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New Recycling Program to Begin in Longmont

The upgrade to Single Stream Recycling will begin on November 3. Single stream recycling will allow you to place all your recyclable items into one commingled container.

How will this help you? You will not have to sort your recyclables that can be collected curbside. The items that you will be able to place in your recycle bin once all bins are converted and ready

are: newspaper, magazines, junk mail, brown paper bags, paperboard (such as tissue boxes and cereal boxes), phone books (no neon paper please), corrugated cardboard, aluminum, tin and steel cans, #1 thru #7 plastic bottles, jugs and tubs, milk and juice containers and glass jars and bottles. **Please remember:**

Do not put your recyclables in any plastic bags when you put them in the container as the bags are not accepted at curbside AND plastic lids and caps are not recyclable so please remove them prior to recycling.



Beginning November 3, crews will be removing the dividers and replacing them with a single blue lid on all recycling containers throughout the city. The lid replacements are

scheduled to occur on your regular recycle collection day. Please leave your recycling container curbside all day on your collection day during the month of November. Crews will follow behind the recycle collection vehicles beginning at 7 a.m. and working to change out the lids until 7 p.m.

As the new lids are placed on the carts, crews will leave an informational brochure and a recycling collection calendar under the lid. Specific change out dates and schedules for all neighborhoods will be posted on the web site and also in the Times-Call newspaper.

Collection of recycle bins will occur every other week.

For more information on this new enhanced recycling program go to city's web site at www.longmont.co.us or call Public Works at 303-651-8416.

Landlord Symposium

Free Educational Workshop

Housing experts will share important information to enhance your role as a landlord or property manager.

Saturday, November 1, 2008 8:30 a.m. - noon

Longmont Civic Center, Council Chambers, 350 Kimbark Street

Program Lineup

- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Difficult Rental & Lease Issues, update on new law "Warrant of Habitability" Community & Neighborhood Resources.
- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. What Landlords Need to Know about the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Fair Housing Laws, Colorado Department of Civil Rights.
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Meth Labs and Mold Awareness, Boulder County Public Health.

**No cost for this workshop, RSVP is required by October 30, 2008*

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A message from

Mayor Roger Lange



Longmont Awarded \$500,000 Open Space Grant

Longmont is blessed to be surrounded with great natural beauty. Whether it's the incredible view of Longs Peak or the serenity of Golden Ponds, the Longmont community has many opportunities to connect with nature.

But sometimes the grind of modern day living interferes with our ability to fully appreciate what our natural surroundings have to offer.

A great way to see Longmont's "inner beauty" is to step out of your car or house and step onto one of the eight primary greenways in the City that snake along some of the city's most picturesque areas.

These trails exist in all corners of the community but my favorite is the St. Vrain Greenway trail, considered the backbone of the City of Longmont's trail system. Situated along the largest creek in town, when complete it will run approximately 9 miles in length from Airport Road to Ken Pratt Blvd/Hwy. 119 at the St. Vrain Creek near St. Vrain State Park.

A critical gap in the trail currently exists between 119th Street and County Line Road, which includes a connection to Sandstone Ranch – one of the crown jewels of the Longmont Parks system.

But this crucial 1.6-mile segment will soon be completed thanks to a \$500,000 grant awarded to the City from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). This is the agency that distributes funds from Colorado Lottery proceeds for projects related to parks, wildlife, open space and recreational resources throughout the state.

The trail alignment will include two road underpasses: below 119th Street and also below County Line Road. With support from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the trail will be offset from the bald eagle nest in eastern Longmont, but will have good views to the nest.

St. Vrain Greenway trail strategy is to work toward a basic trail connection to Sandstone Ranch by the end of 2009. After that basic trail construction, the City plans to upgrade trail segments to meet the City Primary Greenway standards with landscaping as well as additional site furnishings such as benches, trash cans and interpretive signage. Trailhead development will also follow the basic trail construction. Three additional trailheads are planned

between Main Street and Sandstone Ranch in the next several years.

The St. Vrain trail in Longmont is one of the Front Range Trail loop segments in northern Colorado. The Colorado Front Range Trail is a Wyoming-to-New Mexico trail vision master planned by Colorado State Parks. The goal is to link existing and planned trail systems with new trail to create an extensive pathway system between Colorado's population centers, points of interest and state parks. This ambitious project is envisioned as a boon to local economies and eco-heritage tourism.



Other Primary Greenways in Longmont also shape the City's overall trail strategy. Trails along the Oligarchy Ditch, Dry Creek, Spring Gulch, Left Hand Creek, and Rough and Ready Ditch, among others, serve as both storm drainage maintenance routes and recreational trails. Most Primary Greenway trails are built by developers as part of their overall development. Missing links to the system are built using City funds as part of the Primary and Secondary Greenway Connection Program. A long-term goal is to have off-street trail systems along all Primary Greenways throughout town.

A final aspect of the overall trail strategy is to create connections between Primary Greenways and also between neighborhoods using arterial street pathways. These wide pathways are found on all major streets in town and can provide off-street transportation as well. On-street bike lanes are also found on many roads throughout the community and are especially valuable to bicycle commuters.

As the City of Longmont continues to improve its trail system, it will further enhance our community's livability and reinforce Longmont's rating of one of Americas best places to live, work and play. I encourage everyone to get off the beaten path and take advantage of Longmont's trail system because it offers a scenic view and unique experience of Longmont and surrounding communities. It's a gift that we all can enjoy, and we should take advantage of those opportunities and experiences that are waiting for us.

Roger Lange



TERRY ST. STATION BREAKS GROUND: Members of the Longmont City Council and Fire Chief Steve Trunck (right) “break ground” on the new Longmont Fire Station #6 located at 1070 Terry St. The project is funded by the Public Safety Tax passed by Longmont voters in 2006. The new station is expected to be the busiest in Longmont when completed next summer.

Celebrate “Day of the Dead” at Museum

The Longmont Museum & Cultural Center’s 8th annual El Día de los Muertos celebration brings artists from Longmont’s sister city of Ciudad Guzmán, Jalisco, Mexico, to Longmont, to participate in an exhibition at the Museum.



La Ofrenda de los Muertos: Honoring Days of the Dead, features altars created by members of the community in honor of loved ones, and a special altar built by two artists from Ciudad Guzmán, Felicitas Zamorano Gonzales and Hector Orozco Garcia. The exhibition runs from October 11 through November 9, 2008.

On Saturday, November 1, the Longmont Museum and our community partners invite everyone to come and celebrate El Día de los Muertos. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, visitors can enjoy lots of activities, including decorating sugar skulls, paper flower making, and El Día de los Muertos temporary tattoos. Music and dance performances take place from 12:30 to 2:50 p.m., headlined by Mariachi Vasquez at 12:30. Traditional food, including pan de muertos, tamales, and Mexican hot chocolate, is served in the Museum’s classrooms. All events and

programs are free.

For more information, call 303-651-8374, or for information in Spanish, call 303-651-8444. Visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/museum for a list of programs.

Tax Prep Volunteers Needed

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax preparation and e-filing for low-income tax payers. They are looking for people interested in volunteering for tax preparation, as well as volunteers to assist with coordinating the site. Full training is provided, so no tax preparation experience is necessary – just a positive outlook and a desire to make a difference!

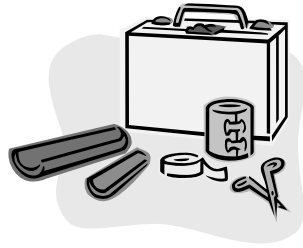
The site will be open February through April of 2009, and volunteers will need to spend some time in December/January for training and preparation. For more information, please contact Deborah or Mark at 303-678-5327.

Community Emergency Prep Classes Scheduled for November

The City of Longmont Fire Department is sponsoring two different CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) classes in November. CERT training teaches family emergency preparedness, helping yourself and your neighbors, and educates citizens about hazards both natural and man-made.

The basic Be-Ready class will be held on November 8, 2008, and is an eight-hour class that teaches preparedness concepts for the hazards in our area.

The full CERT class is a 32-hour class that teaches citizens how to take care of themselves and others in a situation where first responders cannot reach



them. Topics include natural hazards, hazardous materials, fire safety, incident command system, terrorism, public health emergencies and disaster medical operations.

The dates for the CERT class are:

Tuesday, November 11, 6 – 10 p.m.
Thursday, November 13, 6 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, November 15, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18, 6 – 10 p.m.
Thursday, November 20, 6 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, November 22, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

***You must be able to attend all sessions**

There is no cost for either class and registration is required. Space is limited so register early by calling 303-651-8437.

Survey Says: Longmont Provides High Level of City Services

Longmont residents are extremely satisfied with the quality of city services according to the 2008 Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Generally residents are satisfied with the overall quality of services they receive in Longmont, with 83% giving a rating of “satisfied” or “very satisfied.”

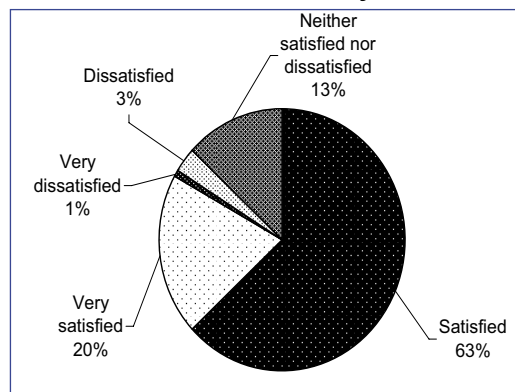
Overall, residents gave favorable ratings to most City services. Services rated most positively were: fire fighting and rescue services, electric service, library services, sewer services, weekly trash pick up, emergency dispatch, tap water, and maintenance of park grounds and facilities. In general, 2008 service ratings were similar to 2006.

In addition, 75% of respondents gave city employees an “excellent” or “good” rating on overall impression. The ratings were similar to previous years and higher than the national and Front Range ratings.

Survey results are available on the City’s Internet site at www.ci.longmont.co.us; enter “survey” in the search box.

The Longmont Customer Satisfaction Survey serves as a consumer report card for Longmont by

Overall Satisfaction with City Services



providing residents the opportunity to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the City, the community’s amenities and satisfaction with local government. The survey also permits residents an opportunity to provide feedback to government on what is working well and what is not, as well as their priorities for community planning and resource allocation.



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