail Road, just east of Main Street and next to the Longmont Recreation Center. Admission is free. For more information, call 303-651-8374.

Survey Results Available On-line

Results from the 2007 Longmont Customer Survey are available on the City's Web site at: http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/city_council/reports/index.htm.

This year's topics include quality of life, Downtown redevelopment, Internet shopping, economic development, traffic and transportation, snow and ice removal, railroad, environmental issues, economy, and education.



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