

Spring into a new season with NextLight

Help your connection shake off the winter doldrums with high-speed fiber-optic internet service from Longmont's own NextLight. PC Magazine recently named NextLight as one of the best gaming internet providers in the nation, a recognition of its connection quality, customer satisfaction and pricing. And the same rock-solid connection that lets you dominate the leaderboard is also ideal for working, learning and relaxing without glitches and interruptions. Find out more at mynextlight.com and sign up online today.



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Avenue
Saturday, May 2
10:30 am - 6 pm

Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican culture and supports connection in the whole Longmont community. It brings diverse communities together to educate, share, appreciate, and enjoy each other's differences. It also provides an opportunity for everyone to learn about the many resources right here in our community.

The day includes music and beautiful dance entertainment, a car show, a Chihuahua beauty contest, the "Mexican Standoff" Break Dance Competition, vendor information booths, free activities for kids, and tons of great food!

Cinco is alcohol, tobacco 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, so make sure you are prepared.



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Change for Cash Payments

Due to the United States Department of the Treasury discontinuing the production of pennies, the City is no longer able to provide exact change for cash transactions.

Any remaining balance of \$0.01-\$0.04 will be credited to your account.

Example:

If your bill is \$191.51 and you pay with \$200.00; your change would normally be \$8.49. Since exact pennies are unavailable, \$0.04 will be applied to your account as a credit. If you prefer not to receive account credit, please bring the exact payment amount.

Anglers, please collect hooks and lines!

Discarded or lost fishing line pose a serious threat to birds. Getting tangled makes it hard to move, eat or escape from predators. Swallowing hooks or lines can be deadly.

We've seen several heartbreaking cases where birds were injured – or had to be euthanized – due to fishing line and hooks. Please collect your discarded lines and hooks, and help protect these beautiful creatures.

**See a bird in trouble?
Report it at 303-651-8416.**

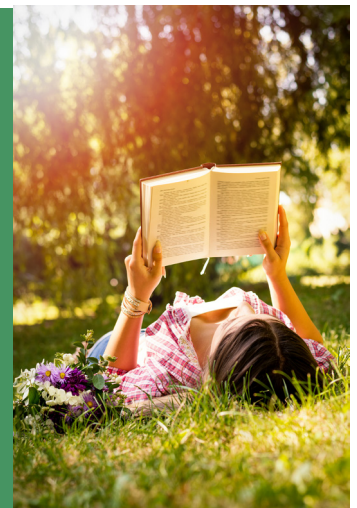


Rock Your Reading Goals this Summer

Summer is for relaxing, but it is also when reading skills can slip. The Library's Summer Reading program keeps kids and adults engaged all season long. Just a little reading each day builds strong habits and gives families a free, fun way to connect with books and the Library.

Kick things off at the Summer Reading BINGO Party on the Library's west patio, Thursday, May 21, from 6 to 7 pm. Hear local sister-sister-dad punk band RLY ORY from 6 to 6:30 pm, then grab BINGO boards, meet librarians, and play lawn games. Adults can join a new punch card reading challenge too.

Learn more at bit.ly/summerreading2026.



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May 16,
9 - 10 am



Longmont
Library,
409 4th Ave.

LONGMONT LEGACY

with Erik Mason,
Longmont Museum Director



As we celebrate Colorado's 150th birthday and 155 years since Longmont's founding, we're sharing special stories about Longmont's history in this column by Longmont Museum Director Erik Mason. This month, we're talking about the history of Longmont's parks.



Longmont's founders thought of the need for green space before a single tree was planted. The original plan for Longmont, from 1871, shows three parks: Thompson, Collyer and Lake Park (now Roosevelt Park). A first festival, Pumpkin Pie Day, happened in Thompson Park in the early 1900s. Roosevelt Park has been the site of horse racing, auto racing, bicycle racing, baseball and football games, dances, and even the Boulder County Fair.

As Longmont grew, so did its parks system, spreading green space and recreational amenities across the community. The St. Vrain Greenway began as a privately funded effort, and now stretches eight miles through Longmont, connecting parks, trails and public artwork along the St. Vrain River.



Explore more Longmont history by following along at LongmontColorado.gov/CO150 or on the City of Longmont's Facebook and Instagram pages.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

April's a popular time for digging into outdoor projects. But that work can turn dangerous 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 811 so your lines can be marked with paint or a flag. To do this, go online to Colorado811.org or call 811 at least three business days before you plan to dig.
- Some lines may require you to hire a private locating company; learn more at bit.ly/DigSafeLongmont.
- If you own an underground line in an easement or right-of-way, register it at 303-232-1991 so that anyone calling 811 knows your line is there. 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!

For more information, go to

bit.ly/DigSafeLongmont or visit Colorado 811's website at Colorado811.org.

Sustainability on Display

Keep an eye on Main Street this April! New banners will be flying on Main St. that celebrate the faces of Longmont businesses leading the way in sustainability. The banners spotlight Sustainable Business Program members and highlight the growing community of businesses committed to creating a sustainable, resilient Longmont!



Find Longmont certified Sustainable Businesses near you! Visit Longmontcolorado.gov/SBP or Longmont-call 303-774-3755.

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

Strider Glider Rough Rider Race

longmontcolorado.gov/strider

303-774-4700

9:30 am, Saturday, May 2

Longmont's tiniest bikers will get a taste of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and the excitement of riding with others their own age. The emphasis of this balance bike race is FUN! For ages 2-5; \$20 per rider. Limited spaces are available, so register early. Balance bikes and helmets are required to participate.

Adult Summer Softball Leagues

longmontcolorado.gov/leagues

303-774-3527

Don't miss your chance to sign up for Summer softball leagues. Adult (age 16+) leagues offer men's, women's and coed programs for all skill levels. If you don't have a team, participate as a Free Agent and we'll get you connected. Registration ends late April and games begin in May.

Spring at Sandstone Ranch

Sandstone Ranch House, 3001 Sandstone Dr

longmontcolorado.gov/SandstoneEvents

Take a self-tour of the historic Coffman home and scenic grounds at Sandstone Ranch. The Visitors Center is open to the public from 10 am - 2 pm on the 2nd & 4th Saturday every month March - October, and on Wednesdays May - August. Admission is free; donations and volunteers are always welcome. Family nature programs are offered year-round.

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Make connections
and stay active at the
Longmont Recreation Center.

LongmontColorado.gov/fresh

Chick Clark Kids' Fishing Program 2026

Chick Clark Kids' Fishing Program invites kids to catch fish and enjoy fun outdoor activities. Youth 15 and younger who register and complete fishing related sessions will receive a free rod and reel. This year the event is temporarily moving to Golden Ponds Nature Area (2505 3rd Ave) and will be held on May 16 from 8 am to noon. Parking is limited. Plan to arrive early for parking in the Golden Ponds lot and along the south side of 3rd Ave. Registration opens on Wednesday, April 1.

