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Last Chance For the Picasso Exhibit

Open through May 25 at the Longmont Museum

\$8 adults, \$5 students/seniors, children 3 and under free, Museum members free

Extended by popular demand! Don't miss your chance to explore the genius of Pablo Picasso in an exhibition at the Longmont Museum featuring more than 60 original works from 1923 to 1972. "A Graphic Journey: Prints by Pablo Picasso" takes visitors on a fascinating tour through Picasso's printmaking.

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.

Learn more at longmontmuseum.org or by calling 303-651-8374.



NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP SERIES

Register for May classes

Free; registration encouraged at longmontcolorado.gov/nls

Longmont's Neighborhood Leadership Series (NLS) offers our City's current and aspiring community leaders the opportunity to enhance their leadership and community organizing skills.

All classes are free, open to the public, and hosted in person on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Longmont Senior Center or conducted virtually via Zoom if noted on the event registration.

UPCOMING CLASS

 May 28: HOA Insurance Panel: Learn about the legal regulations that affect the insurance market trends and how HOAs to mitigate rising costs.

Visit <u>longmontcolorado.gov/nls</u> for up-to-date information and to register. Email <u>cnr@longmontcolorado.gov</u> or call 303-651-8556 with any questions.

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Be a good neighbor.

Excessive loud noise can result in fines and legal actions. Learn more at:





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



Join Councilmembers and community members the third Saturday each month from 9-10 am.

- April 19: South Main Station, 485 2nd Ave
- May 17: Civic Center Mall, 350 Kimbark St.
- **June 21**: Hearthstone at Hover Crossing, 2127 18th Ave.
- July 19: Lashley St. Station, 1200 Lashley St.
- August 16: Civic Center Mall, 350 Kimbark St.
- **September 20**: Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Find additional 2025 details online at:

LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

FREE FOR ALL: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FILM SCREENING



Save your seat! The Library is hosting a free screening of Free for All: The Public Library on May 15 from 6-7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. This documentary highlights how libraries are more than just buildings filled with books—they are vibrant community hubs that promote knowledge, equity, and connection. Free for All explores public library history, from the 19th-century Free Library Movement to modern-day challenges such as budget cuts and book bans. It also celebrates our libraries resiliency, despite challenges.

As debates over book bans and information control intensify, our libraries play an essential role in safeguarding our right to diverse ideas and perspectives. They are defenders of democracy, in this sense, because they ensure intellectual freedom and protect against censorship.

Libraries are more than just books. They offer safe spaces to study, access to free computers and tech, language learning materials, enriching programming and so much more. Libraries encourage civic engagement and keep us informed on important issues, from climate change to social justice.

Join us on May 15 to celebrate the vital role the Longmont Library plays in fostering an informed, engaged community. We look forward to seeing you at the Council Chambers!

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

Join us at Roosevelt Park, Saturday May 3 from 11 am to 6 pm for a Cinco de Mayo Celebration!

Longmont 's Cinco de Mayo celebration is a hub for sharing culture, resources and some fun. The day includes entertainment, vendor and information booths, free activities for kids, a car show, the "Mexican Standoff" Break Dance Competition, and tons of great food! A healthy, family-oriented event, Cinco is alcohol-free, tobacco-free and marijuana-free – and committed to becoming a zero-waste event. Please bring refillable water bottles; we will provide water stations. We celebrate rain or shine. See you there!

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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

April's a popular time for digging into outdoor projects. But that work can turn dangerous fast if you don't know what's waiting underground. That's why April is also National Safe Digging Month, with a simple reminder: Always contact 811 before you dig!

Colorado's "Call Before You Dig" law protects your utility lines from being damaged during underground work, which also protects you and your neighborhood. Just remember:

- If you're going to dig on your property, or in a nearby easement or right-of way, contact 81! This warns anyone who has an underground line in the area to mark it with paint or a flag, which is called "locating." You MUST contact 811 at least three business days in advance of digging. The "Call Before You Dig" line can be reached by visiting https://www.colorado811.org/idig811/ or by calling either 811 or 1.800.922.1987.
- If your electric meter is not attached to the house, you will need to hire a private locating company!

 A number of Longmont homes have their meter in a pedestal light near the sidewalk, or another location that is not on their property. If this is the case, the electric line between the meter and your home is YOUR private line. It is your responsibility to call a private locating company and have that line marked before any work begins.
- These may not be your only private lines! Water, sewer, and storm sewer lines all have private components to them and will need to be privately located as well. Water lines are marked from the water main up to the curb stop valve box (the water service shut-off valve in the public right-of-way) or the right-of-way water line; as a courtesy, the private side of the line will be marked with blue dots but will still need to be privately located. Sewer lines are considered private lines from the home to the sewer main connection. If you have questions about this, please call 303.651.8416
- If you own an underground line in an easement or right-of-way, call 303-232-1991! This lets you register your line with the Utility Notification Center of Colorado so that anyone calling 811 knows your line is there. All lines in these areas must be registered, whether it's for a large company like Xcel or a smaller HOA irrigation system. This costs \$25, plus a small charge for each notification.

Failing to contact 811 could leave you with a damaged utility line and an expensive repair bill. Worse, it can also disrupt service to an entire area and be deadly if a gas or electric line is hit!

Information can also be found online at bit.ly/DigSafeLongmont under the "Before You Dig" link or by visiting Colorado 811's website at www.co811.org.

Remember, calling first saves trouble later. Stay safe!

MYTH BUSTING: RECYCLE IT RIGHT

Recycling reduces the need for new materials to be produced, saves water, energy, and helps contribute to our local economy. Here are four common myths on recycling and why it matters for you to recycle it right at work.

1. Myth: Recycling does not get recycled.

Fact Check: Recycling does get recycled! In Boulder County we have a great local materials recovery facility, operated by Eco-Cycle. Eco-Cycle has been working for almost fifty years to sort and send all recyclable materials to markets throughout Colorado and North America. Watch this video on the recycling

2. Myth: If it has a Recycling symbol, it can go in the bin!

Fact Check: Not everything with this symbol is recyclable, the numbers inside matter too! In Boulder County, Plastics with the numbers #1 PET, #2 HDPE, and #5 PP are the accepted materials, everything else goes in the trash bin. Place recyclables loose and unbagged in your blue lidded cart.

3. Myth: If I don't know if it is recyclable, I should throw it in the blue bin anyways.

Fact Check: No! When in doubt, throw it out or have a plan to figure it out. Throwing things that are not recyclable in the recycling bin (like candy wrappers, food, plastic bags, greasy cardboard, etc.) causes a lot of contamination.

4. Myth: Paper products like napkins and paper towels are recyclable

Fact Check: Do not recycle napkins, paper towels, paper cups, tissues and neon or construction paper! Only printer paper, paper bags, mail, newspapers and paper books can be recycled.

Recycling changes depending on where you live. Always check with your local waste collector. If you live in Longmont, download or check the <u>Longmont Waste Wizard</u> for guidance on how to best sort your waste.

GET THE SCOOP ON SCOPE

bit.ly/scoop-scope

303-774-4700

SCOPE is the therapeutic recreation program offered by Longmont Recreation & Culture. SCOPE provides recreational programming for people of all abilities: offering sports, activity-based programs, and classes. Interested families can now register for several new SCOPE programs at bit.ly/LongmontScope.

All community members interested in participation or volunteer opportunities are invited to the "Get the Scoop on SCOPE" ice cream social on Friday, May 2 from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse (18 S. Sunset Street, Longmont).

Whether you're new to SCOPE or a longtime supporter, this event is the perfect way to cool off

and have a great time. Prospective participants can meet program leaders and get a sample of the kind of fun, supportive programming offered. This event is open to everyone; all family members are welcome for a night of fun, friends, and, of course, ice cream! The event is free, but registration is required. To register, visit bit.ly/scoop-scope.



RECREATION EVENTS & UPDATES

Summer Swimming

bit.ly/longmontpools | 303-774-4700

Sunset Pool, 1900 Longs Peak Ave, opens with preseason hours on Thursday, May 22. This heated outdoor pool designed for the entire family features six lap lanes, a large wading area, diving boards and two fast and fun waterslides. Book your summer private rentals now; call Joanna at 303-774-3510.

The Union Reservoir Swim Beach, 461 County Rd 26, opens for Memorial Day weekend swimming on Saturday, May 24. Visit longmontColorado.gov/unionres for fees and daily hours.

KEEP UP WITH SUSTAINABILITY



Sustainability Newsletter

bit.ly/sustain-news | 303-774-3755

Sign up for Longmont's Sustainability Newsletter and get the latest details on how the city is working to protect the environment, reduce pollution, and create a thriving community for all. Go to bit.ly/sustain-news or call (303) 774-3755 to get on the list!





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