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## Meet with City Council Members Every Month

Time reserved for one-on-one discussion with public

Two City Council members are available to meet with residents on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

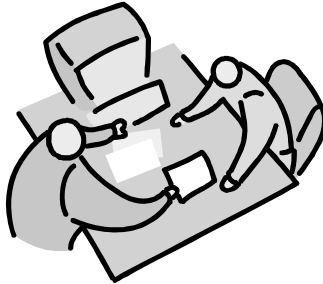
The sessions are scheduled at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

This gives individuals who have questions or concerns about the community 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, February 26, 2008 from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. outside of Council Chambers (City Council Study Session Room) in the Civic Center at 350

Kimbark Street. Another meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2008. For a complete schedule call the City Clerk's Office at 303-651-8649.



## Apply for Property Tax, Rent and Water Rebates

Are you eligible to receive the City property tax or rent and water rebate for 2007?

To qualify, you must be eligible for the state rebate outlined in Form 104PTC, which is filed with state tax returns. Refunds generally apply to low-income senior citizens who are at least 65 years old, low-income surviving spouses who are at least 58 years old, and low-income people who are totally disabled and received disability benefits for the entire year. Income qualifications are: a single person with income of less than \$11,000, or a married couple with income of less than \$14,700.

Although the state allows you to submit the form at various times during the year, in order to get the City rebate, you must apply for the 104PTC rebate by April 15.

AARP volunteer tax assistants are available to assist you at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. through Thursday, April 10, 2008. You can make an appointment by calling 303-774-4722 after January 28th. Walk-ins will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis as time allows. Assistance is also provided for federal and state income tax forms.

Bring the 104PTC form with you. Rebate applications are available when you meet with a volunteer, or can be picked up at the Utility Billing window in the Civic Center Complex, 350 Kimbark Street. All applications must be reviewed by an AARP volunteer to be processed. For more information, call 303-651-8411.



*A message from*

*Mayor Roger Lange*



## Protecting Environment and Conserving Energy is a Longmont Priority

With the importance of our environment and energy consumption being recognized not only on a local and national level, but internationally as well, the City of Longmont and City Council have taken some significant steps towards positively addressing this issue.

In the 2005 Focus on Longmont strategic plan, Longmont citizens identified enhancement of the natural and built environment as one of five strategic policy directions the city should pursue if it is to remain a vibrant free-standing community and maintain a balance between available resources and desired municipal services.

At the 2007 Council Retreat, City Council created an integrated Environmental Work Plan that provides direction for implementing actions that enhance our natural environment and promote sustainability. The work plan is reviewed with Council and updated on a quarterly basis. City Council will continue to address this item in its 2008 retreat to be held in early February.

Here are some highlights of what has been accomplished so far. The public can participate in many of these areas by taking advantage of incentives or providing input. If you would like more information about the city's environmental initiatives, go to the city web site at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwu/index.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/pwwu/index.htm).

### Renewable energy/energy efficiency

- Obtained almost four percent of the electricity used by Longmont homes and businesses from new renewable generation resources such as wind, including three percent purchased as part of our standard power supply mix and nearly one percent purchased by individuals through our optional renewable energy program. Combined with hydroelectric generation, Longmont received about 22 percent of its total electric supply from non-fossil fuel resources in 2007.

- Expanded rebates on the purchase of ENERGY STAR® clothes washers and dishwashers (\$50), and rebates for replacing old toilets (\$50-\$100) with low-flow toilets, to year-around availability. Residents received 550 appliance rebates and 167 toilet rebates in 2007. Rebates have been issued for 1,275 appliances and 730 toilets since the program began in 2002.

- Conducted the first-ever Neighborhood Energy

Efficiency Sweep in partnership with Boulder County, providing more than 200 residents in the Kensington neighborhood with 1,496 free compact fluorescent light bulbs along with energy efficiency, water conservation and pollution prevention information.

- Provided a price discount on compact fluorescent light bulbs through Longmont Power & Communications (LPC), our municipal utility, in partnership with Platte River Power Authority and local retailers. Nearly 50,000 bulbs were purchased by area residents.

- The Utility Manager Professional (UMP) software has been populated with municipal utility data going back to 2003. Energy efficient technologies were implemented and Energy Performance Contracting services were evaluated.

### Recycling

- Placed recycling bins in the 500 block of Main Street and at all city golf courses. Planning is under way to place recycling bins throughout downtown and at city parks in 2008.

- Completed a comprehensive analysis of manufacturers and recycled paper products, selected a "Green Seal Certified" paper distributor and converted all the facilities over to the new paper and roll towel dispensers at a reduced cost to the City.

- Finalized plans to participate in the new Boulder County Materials Recovery Facility and go to single-stream recycling in 2008.

- Partnered with Eco-Cycle to make Rhythm on the River a zero-waste event. 96% of waste generated was recycled.

- Partnered with Longmont United Hospital for the first-ever program in Colorado to collect and properly dispose of unused prescription and non-prescription drugs. More than 270 pounds of drugs were collected and diverted from wastewater and landfills as a result of this program.

### Water Quality

- Initiated source water quality testing on the city's lakes and reservoirs.

- Increased inspection and enforcement activities on storm water runoff at construction sites to reduce stream pollution.

- Added an ultraviolet disinfection system to

**(see CONSERVATION on page 3)**

# Annual Fishing Program to be Held at Izaak Walton Park

Kids 15 and younger are invited to the fifth annual Chick Clark Kids Fishing Program on March 23, 2008 at Izaak Walton Park located at 18 South Sunset.

The program includes a free kids fishing clinic, free hot dogs and pop for all, free fishing for kids and free fishing rods.

The lake at the park will be stocked a few days prior to the event and free rods and reels will be provided to youth that attend as long as supplies last.

There also will be an opportunity to participate in fish education programs in addition to the free fishing. The intention is to provide this event so the kids have an outdoor activities for them to

enjoy during Spring Break. The goal is to make a connection between kids of the community and the outdoors.

The 15.7 acre pond at Izaak Walton Park is managed as a recreational fishery for the exclusive use of children. Adults are encouraged to help kids fish, but must help preserve the fishing just for the kids. Naturally reproducing fish contained in the pond include: Large-mouth Bass, Black Crappie, Black Bullheads, Blue-gills, Green Sunfish and Carp

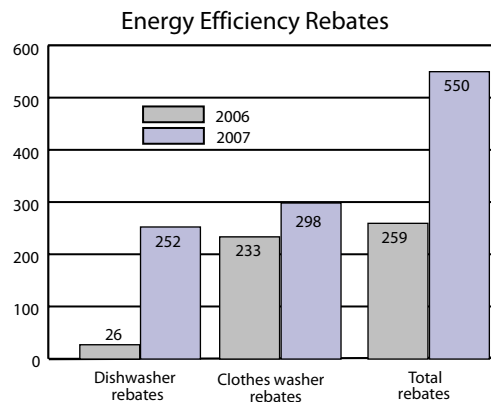
The program stocks catchable rainbow trout in the spring and catchable channel catfish in the early summer. Kids may use live bait and keep the fish they catch up to the state limit set for each species.

## LPC 2007 Appliance Rebate Program Successful

In 2007, Longmont Power & Communications and Public Works and Water Utilities expanded their energy efficiency appliance rebates program to year round. As a result, the number of rebates more than doubled from 259 rebates in 2006 to 550 in 2007.

The rebate programs offer LPC customers who invest in an ENERGY STAR qualified dishwashers and clothes washers a \$50 rebate for each appliance. Customers also continue to save on their utility bills with energy efficient dishwashers using approximately 41% less electricity than a standard model and clothes washers using approximately 31% less.

LPC has extended its efficiency rebates through December 2008. Learn more about the rebates and other ways to save energy at LPC's web site at [www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc).



## Longmont Committed to Conservation

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the wastewater treatment plant that eliminates the use of chlorine and mitigates a potential environmental hazard.

- Initiated an update of the city's water conservation plan to be completed in 2008.

### Sustainable Building

- Approved a detailed energy audit of city-owned facilities to identify the potential for capital improvements to reduce energy consumption.

- Retrofitted all city facilities with low-flow toilets and low-flow flush valves.

- Approved a Green Building code for new residential construction. Discussion is under way on developing green building standards for new commercial construction.

- Included green building features in plans for the new fire station to be built in 2008 at 725 11th Avenue, including solar hot water heating, increased insulation, high efficiency furnaces, solar pre-heated fresh air intake, ENERGY STAR

appliances and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

### Other

- Created a new city staff position to coordinate and implement environmental initiatives.

- Approved extension of the 0.2 cent Open Space sales and use tax through 2033.

- Converted all city traffic signals to energy efficient LED lights in a retrofit program started in 2002.

As you can see, Longmont is becoming a leader in the area of conservation and maintaining our natural environment. We are committed to doing even more in the next several years. We will be exploring additional opportunities for environmental initiatives to meet our goal for a sustainable and balanced quality of life in Longmont. I invite the Longmont community to participate in the programs, opportunities and policy-making as we move into the future.

Roger Lange

# Recruits Needed for Citizens' Police Academy

The Longmont Police Department is accepting applications for its 12-week Citizens' Police Academy, which begins March 18, 2008. The goal of the academy is to give residents a better understanding of the role of law enforcement and our criminal justice system. It is also intended to build awareness in our citizens regarding



the limited capacity the police have and to encourage more citizen responsibility and involvement in public safety issues.

The Police Department is seeking applicants who are interested in taking a more active role in improving the quality of life in our community. Participants will receive instruction on traffic laws, victims' rights, domestic violence, criminal investigations, which will include a mock crime scene where participants are the detectives, computer crimes, SWAT techniques and officer safety.

The academy involves a driving course in which participants drive a police car through a timed obstacle course. Participants will also spend eight hours on patrol with a uniformed officer and have the chance to sit in with dispatchers.

This course will not qualify residents to become police officers. It will, however, enhance their knowledge of the Longmont Police Department and how it serves the community. Classes will be held at the Safety and Justice Center, 225 Kimbark Street; on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., from March 18, 2008 through June 3, 2008.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. There are 20 to 25 openings available and applicants must undergo background checks.

Applications can be found on the City of Longmont's website, [www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/community/cpa.htm](http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/community/cpa.htm) or may be picked up in the Detective Division, upstairs in the Safety and Justice Center. The deadline for registration is March 7, 2008. Call 303-651-8523 for more details about this opportunity.

## Free Tax Prep Available

US Bank at 436 Coffman St. will once again be hosting a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site for the 2007

tax season. The site offers free income tax preparation and e-filing for low-income tax payers. Bank employees will also be available to

open accounts for those who don't already have one, and would like to electronically deposit their tax returns. The site will be open:

- Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through April 12.
- Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., through April 9.



### The Longmont Senior Center is also hosting a free tax assistance program.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., free assistance is available for seniors and low income individuals at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave., through April 15.

Call 303-774-4722 to schedule an appointment. Drop ins will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis as time allows.

Volunteers will prepare tax returns for free and they also offer electronic filing.



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