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Help Stop Graffiti

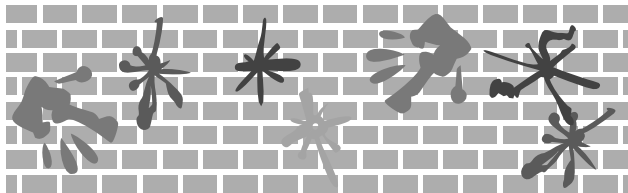
It is estimated that 80% of the graffiti in Longmont is perpetrated by gang members. The other 20% is done by taggers who have no gang affiliation. Longmont Police and other city departments want the graffiti to stop. Estimates indicate that it cost the city more than \$47,000 just to remove graffiti in 2007.

In early March, the Longmont Police Department partnered with Parks, Recreation, Code Enforcement, Public Works, and a variety of other city service entities to review and evaluate efforts to eradicate graffiti in our community. This group focused on four areas: eradication (removal), community awareness, police enforcement strategies, and city ordinances.

We believe that we could do better. **Community Awareness.** The group has rolled out an awareness campaign to aid city employees in ending graffiti in our community. "NOT IN MY BACKYARD" is intended to engage the community in two areas. First, instill the importance of reporting those that vandalize our community. In Longmont, police are urging residents to dial 9-1-1 if they witness graffiti in progress. Second, encourage the community to report

graffiti that they find (no suspects) to be reported for removal. The City currently uses both a phone line 303-774.-GEAR and an online reporting system located at http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/code_enf/ord/graffiti/reportform.htm.

The awareness campaign will



additionally address the information the Communications Center needs to have police officers make contact even after vandals have left the area. This information includes:

- What you are reporting – be specific;
- Method of escape (by foot or vehicle, direction of escape);
- Provide vehicle information (make/model/color/license plate, direction of travel);
- Number of suspects (race, sex, age, weight, height, hair color);
- What they were wearing (hat, shirt, coat, pants, shoes, scars or marks);
- Did they have a weapon?

We believe the community is a key component to ending this graffiti vandalism.

Police Strategies. The Longmont Police Department is bringing all of the data being gathered by Parks, Recreation, Code Enforcement and the police department into one location.

(see **GRAFFITI** on page 3)

Callahan House Open to Public

The Historic Callahan House at 312 Terry St. will be hosting an open house on Thursday, August 14, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. The public is invited.

It's a time to bring friends, walk the beautiful gardens and enjoy the history of this 100-year-old home. Large groups may call ahead to schedule a specific time slot at 303-776-5191. The open house is free.



A message from

Mayor Roger Lange



Mosquito Season Heats Up

The reason many of us live in Colorado is for the great outdoors. We are fortunate to live in a part of the country that offers great weather and many recreational opportunities. Unfortunately, this climate is also ideal for breeding mosquitoes and in the past few years, Boulder, Weld and Larimer Counties have been hotspots for the breeding of mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus.

The City of Longmont has worked in partnership with the Boulder County Health Department, Weld County Health Department, the State Health Department and Centers for Disease Control to develop an effective mosquito abatement program to lessen the impact of West Nile in our community. The City contracts with Colorado Mosquito Control to execute the program.

The City's mosquito abatement program uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to fight the mosquito problem. This approach consists of five important components rather than a single solution. These components include:

1. Public Education and Outreach: For the past several years, Boulder County has led the education effort with its "One Bite" campaign and the statewide "Fight the Bite" both of which have been very successful in providing common sense techniques for combating West Nile Mosquitoes. (See page 3). In addition, representatives have attended numerous community events such as Rhythm on the River and the Festival on Main Street to provide additional outreach. Additional outreach services provided to the City from Colorado Mosquito Control include:

- GIS Mapping and regular reporting;
- Notification of localized spraying in the Times-Call on a weekly basis;
- Current and updated Web site with numerous links related to WNV and other health issues. (www.coloradomosquitocontrol.com);
- Complaint Line – toll free number to call in problem areas or voice concerns – 877 276-4306;
- Chemical Sensitive Notification List – Citizens can request notification prior to spraying;
- Shut-off Request List – Citizens can request CMC to turn off spray unit when in front of their homes if city-wide spraying becomes necessary;
- Educational Literature related to WNV and other Mosquito related diseases; and
- Prevention Program Assistance

2. Site Monitoring and Surveillance: In 2007, CMC inspected 1,335 sites throughout Longmont and

regularly trapped mosquitoes at 10 different locations.

3. Larvacide Feeding: This includes treating the mosquito larva at a stage when they are still present in stagnant waters with an organic compound the interrupts their respiratory process. In 2007 CMC treated 283 sites of the 1,335 inspected sites with larvacide. In addition, a number of lakes and ponds around the City are stocked with fish that consume mosquito larva as a primary source of their daily diet.

4. Adulticide Spot Spraying: This portion of the program makes up less than 5% of the City's program and consists of spot spraying neighborhoods and locations that reach mosquito count thresholds as specified by the Boulder County Public Health Department and adopted by the City of Longmont. The adulticide is applied by truck in ultra low volumes (.007 lbs/acre) with a water based chemical that is very effective against mosquitoes. This chemical is applied in the later evening hours when mosquitoes are most active. In 2007, CMC sprayed a total of 67.4 lineal miles in locations that exceeded those thresholds. Typical hotspots for mosquito activity generally concentrate around water. These locations include Boulder County Fairgrounds, Jim Hamm Park, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Golden Ponds, Clover Basin, and the Shores neighborhood—McIntosh Lake.

5. County-Wide Integrated Emergency Response: When the number of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus reaches a critical threshold, the Health Departments and CDC may recommend citywide spraying. During the past 5 years, this has occurred on three different occasions. Citywide spraying has been controversial since some residents question whether it is safe and produces the desired results. The most recent citywide spraying took place in July 2007 and resulted in a significant decrease in mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus.

Although the City has created and implemented a sophisticated mosquito control strategy, the best thing you can do is protect yourself. Using the common-sense tips (the 4 D's printed on page 3) is probably the most effective method for preventing the spread of West Nile Virus.

The City of Longmont wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer season. We want to help protect you and our community to the greatest extent possible by using the methods outlined above. Have a safe summer.

Roger Lange



One bite. One life changed forever. Protect yourself.



"In only a couple days, I went from having a bright and alert mind to not being able to understand either written or verbal communications."

Michael Paquin

West Nile Virus Alert

Remember the four Ds:

- Use **DEET**-enhanced insect repellent
(2% soy-based, organic products also available)
- **DRESS** in long sleeves and pants
- Avoid the outdoors from **DUSK** until **DAWN**
- **DRAIN** standing water outside your home

BITTEN:

July 2003,
sitting on his deck
in Louisville

EFFECT:

Because of West Nile Virus, Michael has had to go on disability – putting his career on hold while he concentrates on healing. Michael's symptoms have made it impossible for him to take his young kids on the hikes and ski trips they love. Michael says, *"I'm sure they feel rejected by these things, but I try to make it up with activities I can do."*

West Nile Virus doesn't just affect the young and the elderly. No matter how healthy or active you are, you are at risk. And one out of every five who are infected will suffer a debilitating illness that can last a lifetime — or even cause death. Take action and protect yourself all summer.



**BOULDER COUNTY
Public Health**

www.bouldercountymosquito.net

Hotline 303.441.1460

Stop-n-Drop on August 9

Time to do a little cleaning while the weather is good and the days are long?

Public Works Solid Waste Operations will host the next Stop-N-Drop program of 2008 on Saturday, August 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Maintenance Facility, 375 Airport Road.

Customers can bring large and bulky items or other debris for disposal. Please bring a utility bill to the Stop-N-Drop, as the program is available at no cost to City refuse collection customers only.

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 or for more information about the Stop-N-Drop Program, call Public Works Operations at 303-651-8416.

Public's Help Needed to Stop Graffiti

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The results will be a comprehensive data base of the graffiti and information that will aid the department in arresting offenders. Additionally, the group believes that new technologies can be utilized which will aid in the detection and prosecution of vandals.

City Ordinance. The group would like to see changes in the city ordinances for graffiti. Many communities incorporate a variety of strategies to reduce graffiti in their communities. Changes to ordinances in other communities include, but are not limited to, shortened timeframe for removal, fines up to \$5,000 but no more than \$50,000 or imprisonment for up to 90 days, monetary award for those who assist in the arrest and conviction of a graffiti offender, and shared/joint responsibility for defacing property with the parent/guardian. The group will be addressing

possible ordinance changes with City Council.

Eradication. In 2007, the City of Longmont hired a full-time seasonal employee to remove graffiti. This has improved the unsightly damage that has been left by graffiti, however, continues to be an ongoing never-ending maintenance issue. Those city employees gathered believe that we can serve the city more efficiently if we were to utilize volunteers, community service personnel, and other city workers for smaller, less obtrusive graffiti removal efforts. This would allow the city's full-time seasonal employee to focus on the larger removal requests. These suggestions are being put into motion.

This group will continue to meet throughout the summer to track the progress. Should you have further questions or wish to provide input regarding these efforts, please call 303-651-8533.

Next "Town Meeting" with City Council Scheduled for August 2

Longmont City Council members are continuing their series of public meetings throughout the rest of 2008.

The popular "Coffee with Council" meetings have attracted many people with a variety of issues to discuss with two members of the City Council. There are four more chances to grab a cup of coffee and sit down for a chat about any topic with elected representatives on:

- **Saturday, September 27, 2008 at Ziggi's located at 400 Main St.;**
- **Saturday, October 25, 2008, location TBD;**
- **Saturday, November 29, 2008, location TBD**



In addition to these informal coffee chats, residents can attend a more formal meeting with 3 Council members on:

- **Saturday, August 2, 2008 at New Frontier Bank located at 2315 Main St.; and**
- **Saturday November 1, 2008, location TBD.**

The Longmont City Council wants to build on the positive momentum created at the January 2008 Open Forum by offering

more opportunities for residents to interact with Council Members outside of the formal setting of Tuesday night meetings.

Call 303-651-8649 for more information.

Community Invited to Festival on Main

The Longmont Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) proudly announces the eighth annual Festival on Main celebration to be held on Friday, August 22, 2008 from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m..

Get ready to dance! After a five year hiatus from performing in Longmont, the Nacho Men are back as the festival's headliner musical venue. Stage time for this sizzling dance band of high energy, humor and musical virtuosity is 8 p.m..

Opening for the lead performers at 6 p.m. is another festival favorite, Mojomama, the band that delivers the fusion of 60's soul sounds and contemporary rock.

Festival attendees will experience plenty of fun and excitement during an evening when Main Street in Downtown Longmont is closed to traffic from Third Avenue to Long's Peak Avenue.

In addition to live music, entertainment offerings

include a variety of activities for children, as well as adults, great food vendors participation and displays, games and demonstrations



FRIDAY, 8.22.08 | 6:00 - 9:30 PM

sponsored by local Main Street businesses.

Visit www.festivalonmain.com or contact the LDDA directly at 303.651.8484 for continuing updates about FESTIVAL ON MAIN 2008. Join your neighborhoods for a very special evening of rollicking fun in Downtown Longmont.



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