

THE WINTER WALKABOUT MUSIC SHOWCASE RETURNS

Longmont's annual Winter Walkabout Music Showcase (WWMS) will take place throughout downtown Longmont on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025 from 2-9:30 pm.

The WWMS consists of more than 50 music performances throughout 18 indoor venues – all within walking distance of each other in downtown Longmont's Certified Creative District. One all-inclusive ticket allows concert-goers access to every show.

For details, and to purchase tickets, visit downtownlongmont.com/WWMS



New Utility Rates Begin in 2025

Longmont's utility rates have been updated for 2025, including new water rates that were adopted by the City Council in October and increased support for income-qualified households through Longmont CAREs.

The revised rates remain comparable to other Front Range communities. For a typical household, this will mean an additional \$4.46 per month in water costs, along with an added \$3.39 per month in wastewater charges and \$5.71 per month in electric costs that were previously adopted in 2023 or earlier. Residents will see the rate changes reflected in bills they receive for their January use, and in the seasonal electric rate this summer.

The new rates will enable Longmont's non-profit-utilities to continue providing safe, reliable service at the lowest possible cost, including:

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Find City Council meeting agendas and minutes at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

RIDE Longmont is Here



Introducing RIDE Longmont – an easy and affordable public transit option available on demand. Book a trip in just a few taps with the RIDE Longmont app or by calling 970-538-9097. Use RIDE Longmont to get to school or work, travel to appointments, and run errands.

Service is available Monday through Saturday, 6–8 pm, and Sunday 9 am–5 pm. Each ride costs just \$2 or less. Students and seniors ride for just \$1 per trip!

Visit city.ridewithvia.com/longmont for details.



HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Feb. 15, 9-10 am: Council Members Aren Rodriguez and Diane Crist at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road.

March 15, 9-10 am: Council Members Susie Hidalgo-Fahring and Sean McCoy at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

View the 2025 schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

New Picasso Exhibit Opens at the Longmont Museum Feb. 1

Explore the genius of Pablo Picasso at the Longmont Museum from Feb. 1 through May 5. “A Graphic Journey: Prints by Pablo Picasso” takes visitors on a fascinating tour through Picasso’s printmaking, featuring nearly 60 works from 1923 to 1972. The exhibit showcases three key stages of Picasso’s career and explores how he tackled themes like love, war, power and humanity. From detailed early etchings to bold lithographs and inventive linocuts, it highlights his constant experimentation with master printers.

Visitors will see not only famous images but also Picasso’s transformative approach to each technique, offering a rare look at his creativity. The installation also features original ceramics from a local collector created by Picasso in the 1970s. Exhibition and museum tour organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA.

The Museum will host a Picasso Opening Reception on Friday, Jan. 31 from 6–8 pm. Be among the first to explore the new exhibit and enjoy a night of culture featuring the music of 20th century French composer Erik Satie on piano. You’re invited to come dressed for a night in Paris in cocktail attire. Find tickets and details at longmontmuseum.org.



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- Replacing aging infrastructure, and supporting the utility operations, maintenance and upgrades that are needed to continue providing our community with safe and reliable drinking water.
- Supporting future bonding to complete the expansion of the Nelson-Flanders water treatment plant and the replacement of Longmont's remaining 80-to-100-year-old cast iron pipes.
- Maintaining and upgrading the City's wastewater treatment facilities to meet the needs of a growing community.
- Complying with increasingly stringent state and federal requirements on wastewater treatment.
- Helping fund the continuing efforts of Longmont Power & Communications and Platte River Power Authority, our wholesale power provider, to progress toward the 100% renewable electric energy goal by 2030, as directed by the City Council.
- Paying wholesale electric costs, adjusting for inflation and otherwise covering needed maintenance, operational and improvement costs for the LPC electric grid.

To help offset the rate change, the City has also increased the rebates available through Longmont CARES for qualifying residents. To find out more about the program and how to qualify visit bit.ly/assistance-rebates.

Find details at bit.ly/rate-changes, along with information on Longmont CARES and other options to help keep bills low, such as Efficiency Works and Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE).



Time to Compost

As of January 1, 2025 food wholesalers, distributors, manufacturers, and grocery stores are required to have a compost collection service for all food waste. Coupons and other resources are available on a first come, first serve basis to help pay the bill for new collection service.

Learn more, including if your business needs to comply or if you qualify for an exemption, at bit.ly/URO-info.

Questions? Email sustainability@longmontcolorado.gov or call 303-651-8416.

GET A FREE SUSTAINABLE HOME ASSESSMENT

Register now for a free sustainable home assessment and learn easy ways to save money and protect the environment.

You'll learn simple tips to reduce waste and use less electricity, gas, water and more. You'll also get free home upgrades including an energy-efficient power strip, kitchen compost bin and eco-friendly cleaning products. Expert Sustainability Ambassadors will also recommend rebate and discount programs for everything from electric vehicles to low-water landscaping, solar power, and neighborhood grant programs. Each appointment is customized. You choose what you want to learn about!

To claim your Longmont SOLL Sustainable Home Assessment visit longmontcolorado.gov/SOLL or call 303-774-3553. All Longmont residents, including renters, are pre-qualified for this free program.

Recreation Events & Updates

Longmont Summer Day Camp

longmontcolorado.gov/summerdaycamp
303-651-8404

Join Recreation staff for an activity-packed summer featuring swimming twice a week and field trips to local parks and attractions. A traditional summer camp for ages 5-10, and a Tween exploration camp for ages 11-12, are available. Enrollment options vary. Registration opens Monday, Feb. 3.

Windows to Wellness Health Fair - Free Admission

bit.ly/windows2wellness | 303-774-4700

Connect with local health and wellness providers and explore new ways to feel your best from 9 am to 2 pm Saturday, February 8 at the Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Avenue. This annual fair offers a variety of vendors and free workshops led by experts. You can also sign up for 10-minute sessions for \$10 (cash only – please bring small bills) with alternative wellness practitioners and readers.

Adult Sports Leagues

longmontcolorado.gov/leagues | 303-774-4700

Indoor volleyball is back at the Recreation Center! Play is coed, 4v4 on Tuesday nights, participant officiated, with social and competitive divisions offered.

Adult flag football will make its debut in 2025 at the new turf fields at Dry Creek Park. This 8-game, 8v8 league on Monday nights is designed for casual play with friends.

If you want to play in a league but don't have a team, register as a free agent and we'll get you connected. Visit our web page to learn more about seasonal sports leagues including youth options.

Longmont Ice Pavilion

longmontcolorado.gov/ice-pavilion
303-774-4777 or 303-651-8404

Located in Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Avenue, the outdoor ice rink offers public ice-skating, hockey, skating lessons and private rentals through early March, weather permitting. Find schedules and class information online.

Now Hiring: Summer Recreation Staff

bit.ly/longmontrecjobs | 303-774-4700

Find your summer job NOW! Recreation & Golf Services hires for a variety of part-time, full-time, benefited, and non-benefited positions each season. Positions are available for ages 15+ and interviews are ongoing.

How to Protect Both People and Waterways After Winter Storms



Winter brings us beautiful snowcapped mountains and ice-covered creeks, but it also means slippery conditions and breaking out our boots and shovels. De-icers are useful in helping to keep walkways and driveways safe, but in large quantities are harmful to aquatic life. Melting snow will carry de-icers and other pollutants into storm drains, which drain directly to nearby streams without any treatment.

So, how can we protect both people and waterways after winter storms? Here is what you can do:

- Secure trash and recycling bin lids to keep litter from blowing onto the snow.
- Pick up pet waste to prevent bacteria and nutrients from being carried away by melting snow.
- Shovel snow from sidewalks onto vegetated areas so it soaks into the ground instead of flowing onto the street.
- If using a deicer, apply according to instructions as soon as snowy or icy conditions appear. De-icers help break the bond between ice and pavement to make shoveling easier. They don't evaporate snow and ice, so adding more doesn't eliminate the need to shovel.