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Get Ready for Mosquito Season

We are fortunate to live in a part of the country that offers great weather and many recreational opportunities. Unfortunately, this climate also is ideal for breeding mosquitoes.

For the past few years, Boulder, Weld and Larimer counties have been hotspots for mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus.

The City of Longmont works in partnership with the Boulder County and Weld County health departments, the Centers for Disease Control, the Colorado Department of Public Health, and Colorado Mosquito Control to lessen the impact of West Nile in our community.

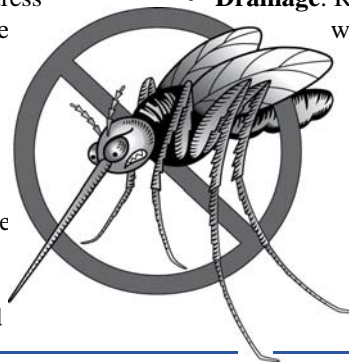
The City's mosquito program relies on several tactics to address the problem, and localized spot spraying is one of them. Localized spraying usually occurs around small ponds and streams where breeding occurs. Occasionally, the City conducts citywide spraying when there is a significantly increased

risk of West Nile Virus and only after recommendations from Boulder County Public Health, the state health department and the Centers for Disease Control.

The spraying schedule is available weekly in the *Times-Call* and at www.comosquitocontrol.com.

Although Longmont has created a sophisticated mosquito control program the most important component is residents protecting themselves. Follow these 4-D tips to avoid mosquito bites:

- **Dusk:** Minimize activity between dusk and dawn.
- **Dress:** When outside between dusk and dawn wear long sleeves and long pants.
- **Drainage:** Remove all stagnant water in your backyard, including in pools, birdbaths, tires and plant pots.
- **DEET:** Use a mosquito repellent when you are outside, preferably one containing DEET.



More Video Added to Web Site

If it's true that a picture is worth a thousand words, the City of Longmont has multiplied the information on its Web site tenfold with the addition of community-interest videos.

By visiting www.ci.longmont.co.us/videos/ anyone with Internet access and video viewing software (Microsoft Media Player or SilverLight Runtime) can watch videotaped information that affects the lives of Longmont residents.

For more than a year, City Council meetings, study sessions, and

Planning and Zoning Commission meetings have been available online within 24 hours of the event. Building on that success, the City of Longmont is adding video programs of general community interest, including:

- RTD - Connecting Communities 2008
 - Census 2010 - A New Portrait of America
 - Longmont Sustainable Harvest Fair - Hunter Lovins Speech
 - RTD - FasTracks
 - West Nile Protection Tips
- More videos will be added as they become available, so check back often.





A message from

Mayor Roger Lange



A New Season Brings Road Improvements and Outdoor Fun to Longmont

Everyone looks forward to spring and the changes that it brings. It's the time of the year to look with optimism toward a season of new growth, the return of song birds, and an opportunity to spend more of our time outdoors.

It also is an opportunity to take advantage of seeing our neighborhoods up close, whether it's by taking a walk, riding a bike or just enjoying the warm weather in your own special way. The City of Longmont has worked hard to make your outdoor experience as pleasant as possible.

The three-quarter-cent Street Fund Sales Tax that you so generously support funds annual maintenance and improvements to the City's streets and sidewalks. Since the tax has been in place, we have added curb ramps to approximately 85 percent of Longmont's street intersections to make them more accessible. We will continue that effort in conjunction with the City's annual street rehabilitation program to make our city as accommodating as possible.

Some significant resurfacing projects for 2009 include Francis Street from 17th Avenue to Highway 66, Kimbark Street from 4th to 9th avenues, Emery Street from 3rd to 9th avenues, and 5th Avenue from Main to Martin streets.

Three major street improvement projects also are scheduled for construction. First will be on County Line Road starting south of Highway 119 and continuing one-half mile north to the railroad track. Construction on this project should begin in May be completed by November.

Martin Street will be extended south from 1st Avenue with a new bridge across the St. Vrain River and will connect to Ken Pratt Boulevard/

Highway 119 at the existing traffic signal at the Harvest Junction shopping area. This project is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by the end of the year.

The third project scheduled for construction is at the intersection of Highway 66 and Hover Street, funded by \$2 million in highway funds from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). This work, which is scheduled to begin in July and be completed by the end of October, will make improvements to turn lanes and traffic flow through this intersection.

Also, CDOT will resurface Highway 66 from Main Street west to Lyons. That work is scheduled to begin in May and be completed by the end of September. Curb and sidewalk repair, patching potholes, and sealing cracks will be ongoing throughout the City.

Be sure to look for more details and a map of summer "cone zone" projects in the next edition of the City's newsletter *Longmont Life*.

Along with these infrastructure improvements that are planned to enhance our city's image of being a preferred place to live, work and play, there will be many entertaining activities for you to enjoy. Rhythm on the River, ArtLink, the Cinco de Mayo celebration, the City's free concert series, and all the other events put on by the wonderful organizations that call Longmont home provide family fun from spring through fall.

So as we say goodbye to winter, I encourage you to get outside, get active and enjoy everything Longmont has to offer.

Roger Lange

Tour the Callahan House this Summer

The Callahan House Advisory Board invites the community to free Second Thursday Summer Tours at the historic Callahan House, 312 Terry Street, in Longmont.

- June 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 13, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bring friends, have a picnic in the beautiful garden, tour the house, and enjoy the history of this

100-year-old home that is one of the gems of Longmont.

Large groups are welcome and can schedule a specific time to visit. Call 303-776-5191 for more information.



City Offers Matching Efficiency Grants to Businesses

The City of Longmont is offering \$60,000 in matching grants to local businesses to help pay the costs of energy and water efficiency improvements in commercial buildings and equipment.

The Commercial Efficiency Matching Grant Program provides financial assistance in addition to existing energy and water efficiency incentive programs available to Longmont businesses. Grant funds will be awarded to match the business or property owner's investment after other incentives are deducted.

Matching grants are for the lesser of \$5,000 per project or combined incentives and matching



funds not to exceed 70 percent of total project costs.

Eligible efficiency improvements are those already approved for incentives or rebates under existing programs offered by Longmont Power & Communications, Platte River Power Authority, Public Works and Natural Resources, or Xcel Energy. Eligible measures include lighting, cooling, heating, compressors, refrigeration, motors,

insulation, windows, roofing, toilets, urinals, spray valves and others.

Grant applications are being accepted through July 31. For more program information and application materials, visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/lpc, or call 303-651-8386.

Trash Talk: Upcoming Special Events

Stop-N-Drop

The next large item Stop-n-Drop will be on **Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Public Works Maintenance Facility at 375 Airport Rd.

You can bring large items and other debris for disposal at no charge. Please also bring a current utility bill as this service is available only to City refuse customers.

Hard-to-Recycle Round Up

Eco-Cycle and the City of Longmont offer quarterly collection days at the Eco-Cycle Longmont Drop-off Center for hard-to-recycle materials that normally are accepted only in Boulder. The next Hard-to-Recycle Round Up is **Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

You can recycle computers, TVs and stereo equipment; office equipment, including copiers and fax machines; newspaper, grocery and dry cleaning plastic bags; and small electronic items.

There is a fee for electronic and some other items, but cell phones, printer and inkjet cartridges,

computer keyboards, and books and manual are among the items that are accepted at no charge. For more information, call Eco-Cycle at 303-772-7300.

Free Landfill Drop Days

The Department of Public Works and Natural Resources sponsors two free landfill drop days every year. At the next one, on **September 5, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, customers can bring one level pickup full of large items and debris to the Republic Services Front Range Landfill at 1830 Weld County Road 5 in Erie. This landfill is approximately 200 yards south of the Denver Regional Landfill on the east side of Weld County Road 5. Loads must be covered and secured for transport, and you will be billed for oversized and second loads.

You must bring a City of Longmont utility bill, and you may be asked to produce identification. Some restrictions apply.

If you have questions about accepted materials or regular rates at the Republic Services Front Range Landfill, call 303-828-9400.

Bike to Work on June 24

The community is invited to participate in the annual Bike to Work Day on **Wednesday, June 24**. This statewide event is organized by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), a planning agency with more than 50 city and county member governments. Bike to Work Day participants can register for prizes and buy Bike to Work Day t-shirts at www.drcog.org. And look for more information about free breakfast stations for cyclists throughout Longmont on June 24.

The entire month of June is Bike Month in Colorado, and the state Department of Transportation offers lots of free materials, many of which can be downloaded from its web site at www.dot.state.co.us/bikeped/.



2009 Water Rates and Lawn Watering

The City of Longmont has a new five-tiered water rate schedule in place for 2009. The five tiers build incrementally, with the price per thousand gallons increasing with each block or tier.

These are the 2009 water rates for a single-family or duplex home located within the city limits:

0 to 3,000 gallons.....	\$1.79/thousand gal.
3,000 to 7,000 gallons	\$2.24/thousand gal.
7,000 to 21,000 gallons	\$2.91/thousand gal.
21,000 to 41,000 gallons....	\$3.58/thousand gal.
Over 41,000 gallons.....	\$4.48/thousand gal.

For example, if a household uses 8,000 gallons in one month the water charges would be calculated like this:

3,000 gallons × \$1.79/thousand gal.	= \$5.37
4,000 gallons × \$2.24/thousand gal.	= \$8.96
1,000 gallons × \$2.91/thousand gal.	= \$2.91

The total for water usage is \$17.24, plus the monthly service charge of \$3.55 or \$3.92 depending on meter size.

Because you pay a higher price per thousand gallons as you use more water, you can help keep your cost down by observing the voluntary watering schedule below and not overwatering.

2009 SUGGESTED VOLUNTARY LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – RESIDENTIAL. Single-family homes and duplexes with **EVEN-NUMBERED** addresses

MONDAY – NO WATERING

TUESDAY – NONRESIDENTIAL. Commercial, multifamily residences, homeowners' associations

WEDNESDAY – RESIDENTIAL. Single-family homes and duplexes with **ODD-NUMBERED** addresses

THURSDAY – RESIDENTIAL. Single-family homes and duplexes with **EVEN-NUMBERED** addresses

FRIDAY – NONRESIDENTIAL. Commercial, multifamily residences, homeowners' associations

SATURDAY – RESIDENTIAL. Single-family homes and duplexes with **ODD-NUMBERED** addresses

For tips on watering your lawn visit www.ext.colostate.edu/drought/water_wise.html.

Longmont Receives Tree City USA Recognition and Growth Award

For the 29th year, Longmont has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

Longmont met the standards to become a Tree City USA community by having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.



Longmont also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its forestry program.

The prestigious Growth

Award recognizes environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

“A community, its elected officials and its citizens who provide needed care for its trees deserve recognition and thanks,” said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

“Communities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation and Growth Award go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest.”

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.



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