

**What does the
community have to say
about Tamales & Talk?**

*"I very much enjoyed getting to know the people with whom I shared a tamale dinner. I feel now I understand another's experience in being a new arrival in our community."
...church member*

*"The parents I talked to shared their hopes and dreams for their children. And I shared mine. I have never before had the opportunity to sit and talk at this level of conversation with parents."
...teacher*

*"I met some great people!"
...neighbor*

*"Having grown up in Longmont, I want to be part of helping the community be a diverse place for my children, in Tamales and Talk, my group talked about how to help keep Longmont friendly to all kinds of people."
...parent*

Tamales & Talk



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Community Involvement
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Longmont Multicultural Plan

In 2002, Longmont developed a strategic plan to guide the community in becoming a multicultural, inclusive community...where people are proud to embrace, respect and celebrate each other.

The community involvement committee was formed to implement one of the plan's strategic directions to engage more diverse members in community leadership roles at the neighborhood, local and/or regional level.

Increasing community involvement begins by building relationships and networks and grows from there. It is not a one-step process. Ultimately, an inclusive, caring community depends on fostering positive relationships between individuals.

What is Tamales & Talk?

Tamales & Talk offers an opportunity for community members from different ethnic groups to reach out to each other and get to know one another. During Tamales & Talk small groups of people (between 8-12 people) come together; share a delicious plate of tamales; and converse about their hopes and concerns for Longmont and how to make Longmont even better than it is today.

What can Tamales & Talk Accomplish?

- Help people get to know and understand fellow Longmont residents
- Build personal networks with people they might not otherwise meet
- Practice talking about public issues
- Learn about opportunities to participate in community in decision-making



How do I get involved?

If you want to host a Tamales & Talk, contact Linda Kopecky at 303-651-8637.

Our Coordinator will:

- Consult with you about how to invite diverse participants to the conversation
- Facilitate the small group conversations
- Arrange for the tamales

The Host will:

- Secure the location for the conversation (in your home, at a community center, etc.)
- Invite the participants
- Provide beverages and other food as desired

