

CITY LINE

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ROSES, ROMANCE, AND RED FLAGS

Meet experts from the Boulder County District Attorney's Office Community Protection Division at the Longmont Public Library to learn how to spot and avoid dating-app and romance scams. **On Thursday, Feb. 5 from 6-7:15 pm, they'll explain how scammers gain trust, share real examples, and give practical tips you can use to protect yourself and your loved ones.**

The Community Protection Division works year-round to educate the public, investigate fraud, and help residents resolve consumer problems.

Registration is required and opens Jan. 5. Visit bit.ly/LibAdults or call 303-651-8470 for details. Space is limited! Sign up early to secure your spot.

Recreation Summer Day Camps

Registration begins at 7 am on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

longmontcolorado.gov/summerdaycamp

303-651-8404

Camp Memorial: 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 at the Memorial Building for ages 5-10.

New! Camp Discovery: Our new outdoor nature camp for ages 6-11 brings adventure to life! Explore, play and connect with nature through field trips and hand-on exploration at Willow Farm Park.

Expedition Tween: An exploration camp for ages 11-12, featuring field trips and adventures designed just for tweens.

Longmont Museum camps will also be available this summer.



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MAYOR'S COLUMN

New City Council Welcome

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A special election for Ward 3 residents will take place March 3, 2026 to elect a Ward 3 representative.

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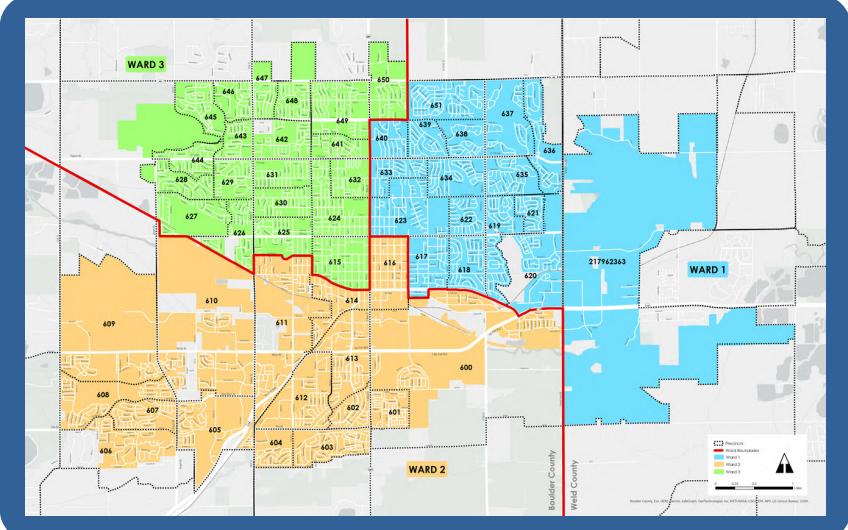
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Find City Council meeting agendas and minutes at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

WHO'S YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER?

See the map and learn more about Longmont's wards at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.



Get Creative at the Longmont Museum

This winter is a great time to stop by the Museum for a variety of art classes for all ages!

- Art & Sip:** On Thursday nights, the Museum hosts adult Art & Sip classes at both 4 pm and 6:30 pm. Classes include a watercolor painting, bookbinding, needle felting and more.
- Adult Studio Series:** In these three-class series, you can learn watercolor painting, applique sewing, and how to create your own mini-quilt!
- Discovery Days:** Drop in to this early childhood program for children ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers to have fun together with educational, hands-on art, music and movement activities. Held three times a day Tuesday through Saturday.
- Teen Craft & Create Club:** Teens ages 13 – 18 can drop in to this free, weekly club with activities such as collage, painting, fiber art, and free-choice art making. Held Wednesdays from 3 – 5 pm.

Learn more about these classes and much more going on at the Longmont Museum at longmontmuseum.org or by calling 303-651-8374.



Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Longmont Museum!

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 13 and Feb. 14, 6:30 pm live music & chocolate/7 pm performance

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2:30 pm live music & chocolate/3 pm performance

Reserved seating: \$36, \$32 members

An unforgettable evening to celebrate Valentine's Day! Start things off with complementary chocolate, a cash bar and live piano music in our Swan Atrium. Then, step into our Stewart Auditorium for the musical comedy "First Date." When inexperienced Aaron is set up with serial-dater Casey on a blind date, a casual drink at a busy New York restaurant turns into a hilarious high-stakes dinner. In a delightful and unexpected twist, Casey and Aaron's inner critics take on a life of their own when other restaurant patrons transform into supportive best friends, manipulative exes and protective parents, who sing and dance them through ice-breakers, appetizers and potential conversational land mines. Can this couple turn what could be a dating disaster into something special before the check arrives?

Learn more and buy tickets online at www.longmontmuseum.org or by calling 303-651-8374.



Free Sustainable Home Assessment

Sign up today for a free Sustainable Home Assessment and discover simple ways to save money while reducing your environmental impact.

Our Sustainability Ambassadors will share easy, practical tips to cut waste and lower your use of electricity, gas, water, and more. You'll also receive free home upgrades—including an energy-efficient power strip, LED bulbs, a kitchen compost bin, and more.

Every visit is tailored to your needs. Want to explore rebates for electric vehicles, solar power, low-water landscaping, or neighborhood grant programs? You choose what you want to focus on, and we'll guide you.

Claim your FREE Longmont Sustainable Home Assessment at LongmontColorado.gov/SOLL or by calling 303-774-3553.

All Longmont residents—including renters—are already pre-qualified.

New Utility Rates Begin in 2026

Longmont's electric, water and trash/recycling rates have been updated for 2026, along with increased support for income-qualified households through Longmont CARES.

The revised rates remain comparable to other Front Range communities. For a typical household, these changes will come to an additional \$13.08/month on the overall utility bill when added together. A link to the full rate ordinance with more details can be found online at bit.ly/rate-changes. These rates took effect Jan. 1 and will first appear on bills for January usage.

The new rates will allow Longmont to:

- Cover the cost of maintaining, operating and improving the City's utilities
- Pay for the electricity that Platte River Power Authority generates for Longmont.
- Increase the use of non-carbon electricity such as wind and solar power, a goal of both Platte River and the City Council
- Support bond payments to help pay for larger water projects, such as the expansion of the Nelson-Flanders water treatment plant
- Keep supporting the wide range of waste disposal, recycling and composting services enjoyed by our residents.

In addition, commercial bills now include the \$2.96/month Waste Management Fee that residential customers have already been paying. This helps pay for programs that benefit the entire community, including cleanup of illegal dumping, Main Street trash and recycling collection, Universal Recycling Ordinance education and more.

Need help bringing your bills down? Check out the "Rebates and Savings" heading at bit.ly/rate-changes to learn about ways you can save on your bill and assistance programs for struggling households such as Longmont CARES or COPE.

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

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-2 pm Saturday, February 7 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 Volleyball

longmontcolorado.gov/leagues | **303-774-4700**

Dig this, indoor volleyball returns to the Longmont Recreation Center on Tuesday evenings beginning in February. Play is 4v4, participant officiated, with social and competitive divisions offered. 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 webpage to learn more about seasonal sports leagues including youth options.

Longmont Ice Pavilion

longmontcolorado.gov/ice-pavilion | **303-774-4777**

The Longmont Ice Pavilion is open through March 3, 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. Extended open skate hours are offered during the holiday school break and on Mondays, Jan. 5, Jan. 9 and Feb. 16. Learn about discounted passes and drop-in options at bit.ly/LongmontRecFees.

Free Swim Job Expo

bit.ly/aqua-jobs | **303-774-4700**

Recreation Center, 310 Quail Rd.

Dive into an evening of discovery and fun from 5:30 – 7 pm Saturday, Feb. 21. Imagine yourself as a lifeguard or swim instructor and work for Recreation Services!

- Explore aquatic jobs through hands-on activities
- Watch lifeguard demos and take behind-the-scenes tours
- Test your skills (age 14+), play games, and snap great photos
- Chat with staff about future job opportunities
- Sign up for upcoming job training courses at the event

