

SAVE THE DATE: FIREWORKS, DRONE SHOW AND A PARTY!

Longmont's annual fireworks show will take place at a new location on Thursday, July 4. Fireworks, courtesy of Skyline Kiwanis, will launch from the Longmont Fire Training Center at 111 1st Ave. The St. Vrain Valley School District Drone Academy, sponsored by NextLight, will provide additional magic in the sky. Find details about the downtown party and more at longmontcolorado.gov/fireworks.

Are you having a Fourth of July party at your home? Save money by checking out lawn games and other items from the Library's Library of Things – all for FREE! See the full rules and reserve your items at bit.ly/Lib-of-Things or visit the Librarians at the Reference Desk on the second floor. *(Must have Adult Resident Library card)*

See more events on the back page!



MEALS ON WHEELS RESIDENTIAL LOCKBOX

Help first responders help you in an emergency

Longmont Meals on Wheels (LMOW) Residential Lockbox Program, in partnership with the Longmont Fire Department, is designed to expedite access to older adults and individuals with disabilities in their own homes during wellness checks.

The Lockbox Program also reduces the likelihood of property damage caused by first responders, forcing entry into a home in response to a medical or safety concern. The FREE program is open to all Longmont residents, even those who are not LMOW clients, who either live alone or must be left alone on a regular basis and are age 65 and older; or are younger than 65, with a major medical issue or disability that could render

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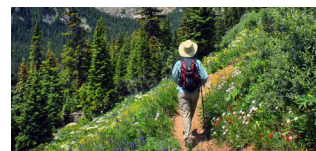
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A Message from Mayor Peck

Full Steam Ahead!

On March 7, Gov. Jared Polis rode an Amtrak passenger train, on BNSF tracks, from Denver to Longmont. The historic journey was an announcement and demonstration of the Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR). The route will travel from Fort Collins to Denver and eventually down to Pueblo, connecting many Front Range communities.

For Longmont, the FRPR would allow Longmont residents to move more efficiently, sustainably and safely to our neighbors and their amenities. Taking the train to the airport, traveling to and from Colorado universities, and enjoying culture and performances along the Front Range will be more accessible than ever. Commuting to business hubs, like Downtown Denver, will have more possibilities and will reduce traffic on I-25 and US 287. Ultimately, a passenger rail system will round out Longmont’s public transportation options.

A passenger rail has long been anticipated in Longmont. There have been many plans presented with various timelines over the years to get a train to Longmont. I’m very happy that our community will benefit from this plan in the near future. The City has been working diligently to make sure our infrastructure is ready for when a passenger rail arrives, starting

with a transportation hub at 1st Avenue and Main Street. In addition to the transit facilities, the project includes development of a higher-density mixed-use project (residential units over commercial space) to be integrated into the construction of a parking garage.

You now have the opportunity to help shape the FRPR and share your feedback. **Please share your opinions in their online survey at ridethefronrange.com.**

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HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

9-10 am June 29: Mayor Joan Peck and Council Member Aren Rodriguez at Hearthstone at Hover Crossing, 1762 Cook Court.

9-10 am July 27: Council Members Susie Hidalgo-Fahring and Diane Crist at the Longmont Fire Station #3, 1000 Pace St.

View the 2024 schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

LONGMONT HIGH SCHOOL 50TH CLASS REUNION 1974

Celebrating 50 years this summer on Aug. 2 and 3! We are inviting all Niwot '74 graduates to join us in the festivities!

Please send your contact information ASAP to Roxanne Taylor-Moore at longmont1974ClassReunion@yahoo.com and include any contact information you have for other '74 classmates, too.

We will be contacting you with the details as they are finalized. See you then!

Consider sustainable transportation for better air

On the Front Range, summer's heat brings extra challenges to our air quality. Our transportation decisions also have a big impact. The good news is that actions as simple as skipping two car trips a week can significantly reduce pollution and improve our air!

Summer is an ideal season to leave the car parked and walk or bicycle to your destination — with zero emissions! Longmont offers multi-use trails, sidewalk connections and bicycle lanes throughout town and beyond. Visit bit.ly/longmont-bicycles to see a map of routes and additional resources.

Taking public transit to school, work or leisure activities is another convenient choice, with options including free, local buses. Public transportation provides an accessible and cost-effective way to get around. Beyond saving money on fuel and parking, utilizing public transit helps alleviate traffic congestion and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, fostering a cleaner and more sustainable environment. Hop on the local bus and enjoy a free, comfortable and eco-friendly journey! See full routes and schedules at bit.ly/longmont-bus. This program is paid through the City's Street Fund.

- 323 route including major stops like Front Range Community College, Village at the Peaks shopping area, Skyline High School, 17th & Pace and many more.
- 324 route including major stops like Silver Creek High School, Longmont Museum & Recreation Center, and Park Ridge & Main by Walmart and many more.
- 326 route including major stops like Longmont High School, 17th & Hover, and Park Ridge & Main Street and many more.
- 327 route including major stops like Longmont Library & Civic Center, Lashley & Mountain View, and Main & 23rd and many more.

Similar to a ride-share, FlexRide is available to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Customer Care team at 303-299-6000, option 2, to reserve your ride. Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance and as little as 10 minutes before pick-up time, based on availability. Advanced reservations are recommended as space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Discover more ways you can take action for cleaner air and sustainable travel at bit.ly/sustainability-longmont. Sign up for the Sustainability Newsletter to be in the know about all things sustainable at bit.ly/news-col-sustain.

Register to receive your FREE lockbox from Meals on Wheels

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them incapacitated or unconscious. LMOW provides a lockbox for free and residents provide a key to their home that goes in the lockbox.

Longmont Emergency Services hold the code to the lockbox in their secure system, which only they have access to. Applications can be found on the agency's website at longmontmeals.org.



GET HELP FINDING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY AT THE LONGMONT LIBRARY

Volunteers from the Longmont Genealogical Society offer their time, knowledge and assistance to help attendees search for their ancestors and use the various resources available both in and out of the Longmont Library.

Wherever you are in your search, these volunteers can help! Gather any information you have — name(s), a date of birth or death, a place, etc. and see what you can discover.

Swing by the Longmont Library from 10 am-noon on the last Saturday of each month (June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, etc.) to discover your family's history!

Can't make the meet-up? The Society has other events and help sessions. Visit longmontgenealogicalsociety.org for more information.

Recreation Events & Updates

July 4th Symphony Concert

longmontsymphony.org | 303-772-5796

1 pm on Thursday, July 4 | Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

Join the Longmont Symphony Orchestra for the annual Fourth of July summer concert in the park! Complete with patriotic music, a picnic contest with prizes, kids conducting the orchestra, and cannons for the 1812 Overture, this free performance can't be missed!

July 4th Aqua Zumba®

longmontcolorado.gov/fitness | 303-774-4700

10:30 am-noon on Thursday, July 4 | Sunset Pool, 1900 Longs Peak Ave.

Party in the Pool with Recreation fitness instructors during a special holiday Aqua Zumba® class. It'll be a SPLASH! General admittance fees apply.

Roger's River Run 5k

longmontcolorado.gov/rhythm | 303-774-4700

7:30 pm on Friday, July 12 | Roger's Grove Nature Area, 220 Hover St.

Join us in your glow and party apparel, to run, walk, or dance the 5K, all the way to the GLOW after party at Roger's Grove! PLUS, the fun doesn't stop there. Your Roger's River Run bib grants you entry to the exclusive VIP area at the new Rhythm at Roosevelt festival on Sept. 21 at Roosevelt Park. Roger's River Run is a family-friendly event and strollers are welcome.

Jeff & Paige at Sandstone Ranch

longmontcolorado.gov/SandstoneEvents | 303-774-4700

**Gates open at 5:30 pm; main event 6:30-7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 16
Sandstone Ranch Visitors Center,
3001 Sandstone Drive**

Bring your picnic dinner & chair or blanket and enjoy a performance by Jeff & Paige, who entertain kids and adults alike with their lively tunes and interactive performances. No registration required.



Callahan Summer Open House

longmontcolorado.gov/Callahan

303-776-5191

4:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, July 25 | 312 Terry St.

The Callahan House, built in 1892, is a historically designated home given to the City of Longmont in 1938 by Thomas and Alice Callahan. Learn about local Longmont history while exploring the enchanting interiors of the home during this free event. All ages welcome! No registration required.

Middle School Nights at Sunset Pool

bit.ly/longmontpools | 303-774-4700

7-9 pm on Tuesdays: July 9 and 23, Aug. 6

Sunset Pool, 1900 Longs Peak Ave.

Middle-schoolers and incoming freshmen will enjoy a fun night at the pool! Pre-registration is encouraged. Guests must show proof of age or a current student ID. \$6/resident (no passes).



Get hiking maps, passes and more at the Longmont Library

Hiking season is in full swing! Whether you're an avid hiker or want to take a leisurely path to see all the beauty our landscape has to offer, the Longmont Library has the resources to help make it enjoyable for everyone.

VISIT COLORADO STATE PARKS FOR FREE

Visit the Circulation Desk in the lobby area of the Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave., and check out one of four backpack kits that contain a current year's state park pass tag, Wildlife Viewing Guide Book, along with other useful information about the surrounding land, animals and plants. Call 303-651-8472 or visit bit.ly/BagsandKits for the full details.

HIKING BOOKS, TRAIL GUIDES AND MAPS

Head up to the second floor to check out hiking and trail books, as well as view maps, to help find your next adventure. You can also search for books on our online catalog 24/7: longmont.marmot.org.

FIND A NEW HIKING AREA

Check out the Library's Discovery Passes to visit Dinosaur Ridge National Natural Landmark for FREE! Visit bit.ly/LibDiscovery or call 303-651-8472 to find out more about this program.