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Stop-n-Drop and Limb Pickup Scheduled for April

TREE LIMB COLLECTION

It's time to trim those trees on your streets and alleys! Public Works Street Operations will be picking up limbs and branches for residents at no charge.

Limbs must be placed in the gutter of the street on Monday, April 14, for residents living north of 9th Avenue and Monday, April 25, for residents living south of 9th Avenue. **Do not block access to refuse or recycling containers.** Crews will pick up limbs during the entire week.

Limbs and branches must be no more than six feet long, no larger than six inches in diameter and must be placed in bundles no more than three feet in diameter.

Residents may place more than one bundle out for collection. No commercial properties will be collected.

Tree limbs can also be dropped off year-around at the Tree Limb Diversion Center, 140 Martin Street, Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

STOP-N-DROP

Public Works Operations Solid Waste will host the second Stop-n-Drop Program of 2008 on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Maintenance Facility, 375 Airport Road.



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

charge. Please bring a utility bill to the Stop-N-Drop, 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.

Santos Elected to City Council

Gabe Santos is the newest member of the Longmont City Council. He won the special election that was held at the end of January, 2008. He fills the seat vacated when Roger Lange was elected mayor in November 2007. Santos will serve as an At-Large member of the Council, which means he does not represent a specific ward. His term ends November, 2009. He can be contacted at 303-774-1795 or at gabe@gabesantos.com.





A message from

Mayor Roger Lange



New Website Connects with Education Opportunities

One year ago, over 600 participants from all over the Longmont community came together to understand our current educational challenges and to explore promising practices that could help transform Longmont into a “learning city” where all children and adults can succeed in school and throughout their entire lives.

During this education summit, Learn Today, Change Your World Tomorrow, we all gained more awareness about the learning needs and available opportunities for all residents from infancy through to later life, including those in the workforce, to be successful in the 21st century. And we set in motion a course for Longmont to become a learning city—an effort guided by a community collaboration representing education, community organizations, businesses, local government and community members.

One year later, I have the privilege as Mayor to highlight the exciting progress we are making toward Longmont’s vision.

On Valentine’s Day, we celebrated Longmont’s love of learning by launching our new community website: www.LifeLongmontLearning.com. One of the discoveries we made during the education summit was all of the current lifelong educational efforts that individuals, groups and organizations already have in place and are offering to the community. So instead of re-creating opportunities that already exist, we decided to create an easy-to-use and accessible way of connecting people in the Longmont community with educational opportunities in their own backyard.

This site is dedicated to connecting those agencies with those interested in furthering their own or their child’s education, whether it be someone who is interested in the early education options available to our youngest learners, or those who are re-inventing their own retirement and pursuing a new interest or career.

The site is also dedicated to those who are wishing to give a little of themselves to the community, either by being a mentor, offering internships or reading to a child and helping to make their connections to agencies who need them seamless.

Through this wiki-style website community members and agencies add and update information themselves, within a structure that is maintained by City of Longmont staff. This is a very exciting resource for our community and I encourage you to check it out and use it. For more information,

contact Susan Zimmerman at 303.774.3753, email staff@lifelongmontlearning.com or send an email from the site www.lifelongmontlearning.com itself.

A second major effort that will be launched this year is a community-wide campaign aimed at

www.LifeLongmontLearning.com

increasing recognition, among all segments of the Longmont community, of the importance of lifelong learning to Longmont’s sustainable future.

Quality education is foundational to having a vibrant community, a healthy economy and a high quality of life for all residents of Longmont. Therefore, one of the five major Focus on Longmont strategic directions identified by community participants in the City’s recent strategic planning effort is to establish education as a value throughout the city of Longmont.

The City of Longmont, in partnership with education, community organizations, businesses and residents, can make significant strides toward creating a culture throughout the Longmont community where all children enter school ready to learn and ready for life; where all students acquire the education and skills to be successful in the 21st century; and where, without limitation, working and retired adults can improve their employability in a changing world and have opportunities to enrich and revitalize their future.

Throughout the year, we learn about ways that all of us can take action in support of lifelong education—in ways we haven’t acted before or to do more of what we are now doing. By each of us taking some small action, we can collectively move our entire community closer to being a learning city.

I am inspired to get involved even more than I am today in making Longmont a Learning City. One of my first acts as mayor was to embrace the Mayor’s Book Club project that helps 3 – 4 year-old children develop a love of reading at an early age. I hope that you will be inspired to take action also now after reading this month’s column.

To learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Karen Roney, Community Services Director, at 303.651.8633 or via email at karen.roney@ci.longmont.co.us.

Roger Lange

Annual Clean-up Green-up Campaign Begins April 5

The City's annual "Clean-up Green-up" campaign begins on April 5, 2008 and runs through April 26. This is an opportunity for community members to volunteer for the City's community-wide effort to clean up Longmont.

The goal is to generate participation from businesses, civic groups, schools, neighborhoods, families and individuals to help spruce up the City. Volunteers can pick a park, greenway, alley or open space to cleanup or an area can be assigned to you.

The kick-off for the month-long campaign is April 5, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 So. Sunset St.

Again this year the City will offer coffee, donuts, and juice, and of course, the famous 35-gallon orange garbage bags to get you going.

For those who cannot come on the kick-off day, the spring "Clean-up Green-up" will run through April 26.

Participants will have their names printed in the Daily Times-Call after the clean up effort ends. The Times-Call and the City of Longmont have sponsored this great event for

"Clean-up Green-up" Calendar:

April 5 - Campaign kicks-off at 18 South Sunset, 7:30 a.m.

April 12 - Large Item Stop-N-Drop, Public Works Maintenance Facility, 375 Airport Rd., 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(See story on page 1)

April 14 - 25 - Tree Limb Pick Up, Public Works, Street Operations, will be picking up limbs and branches for residents at no charge. See page 1 for more information or call Public Works Operations at 303-651-8416.



April 16 - 17 - Downtown Sweep and Wash, on Wednesday, April 16, between 2nd and Longs Peak Avenues merchants will be sweeping off their front and back entry ways between 7:00 a.m. and noon. A City sweeper will clean off the alleys after the noon hour on the 16th and on Main Street in the early a.m. hours on Thursday, April 17th.

April 17 - On the early morning of Thursday, April 17th, the sidewalks from 2nd Avenue to Longs Peak Avenue on Main Street will be power-washed.

Sweep and Wash activities are sponsored by the LDDA, City of Longmont Parks Division and the Public Works and Water Utilities Department.

April 19 - Arbor Day Celebration, Thompson Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., It's all about Trees! Get a taste of what a professional Arborist does. Come climb a tree, take a bucket truck ride or have fun with some challenging rope activities. There will also be trees and rose bushes for sale, information booths, live music, prizes, balloons and lunch for only one dollar. (Rain date is the following Saturday, April 26.) Contact City Forester, Ken Wicklund at 303-651-8449 for more information.

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Call Lore Blattner at 303-651-8446 for more information.

CFL Effort to Expand to Year-long Program

Longmont Power & Communications and Platte River Power Authority joined efforts with six local retailers last fall to reduce the cost of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in Longmont. The Lighting with a Twist promotion was very successful with nearly 50,000 CFLs being sold in Longmont stores during the three-month campaign. The energy savings for the bulbs sold is equivalent to 860,000 kilowatt hours with each CFL saving an average of \$30 over its lifetime and lasting up to ten times longer compared to a regular incandescent.

In 2008, Lighting with a Twist will kick off April 1, and will be expanded to a year-round program. Rebates will remain similar to last year with



customers paying \$1 to \$2 less per CFL bulb in both single and multi-bulb packs. Participating retailers will continue to offer a wide selection of bulb styles this year.

Special promotional periods will take place during the year, including Earth Day in April, a 'cool lighting' focus during the summer and a fall focus when lighting is needed for more hours of the day.

In-store educational events at local retailers are being planned for consumers to learn about the benefits of CFLs and proper recycling habits in addition to purchasing the discounted CFLs.

Obtain details about Longmont Power & Communications' Lighting with a Twist promotion and CFLs on-line at www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc or by calling 303.651.8386.

Volunteer Victim Advocates Needed

The Boulder County Sheriff's Office is seeking volunteers to serve as Victim Advocates. Advocates work with Boulder County law enforcement to provide assistance to victims of crime, accidents, trauma, and critical events. Working as a victim advocate offers the opportunity to touch the lives of others. Victim advocacy provides an invaluable source of support and information for people in our community who have had their worlds dramatically altered by traumatic events.

Victim advocates – as well as the people they assist – benefit from this demanding work. Helping others in crisis provides deep satisfaction for advocates as they offer compassion, support, resources, and information. Many advocates feel they gain valuable self-knowledge and insight as they help others.

The free 40-hour training course covers a wide variety of topics that can be used in everyday life as well as in crises. The training course includes topics as crisis intervention, listening skills, victimization, grief, loss, and domestic violence. A commitment of one year is required.

In 2008 the training will be held April 1 through 26 – on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays during the day. The application deadline is March 14, 2008.

Longmont Population Surpasses 85,000

Recent research and analysis indicates Longmont's population as of December 31, 2007 was 85,762.

According to the 2000 Census, there were 71,093 people living in the City of Longmont as of April 1, 2000. The 2006 year-end population estimate, completed by the City of Longmont's Planning and Development Services Division, placed the population at 84,636. Based on these year-end estimates, the population of Longmont has increased by an estimated 1,126 people or 1.33% since 2006.



Volunteers are needed for both on-scene and outreach advocate programs. Visit the website to see these volunteer job descriptions. Bilingual volunteers are always needed.

For an application or more information, contact Donna Foster at dfoster@bouldercounty.org or 303-441-3656, or visit the website at www.bouldersheriff.org. On the website click on Employment at the top, scroll down to Volunteer Opportunities, then scroll down to On-scene or Outreach for more information.



Spring Book Sale at the Longmont Library

The Annual Spring Book Sale is coming up at the Longmont Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Longmont Library, it is their biggest fund raiser, selling Library withdrawals and public donations of used books, videos, and audio tapes. The sale is open to the public on Thursday May 1 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday May 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday May 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



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