



WINTER SEASON BEGINS AT THE LONGMONT MUSEUM!

Discovery Days starting Jan. 21

Discovery Days is a program that encourages children ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers to have fun and learn together with educational, hands-on, art, music and movement activities. This season's weekly themes include Big Trucks, Fish & Things that Swim, Mythical Creatures, Rainforest, Construction, Airplanes & Things that Fly, Dinosaurs and many more! Drop-in classes are offered three times a day and five days a week; no registration needed! Scholarships are available.

Thursday Nights @ the Museum, Jan. 23 – May 1

The Longmont Museum welcomes you this winter with Thursday Nights @ the Museum – featuring Art & Sip classes, films, concerts and free talks – starting Thursday, Jan. 23! The Museum's galleries are open until 9 pm on Thursdays: visit an exhibit before or after your program.

Learn more about these and other programs by visiting longmontmuseum.org or calling 303-651-8374.

Helping Students Save for – and Attend – College

The City of Longmont's Children, Youth and Families division (CYF) is supporting two programs to help Longmont students and future teachers with their education expenses.

- The 529 Jump program provides families of k-3 students with \$50 scholarships when they open a 529 savings account.
- The City of Longmont is providing grant money to help Front Range Community College students studying early childhood education.

“The City of Longmont is committed to education, and Longmont's Children Youth and Families division is bringing this commitment to students,” said Hilda Zamora Hursh, Children, Youth and Families manager. “These programs help the families of early grade school children

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A Message from Mayor Peck

What is the City doing about...

As we start the new year, I have been getting many questions about the progress around town. My new favorite question to answer is “What is the City actually doing about...” Longmont is a full-service – and very engaged – city with a variety of projects happening simultaneously. The City has developed a way to easily keep track of the projects and issues important to you.

Let me introduce you to the Longmont Indicators: indicators.longmontcolorado.gov. This website allows all Longmont residents to see how the City is progressing toward their goals. The Longmont Indicators were developed from multiple strategic plans from specific departments and citywide teams. City Council has been working hard to direct staff to pursue large umbrella goals like a dynamic transportation system, housing for all, early childhood education, and more. City departments have developed projects to address structural and practical issues to get closer to our goals for Longmont.

From sustainability to economic vitality, the Longmont Indicators display how far along we are toward meeting our umbrella goals and provide project details that support those goals. You can check on our “housing, services, amenities, and opportunities for all” overarching goal. You can also see the development of specific projects like the “Affordable Housing Fund” that help make those larger goals happen.

This dashboard is intended to be an honest, transparent description of where we are in different projects around the city. You’ll see that while we are ahead on many projects, we are delayed on others. We hope the Longmont Indicators website will empower you to feel informed and engaged with our beautiful city. As always, the City Council would love to hear from you about the issues that are important to you. You can find your representative and my information at bit.ly/longmont-council.

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HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

New Schedule: Please note that beginning in January 2025 Coffee and Council will be held on the third Saturday of every month! Join us:

- January 18 – Lashley Street Station
- February 15 – Longmont Museum
- March 15 – Longmont Senior Center

View the complete 2025 schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council

LET’S COMPOST!

The third phase of Longmont’s Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO) will begin on January 1, 2025, requiring organics (composting) collection for food wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, and grocery stores. The City is offering financial assistance and other support for compliance. Commercial or multifamily properties that meet any qualifying conditions may qualify for an exemption. Learn more at bit.ly/URO-info. Questions? Call 303-651-8416 or email sustainability@longmontcolorado.gov

Helping Students Save for College

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begin saving for higher education and also provide grants for students attending Front Range Community College (FRCC) to study early childhood education. These programs were created to improve the range of early childhood services available in our community, which is a top priority of our City Council.”

Learn more at bit.ly/cyf-helps-students

Share Your Thoughts on Longmont's Water Efficiency Plan

Longmont is focused on providing safe, reliable water while saving as much as possible. The 2024 Water Efficiency Plan builds on what we've done before and follows state rules to cut water use and prepare for changes in the climate.

We need your feedback on the latest update to this plan! This is a great chance to share your ideas and help guide our water-saving efforts for the next seven years.

Your input is really important as we work to create programs that benefit the community and protect our water resources. We encourage all community members to take part and let their voices be heard.

How to Participate:

Review the updated efficiency plan on our website and provide feedback at bit.ly/longmontwater.

Submit your comments and suggestions by January 6, 2025.

Together, we can make a positive impact on Longmont's water future!



#MoreThanBooks: Storytimes promote early learning, literacy, and social skills

Storytime is super fun for grown-ups and children AND an amazing opportunity for healthy early childhood brain development. At storytime, children develop pre-reading and language skills, sensory experience, social awareness, and preparation for success in school and life-long learning.

Connection and community are also found at storytime where play and curiosity are encouraged. Grown-ups can learn new early literacy and social-emotional skills to try at home and connect with Librarians who specialize in early childhood development. All for free and for all. We hope to see you at storytime soon!

Bring your family to a FREE storytime at the Longmont Library and help your kids develop a love for learning, reading and more!

Bilingual Storytime / Cuentos Bilingües : Mondays, 10-10:30 am

Stories and songs in English and Spanish for children of all ages.

Toddler Storytime: Tuesdays, 10-10:20 am

A lively storytime designed for children ages 2 to 3 years old and their grownup.

Baby Storytime: Wednesdays, 10-10:20 am

An interactive storytime designed for infants to age 2 and their grownup.

Yoga/Craft Storytimes: Alternating Thursdays, 10-10:30 am

We'll read stories and do a special craft or practice yoga movement and breathing.

Family Storytime: Fridays, 10-10:30 am

Lots of fun picture books will be shared along with movement and age-appropriate stories and games to help your children become ready to read.

Weekend Family Storytime: Saturdays, 11-11:30 am

Join us as we share picture books, move, dance and sing together.

For more details, visit bit.ly/Lib-Storytimes.



Rewarding Jobs with Longmont Recreation

Recreation Services hires for both year-round and seasonal positions. With jobs available for individuals as young as 15 and for older adults in their retirement years, summer applications are accepted beginning late January with interviews starting in February.

Jobs include climbing wall attendants, babysitters, day camp staff, swim lesson instructors, lifeguards, front desk staff and building supervisors, fitness instructors, sports officials, and grounds maintenance technicians.

For more information, and to apply, visit bit.ly/LongmontRecJobs or call us at 303-774-4700.



Recreation in January

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

Enjoy the lights through early January 2025.

NEW YEAR'S ZUMBA® FITNESS CLASS – JOIN THE PARTY!

Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road

longmontcolorado.gov/fitness | 303-774-4800

Join Recreation fitness staff for the 14th annual Zumba Party from 1-2:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 1 at the Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road. Enjoy Friends, Fitness and Fun to ring in the new year! This event is for all ages; children must be supervised. Cost is \$10 per person (passes not accepted). No pre-registration needed. Doors open at 12:45 pm. The Recreation Center is closed on New Year's Day except for the Zumba Party.

LONGMONT SWIM SCHOOL

longmontcolorado.gov/swim | 303-774-4706

The Longmont Swim School offers learn-to-swim classes for all ages and abilities. Swim lesson instructors receive specific training for each program they teach as well as attend regular, on-going staff training to ensure you receive the best possible instruction. New Swim School group sessions start each month, so there is always a perfect time to enroll! Private lessons are also available.

LONGMONT ICE PAVILION

Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

longmontcolorado.gov/ice-pavilion | 303-651-8404

The Longmont Ice Pavilion is open through mid-March, weather permitting. Located at Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Avenue, the Ice Pavilion is a seasonal ice rink, offering public ice skating, hockey, skating lessons and private rentals throughout the winter. Save money and skate with friends and family! Purchase a sharable pass online at bit.ly/LongmontRecFees.

ITTY BITTY CITY: FRIDAY PRESCHOOL FUN

St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

303-651-8404 | rec.ci.longmont.co.us

Itty Bitty City returns on Fridays from 9-11 am January 10 through early May at the St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

Snow or Shine, our toys are divine! Kids ages 6 months to 5 years have lots of room to run and play in the gym. Parents must supervise their children. Please, no older children. Cost is \$4 per child or \$34 for a 10-visit pass.

No registration is needed for this drop-in program.

