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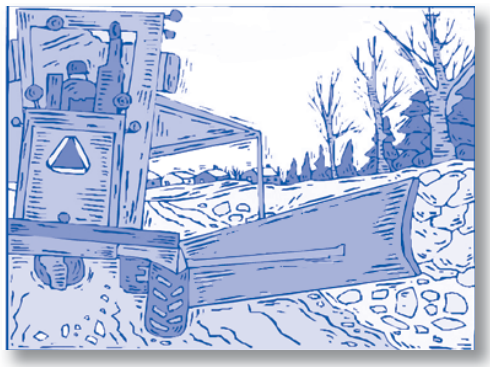
Snow Plan Outlines Plowing of City Streets



Snow is in the air, and being familiar with the City's plan for clearing streets can help you travel more safely.

The City's streets are divided into arterials and collector streets, plus streets that serve schools and hospitals. These areas are the top priorities for sanding and plowing. This assures that each residential area is in close proximity to a plowed street and that emergency services can be provided.

You may experience some inconvenience as snow is moved out of the streets and into the gutters. In certain areas, snow may be plowed onto sidewalks or into driveways due to the narrowness of the roadways.

The plowing schedule is based on snow accumulation at three levels:

- Level One storms: This is little accumulation with no additional storms forecast for the near future. City crews respond as needed to overpasses, bridges and other areas likely to freeze.
- Level Two storms: This snow event has accumulation of one to six inches with the possibility of back-to-back storms. At this point, a complete snow crew of 15 staff with corresponding equipment is put on a 12-hour rotating shift. The crews typically work the major roadways and arterials, as well as the downtown area and school zones.
- Level Three storms: At this level the City has received six to fifteen inches of snow, whether in a single snow event or multiple storms. The entire snow crew is called out to work 12-hour rotating shifts, and private contractors may be called in to assist snow removal efforts. During Level Three snow events, the major transportation corridors are the first priority, and residential streets will begin to be plowed.

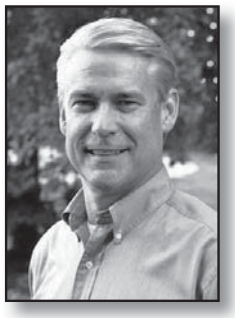
For more detail, see the snow removal maps online at www.ci.longmont.co.us/public_works/streets/snow_removal_maps.htm.

Thanks to our Parks Volunteers!

The City of Longmont's Parks and Forestry Division wishes to thank all of our dedicated 2009 "Adopt-A-Park" and "Friends of the Greenway" volunteers for their generous help in keeping our parks and greenways beautiful.

There still are parks available for adoption in 2010. If you are interested in adopting a park or a section of the St. Vrain Greenway, please call Lore Blattner, Parks and Forestry Division, at 303-651-8446.

Meet Your Longmont City Council



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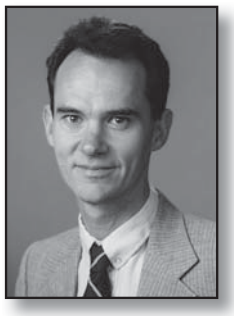

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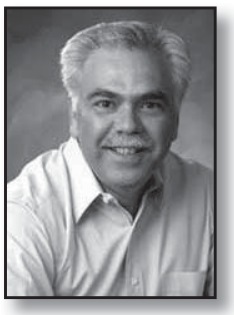

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Mayor Lange Thanks Longmont Community

For the past eight years, it has been my privilege to serve the Longmont community both as a City Council member and as mayor. It has not always been an easy job, but it has always been enjoyable because of the caring and engaged residents of this wonderful community.

As an elected official, I did my best to represent the views of residents and tried to make decisions that were in the best interest of the community. That meant that not everyone agreed with some of my decisions – or the decisions of the City Council – and that was OK. Whether they agreed with the Council or not, those people always demonstrated their passion and love for the community – a zeal not seen everywhere.

I am proud to say that I am one of those residents who is passionate about the Longmont community and concerned about its future. Although I cannot contribute in the same fashion that I did as mayor, I will continue to make a difference in many other ways, as a volunteer, as a mentor and advisor, and as a voice on topics of importance.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past eight years. Thank you also to all the elected officials with whom I served on the Council; they have made a real contribution to the success of our community. And, one final expression of gratitude to the 800 public employees who deliver first-rate service to the residents of this city. They have earned my respect with their daily energy and professionalism.

Finally, I want to extend my congratulations to Mayor Baum and Council members who inherit the task of leading us through some challenging and exciting times. Godspeed.

Roger Lange

Longmont Sister Cities Association Exchange Program Applications Available

Once again Longmont Sister Cities Association (LSCA) will select 14 students and four chaperones to represent Longmont in our sister cities Chino, Japan, and Ciudad Guzman, Mexico. They will participate in a 10-day exchange, living with local families and learning more about the lives and customs of people who live in Japan and Mexico.

Chaperone applicants must live or work within the boundaries of the St. Vrain Valley School District and must be available to begin orientation following student selection. **Chaperone applications are due in the City Manager's Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010.**

Student ambassador applicants must currently be enrolled in grades 8 through 11 and reside in the St. Vrain Valley School District attendance area or attend a public, private or charter school within the boundaries of the school district. Students must be outgoing, flexible, and interested in other cultures. Students and their families must be willing to commit much of their summer to the exchange program. Some financial aid to help with travel costs may be available. **Student ambassador applications are due in the City Manager's Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010.**

Students selected as Longmont Ambassadors will participate in fund-raising activities and orientation classes during the spring and summer prior to their trip, which will be in late July and early August. Upon return they will have the opportunity to host foreign students from the two sister cities and attend a variety of activities with students from both countries while they are here in Longmont.

To learn more about the Student Exchange Program and Longmont Sister Cities Association, please plan to attend the LSCA Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Civic Center, 350 Kimbark Street. The 2009 Ambassadors to Ciudad Guzman, Mexico, and the 2008 Ambassadors to Chino, Japan, will share their experiences with pictures.

Applications for both student ambassadors and chaperones are available in the Longmont City Manager's Office, 350 Kimbark Street, and online at www.longmontsistercities.com.

For more information about the Longmont Sister Cities Student Exchange Program please contact Leslie at 720-494-9534 or Jeanie at 303-772-4620.

2010 Pet Licenses Now Available

City ordinances require that all domestic cats, dogs and pot-bellied pigs within the Longmont city limits be licensed. Licenses are available for purchase at the Longmont Humane Society, 9595 Nelson Road, beginning December 1 and are valid for the calendar year. Fees for licenses are $15 for spayed and neutered animals and $25 for unaltered pets.

Although proof is not needed to obtain a license, city and state laws require that all cats and dogs have a current rabies vaccination.

Additional information is available at www.longmonthumane.org, or call the Humane Society at 303-772-1232.

For information about Longmont's backyard chicken permits, call 303-774-4725 or go to www.ci.longmont.co.us/planning.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

The City of Longmont will be recycling Christmas trees for residents from December 26, 2009, through January 5, 2010. You can bring your tree to the Longmont Recycling Center at 140 Martin Street seven days a week (closed New Year's Day) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or to one of these satellite drop-off sites:

Roosevelt Park parking lot at 8th Ave. and Pratt St.
Garden Acres Park, west side of parking lot off 18th Ave.
Kanemoto Park parking lot, west side of South Pratt Pky.
Centennial Park, east parking lot at Alpine St. and Verdant Cir.

Please remove all decorations and bags from the tree prior to drop-off. And please do not leave any other trash or debris at the drop-off sites. For more information, call 303-651-8416 or visit www.ci.longmont.co.us/solidwaste/events/christmastree.htm.

Happy Holidays!

Dogs Not Allowed on New Section of Trail

The new section of the St. Vrain Greenway trail from 119th Street to Sandstone Ranch that opened in November is extraordinarily rich in wildlife and diverse habitats and requires special protection.

In order to provide this protection, **dogs, either on a leash or unleashed, will not be allowed on the portion of the trail between County Line Road and Sandstone Ranch** (approximately one mile of trail east of County Line Road).

Dogs are inherently predators. Unleashed dogs typically will chase wildlife, and even those on a leash have difficulty resisting this natural response. Not able to recognize restraints such as leashes, wildlife views all dogs as predators and will leave the area.

After giving full consideration to the competing desires of full public access and wildlife and habitat protection, the Longmont City Council directed the dog restriction to protect this unique landscape, the wildlife in this area and its important wildlife habitats. The area east of County Line Road previously was mined for gravel and has been reclaimed to provide several different habitats, including open water, wetlands and upland areas. Species currently found in this corridor include bald eagle, golden eagle, red-tailed hawk, Swainson's hawk, osprey, kestrel, wild turkey, great blue heron, snowy egret, pelican, white-tailed deer, bobcat, fox and coyote. Increased numbers of these species, as well as additional species, are likely to inhabit the area as the landscape matures.

The approximately six miles of the St. Vrain Greenway from County Line Road west to Golden Ponds is open to people and their leashed dogs. This area for leashed dogs is not accessible from the parking lot at Sandstone Ranch but is accessible from the trailheads at Golden Ponds, Roger's Grove, Izaak Walton Pond, the Boulder County Fairgrounds pond, on-street parking at the sundial at South Pratt Parkway, and at the fire training center on 1st Avenue just west of Martin Street.

Sidewalks Require Shoveling Within 24 Hours

As winter returns, it's a good time to remind Longmont residents of their duty to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow and ice.

Longmont Municipal Code 9.04.130 states that the owner, manager, or tenant leasing the entire premises of any property abutting a public sidewalk, or any adult occupant of a single-family home abutting a public sidewalk, must clear the walk of snow and ice the entire width of the sidewalk or to at least four feet, whichever is less.

Residents with north facing sidewalks need to be especially vigilant, as the north facing walks will never experience enough "solar power" to melt snow or ice. The snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Snow or ice has not "stopped falling" if additional snow or ice falls within four hours.

Failure to shovel the sidewalk abutting your property may result in an official notice from Code Enforcement. If you receive a notice in the mail, or as a door hanger, you have 24 hours to shovel the snow and remove the ice. If you do not comply with the official notice, you may be issued a summons, and the City will order a contractor to shovel the walks at your expense.

The City's "Snow Chaser" program relies on volunteers to help clear sidewalks for seniors and disabled people who qualify. To volunteer or to request help, call Kari Grotting, Longmont Senior Services, at 303-651-8495.

To report snow and ice violations on sidewalks, call Code Enforcement at 303-651-8695.

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