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Rhythm on the River Returns July 10 and 11



One of Colorado's most popular community festivals returns to Roger's Grove in Longmont on July 10 and 11. Now in its 14th year, Rhythm on the River, a zero-waste event, truly offers something for everyone. Here are just a few highlights of this year's celebration:

- Friday night entertainment by Face, opening for The Fab 4.
- All-day entertainment on Saturday, including gospel, Latin and African music, as well as traditional dances of Hawaii, Africa and Peru on the World Beat Stage and a diverse line-up on the Grove Stage. Performers include The All Star Jazz Band, The Stanleytones Bluegrass Band, Triple Nickel, Mojomama, Opie Gone Bad and many more.
- The Roger's River Run 5K on Saturday morning.
- The Prairie Breakfast on Saturday morning for only \$3 per person. Registered racers eat free!
- The St. Vrain Rotary Duck Race that supports local charities.
- The World Market featuring unique gifts from around the world.
- Kids' Day Out activity area that includes giant slides, two jump castles, a huge obstacle course, giant swings and a human maze.
- Artists from the Longmont Studio Tour who will show and sell their work while demonstrating their talents.
- The Discovery District where you can make art, crafts and toys from recycled materials.
- Some of Longmont's favorite restaurants serving their special treats on Restaurant Row.
- The Kiddie Corral where small children can have fun supervised by their parents right next to the main stage.
- Safety Street where you can learn about real police work, the SWAT team and more!

Parking at the Boulder County Fairgrounds is free, and free shuttles run from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

There are many more events and activities for all ages. Watch for the complete Festival Guide in the *Times-Call* on Sunday, June 28. And keep up with everything that will be taking place during the weekend at the City's web site: www.ci.longmont.co.us/rotr. For more information, call Recreation Services at 303-651-8404.



A message from

Mayor Roger Lange



Cultivating Support for Community Gardens

Excitement is growing over an idea to create a network of community gardens in Longmont.

City Council recently planted the seeds for a possible public/private partnership for community gardening, and based on recent public meetings, the concept has a chance to bear fruit.

These community meetings are being held to identify possible garden locations, gather ideas and concerns of adjacent neighbors, bring together interested gardeners, and begin the process of forming a Garden Council to help guide the direction of community gardens in Longmont.

The Garden Council will help with the initial start-up of gardens, share information and materials, and assist with garden management.

The City's involvement is only the catalyst – the City has no intention of managing community gardens for the long term – but based on the turnout and enthusiastic discussion at the public meetings, we see keen interest for community gardens. They can succeed, however, only when residents accept responsibility for their creation and success.

Even if you aren't directly involved in a community garden, chances are that your quality of life will be better because of the efforts of community gardeners. According to the American Community Gardening Association, multiple studies

in recent years have clearly demonstrated the benefits of community gardens for the entire community: They increase urban green space, provide fresh produce, give children a constructive activity, enhance property values, build connections among diverse neighbors, and can even help reduce crime.

The Garden Council will establish the rules for Longmont gardens based on models used by Second Start Community Garden, Longmont's only currently established garden, as well as Growing

Gardens in Boulder and Denver Urban Gardens in Denver. In these models, gardeners pay a nominal annual fee to use a garden plot.

With the development of more gardens within our City, ideally gardeners could live within walking distance of a garden, which might include a storage shed for tools and communally owned equipment as well as other amenities such as fruit trees, grape arbors, and a patio for gatherings and communal meals.

If you and your neighbors are interested in this type of community project, I urge you to participate in upcoming meetings. For more information about the program or to attend a meeting, call Ron Shaw, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, at 303-651-8355 or Susan Spaulding, Community Relations Specialist, at 303-774-4384.



Roger Lange

Talk with your City Council

Longmont residents have lots of opportunities this summer to speak informally with Council members. Coffee with Council is held from 9 to 10 a.m. the last Saturday of every month, and at least two Council members attend to talk with you about any topic you choose. Upcoming:

- **June 27** – Ziggi's, 400 Main Street
- **July 25** – Vic's Too!, 700 Tenacity Drive

You also can speak to Council members at local events. Look for the City Council booth:

- **Saturday, July 11**, at Rhythm on the River, Roger's Grove
- **Friday, July 17**, at ArtLink, downtown Longmont
- **Friday, August 28**, at Festival on Main, Main Street
- **Friday, September 18**, at ArtLink, downtown Longmont

Fireworks at the Fairgrounds

Have a Safe Fourth of July

The City of Longmont presents its annual fireworks display on Saturday, July 4, at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

If you're enjoying your own legal fireworks, please do so safely! Fireworks stands and stores in Longmont sell only legal fireworks, and legal fireworks may be used with caution on your private property.

Illegal fireworks are those that explode or leave the ground. It also is illegal to bring fireworks across state lines.

You can be fined up to \$500 for using illegal fireworks. All fireworks,



Annual FIREWORKS Display
Boulder County Fairgrounds
July 4, 9:30 p.m.
FREE

Special thanks to the Skyline Kiwanis Club for their financial support, which helps make this event possible.

including sparklers, are illegal on city streets, parks, golf course and other public areas.

Hundreds of fireworks-related calls come in to the Longmont 911 center every year. Please call 911 only to save a life, report a fire or stop a crime. **For other, nonemergency complaints, call 303-651-8501.**

Remember, too, that holiday fireworks are very stressful for your pets. Keep animals inside to reduce 911 calls for barking dogs and loose and lost pets. What you do with fireworks affects the safety of your neighbors and your entire community.

Music is in the Air

All Around Longmont

The City of Longmont Summer Concert Series presents free concerts at locations around town. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and have a picnic if you'd like. Seating is first-come, first-served, and alcohol is not allowed. All concerts take place outdoors – don't forget your insect repellent. Call each venue for more information about their concerts.

LONGMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 409 9th Avenue, 303-651-8470

Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.
Long Road Home – traditional, progressive and original bluegrass

Thursday, June 4, 7 p.m.
Giddyup Kitty – “The Bad Girls of Bluegrass”

Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m.
Jerry Barlow – Celtic guitar

Thursday, July 2, 7 p.m.
Crystal Swing Band – sounds of the '30s and '40s

Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m.
Kevin Dooley Trio – acoustic music

LONGMONT MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER
 400 Quail Road, 303-651-8374

Wednesday, June 17, 7 p.m.
Longmont Jazz Combo

Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m.
Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra

Wednesday, July 8, 7 p.m.
Northern & Southern Plains Indian Singers & Dancers

Wednesday, July 15, 7 p.m.
Saltanah Middle Eastern Music Ensemble

Wednesday, July 29, 7 p.m.
Mensah Brothers with Logo Ligi – African drumming and dance

Wednesday, August 12, 7 p.m.
The Stanleytones Bluegrass Band



LONGMONT RECREATION SERVICES

700 Longs Peak Avenue,
 303-651-8404
 Concerts are at the Roosevelt Park Pavilion unless noted otherwise.

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.
Sh'Bang – pop, funk, Motown, oldies

Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.
The Trampolines – acoustic pop rock

Saturday, July 4, noon
Longmont Symphony Orchestra
 at Thompson Park

Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.
The Indulgents – Celtic rock

Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.
Oakhurst – bluegrass with rock and roll

The Focus is on Kids this Summer at the Longmont Museum



If you have young children to entertain this summer, the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center is the place for you.

The youngest visitors to the Museum will become movers and shakers in the new *Little Builders* exhibit, which is on display through August 2.

Donning hard hats and construction vests, children ages 2 to 7 create, play and learn as they explore construction, motion and simple machines. Visitors can:

- Hand-operate a pulley and conveyer belt to explore cause and effect;
- Operate a child-size crane to hook, lift and move objects and materials;

- Build structures with blocks, pipes and gears; and
- Insert balls into air chutes and watch them fly through clear pipes to experiment with aerodynamics.

Little Builders challenges and entertains the mind of a child while helping develop intellectual, physical, emotional and social skills. And although the children may just think it's great fun, there actually is a lot of learning going on. The exhibit teaches the physics of movement, cause and effect, gravity and stability, Bernoulli's principle, and many other scientific concepts. Children also improve their coordination, control, strength and self-confidence.

Bring children and grandchildren, and maybe even try some things out yourself! *Little Builders* was created and is toured by the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry.

Don't forget the voluntary lawn watering schedule

Although there are no mandatory watering restrictions this year in Longmont, water conservation is always an important consideration in our arid climate. You can help conserve water – and keep your water bill low – by following this suggested schedule for twice-a-week lawn watering.

RESIDENTIAL (Single-family homes and duplexes)

- Even-numbered addresses water on Sunday and Thursday
- Odd-numbered addresses water on Wednesday and Saturday

NONRESIDENTIAL (Commercial, multifamily residences and HOAs) water on Tuesday and Friday

No watering on Monday.

One bite. One life changed forever. Protect yourself.

West Nile Virus can strike anyone of any age. And one out of five who are infected will suffer a debilitating illness that can last a lifetime. Worse yet, some will actually lose their life. Take action and protect yourself all summer.

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 to DAWN.
- DRAIN standing water outside your home.

For more information call the West Nile Virus Hotline at 303.441.1460. Or visit www.bouldercountymosquito.net.



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