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Stop-n-Drop and Tree Limb Pickup in April

Stop-n-Drop on April 11

The second large-item Stop-n-Drop of 2009 will be on Saturday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Maintenance Facility at 375 Airport Rd.

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

Participants also are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the OUR Center.

Dirt, rock, sod, concrete, and yard waste are among the items that are NOT accepted. Please call 303-651-8416 for information on disposing of such items.

Tree Limb Pickup

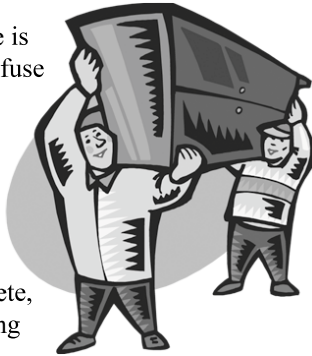
It's tree trimming time, and the city will help dispose of your tree limbs and branches. Longmont holds one citywide limb collection every year, and this year it takes place April 13 through 24.

Limbs must be cut into lengths no longer than six feet, and no limb may be larger than six inches in diameter. They should be placed into bundles no larger than three feet in diameter.

If you live north of 9th Avenue, place your bundles in the gutter, off the sidewalk, by 7 a.m. on Monday,

April 13. If you live south of 9th Avenue have your bundles out by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 20. Please do not block access to refuse or recycling containers. No leaves, trash or other debris are accepted, and commercial properties are not included in this collection.

Residents also can take limbs and leaves to the Tree Limb Diversion Center at 140 Martin St. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. There is no charge if you have your City of Longmont residential utility bill showing that you are a solid waste customer, and you may be asked also to show identification. This free service is available only to city residents who pay the waste management fee.



Hard-to-Recycle Roundup

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. Take advantage of this service on Saturday, April 4, 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 such as cameras and PDAs.

There is a fee for electronic items, fire extinguishers, bike tires and tubes, and porcelain fixtures. Items collected at no charge include #6 white block foam, cell phones, printer and inkjet cartridges, athletic shoes, computer keyboards, mice, cables, books and manuals, textiles and big durable #2 plastics. For more information, call Eco-Cycle at 303-772-7300.



A message from

Mayor Roger Lange



As RTD Decision on FasTracks Nears, Everyone Must Make Their Wishes Known

A lot of correspondence has appeared lately concerning the build-out of FasTracks, in particular the North West line that runs from Denver through Boulder to Longmont. The eventuality of rail as a transportation choice for us in Longmont has significant benefits for the future development of our city. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) near rail stations has far-reaching possibilities that will positively shape Longmont in the way it grows and develops.

Five years into the 12-year build-out of FasTracks the Regional Transportation District (RTD) finds itself with a projected capital shortfall of \$3.2 billion that is needed to complete the rapid transit system that Longmont voters approved in 2004. Financial problems also have been exacerbated by declining sales tax revenues and reductions in projected ridership for some FasTracks corridors.

On March 31, 2009, the RTD Board of Directors is scheduled to decide the future of FasTracks – the 12-year comprehensive plan to build and operate high-speed rail lines and expand and improve bus service and park-n-Rides throughout the region, including a commuter rail line to Longmont.

The Longmont City Council is unanimous in its desire to see that Longmont voters get what they approved in 2004 with passage of the referendum that increased sales taxes to pay for this plan.

The Council is doing its part by participating in local and regional meetings to express our concerns, writing letters and lobbying our elected representatives – not only on the RTD board – but also our congressional representatives in Washington, DC, and writing letters of support to our local media.

We have listed contact information for these elected officials on the City's Internet home page at www.ci.longmont.co.us and provided links so that the public can easily contact them.

It's not enough that the City Council lead the charge. It's equally important that the Longmont community speak clearly and loudly to RTD and demand that FasTracks be delivered as outlined to voters in 2004.

We all know that the recession has negatively impacted the economy, but it does not mean that Longmont should be cut out of the rail plan or put on indefinite delay. It means that the RTD board should leave no stone unturned to resolve the issue.

Along with my fellow mayors who serve on the Metro Mayors Caucus, I will continue to fight for what voters approved and protect the interests of our community. And, we ask that concerned residents join the chorus of support for FasTracks before the crucial RTD vote on March 31.

Roger Lange



Outdoor Emergency Warning System Tests Begin April 6

The City's Outdoor Emergency Warning System (OEWS), a series of sirens located throughout the city, is used to notify people who are OUTDOORS when immediate action should be taken.

The OEWS is tested at 10 am on the first Monday of the month from April through August. If you hear the siren and it isn't the first Monday, take shelter immediately, and tune to local media to learn more about the nature of the emergency. Local television stations and 850 KOA-AM radio usually are good sources of information.

When you hear the warning, please DO NOT CALL 911 unless you have a real emergency. It is critical to keep the 911 lines open for people who require immediate assistance.

It's Time to "Clean-up Green-up"



The City's annual Clean-up Green-up Campaign begins on April 4, 2009, and runs through April 30. This is an opportunity, sponsored by the City of Longmont and the *Times-Call*, for community members to volunteer for the citywide effort to clean up Longmont.

Businesses, schools, neighborhood groups, civic groups, families and individuals all are invited to help spruce up the city. Volunteers can pick a park, greenway, alley or open space to clean up, or an area can be assigned to you.

The kick-off for the month-long campaign is April 4 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse, 18 S. Sunset St. Again this year the City will provide coffee, donuts, and juice, and, of course, the famous 35-gallon orange garbage bags to get you going. Even if you can't come to the April 4 event, you have through April 30 to complete your clean-up project. The names of participants will be printed in the *Times-Call* after the clean-up effort ends. Call Lore Blattner at 303-651-8446 for more information.

Free Tax Assistance through April 14

Older adults and low-income taxpayers are eligible for free tax preparation assistance provided by AARP-trained volunteers. They will help complete all income tax forms, including the state property/rent/heat rebate form and the City of Longmont rebate form.

This service is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 14. Walk-ins will not be accepted due to the high volume of people seeking assistance. Please call 303-774-4722 to make an appointment.



Clean-up Green-up and Arbor Day/Earth Day Events

April 4: Clean-up Green-up Campaign

Kick-off at Izaak Walton Clubhouse,
18 S. Sunset, 7:30 a.m.

April 11: Large Item Stop-n-Drop. See page 1.

April 4 - May 10: Portraits of Longmont's Parks: Beauty in the Details. Photographs by Luc Nadeau on exhibit at the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center. Call 303-651-8374.

April 13 - 24: Tree Limb Pickup. See page 1.

April 15: Downtown Sweep and Wash. On Wednesday, April 15, between 2nd Ave. and Longs Peak Ave., merchants will be sweeping off their front and back entryways between 7 a.m. and noon. A City sweeper will sweep the alleys after noon on April 15 and on Main St. in the early morning hours of Friday, April 17. Call Denise Crosby at 303-651-8484 for information.

April 18: Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration in Collyer Park, 6th Avenue and Collyer St., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get a taste of what a professional arborist does. Climb a tree, take a bucket truck ride, or have fun with some challenging rope activities. There will be trees and rose bushes for sale, prizes, balloons, live music, and lunch for only \$1. Learn how to reduce your impact on the environment – and your utility bill – by taking advantage of the City's environmental programs.

Boulder County volunteer naturalists also will present an exploration of our area's life zones on a living map. Contact City Forester Ken Wicklund at 303-651-8449 for more information. Rain date is the following Saturday, April 25.

April 18: Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream Symposium, 9 a.m. to noon, Longmont Senior Center. Explore global issues such as climate change, biodiversity and economic crisis, and consider how we can all work to create a better future. \$25 resident/\$30 nonresident. Call 303-651-8411.

April 24: Global Warming, 1:30 to 2:30 pm., Longmont Senior Center. Join Active Minds® for an in-depth look at the science and politics of global warming. Examine how the future may unfold under various scenarios, and look at global warming from an international policy perspective. Call 303-651-8411.

Apply Now for Summer Jobs with Boulder County Youth Corps

Boulder County residents age 14 to 17 can now apply for summer jobs with the Boulder County Youth Corps. Boulder County also is hiring adults to be team leaders. Females are particularly encouraged to apply in both categories. The deadline to submit youth applications is Friday, March 27. Other positions are open until filled.

"I learned more about the environment and what I can do to improve it. Overall I think I'm a better person because of this job," one of last summer's Corpsmembers said of the experience.



The Youth Corps will hire up to 170 teenagers to work 30 hours a week, Monday through Thursday, from June 15 to August 5. Team leaders will be employed from June 2 to August 7 and will work up to 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday. Projects include activities such as thinning forests, building trails, constructing fences, landscaping and historic restoration in unincorporated Boulder County as well as in Longmont, Lafayette, Louisville and Superior.

Applications are available online at www.bouldercounty.org/youthcorps and at counseling offices in Boulder Valley and St. Vrain Valley schools; city and town human resources offices; most local recreation and youth centers and libraries; and the Boulder County Human Resources Department, 2025 14th St. in Boulder. For more information call 303-678-6104.

Landlord-Tenant Forum

On Thursday, April 23, Community & Neighborhood Resources will host a community forum on important landlord and tenant issues in the City Council Chambers at 350 Kimbark St.

Nuisance Properties in Longmont: Police and Code Enforcement Perspectives, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Common nuisance, continuing nuisance, permanent nuisance, qualified nuisance. Just what is a "nuisance property"? What can be done about a property that neighborhood residents consider a nuisance? And how can you prevent your properties from becoming nuisance properties?

Learn how the Police Department and Code Enforcement can help you with your own or neighboring nuisance properties. Commander Tim Lewis of the Longmont Police Department and Longmont Code Enforcement Officers Michelle Cogswell and Jon Allen will answer your questions.

Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Your tenants are distraught because they never had bed bugs before moving to your property, but your property never had bed bugs before they moved in!

Bed bugs are easy to get and difficult to get rid of. David James, a Ph.D. candidate in entomology at CSU and owner of James Pest Control, will talk about bed bug control in homes, apartments, motels and hotels. If you have bed bugs, you won't want to miss this presentation. If you don't have bed bugs, learn how to keep them out of your home and your properties.

Talk with Council Members



At Coffee with Council Longmont residents can talk with council members on any topic. Coffee with Council is hosted by two council members from 9 to 10 a.m. on the last Saturday of every month at a local coffee house. No appointment is necessary. Just show up, and help yourself to a free cup of coffee. To find out where each Coffee with Council will be held, check the events calendar on the City's web site, or call the City Manager's office at 303-651-8601.



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