

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ROGER LANGE



Dear Neighbor:

The City of Longmont's Community and Neighborhood Resources Program is committed to promoting a strong sense of community within the neighborhoods of the City. Creating a strong sense of community is vital, not only to the health and well being of your family and your neighborhood, but to our community as well. There are four elements of creating and fostering a greater a Sense of Community. Those elements include: membership, influence, integration and fulfillment of needs, and shared emotional connection. Fostering a greater sense of community ultimately leads to increased community and social participation, an enhanced level of safety, and an organized, shared voice for community members. I encourage you to participate with your neighbors and the City to help strengthen your neighborhood and our community.

This *Handbook for Better Neighborhoods* provides information and assistance to the neighborhoods of Longmont. It can be utilized as a guide for building a stronger, better informed neighborhood by both established neighborhood groups and those neighborhood groups that are just getting started.

There is a wide selection of information contained in the handbook, offering the basics of getting started as a neighborhood organization, to successfully completing a neighborhood improvement project, or how to create a unified vision for your neighborhood. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the "City Information" section of the handbook which provides information about the many different services and opportunities available through the City of Longmont.

This handbook and our Community and Neighborhood Resources Program are designed to increase your ability to improve our community by way of promoting a sense of community in your neighborhood and fostering valuable partnerships with the City. I sincerely hope that you and your neighbors find the City of Longmont's *Handbook for Better Neighborhoods* a useful and beneficial tool. If you have any questions or comments about this publication or other resources provided by the Community and Neighborhood Resource Program, please call 303-651-8721.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lange'.

Roger Lange, Mayor
City of Longmont