

INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND CELEBRATION EXTENDS TO TWO DAYS

LongmontColorado.gov/fireworks

In honor of Longmont turning 155, Colorado marking 150 years of Statehood, and the United States celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Longmont is pulling out all the stops with a two-day Independence Weekend celebration packed with live music, food, family fun and fireworks.

The festivities will kick off on July 3 with a Backyard BBQ Concert at Roosevelt Park. Local band Colorado Springsteen will open for Philadelphia's hip-hop blues band, G. Love & Special Sauce. The music is free and food and drink will be available for purchase.

The celebration will continue on July 4 with a free, family-friendly festival featuring live music on three stages, free activities for all ages, and food and drink for purchase at 2nd Ave and Emery St. A drone show by the Innovation Center of St Vrain Valley School District Drone Performance Team will be followed by a traditional fireworks display will close out the weekend's fun.

This year's celebration wouldn't be possible without community partners such as First National Bank of Omaha (FNBO), the event's presenting sponsor. A big "thank you" for their support in creating an experience that feels distinctly Longmont and helps bring us all closer together.



Independence Day Celebration, Roosevelt Park, 1973

Club-A-Fair and Open House at the Callahan House & Garden

bit.ly/callahanevents

303-776-5191

10 am – 1 pm, Saturday, July 18

Callahan House, 312 Terry St.

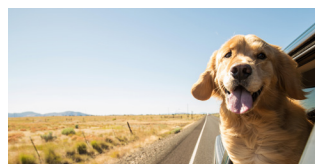
Enjoy music, treats, and entertainment in the garden while local clubs and organizations share information and recruit new members. The historic Callahan House will be open for self-touring with historical handouts provided. Free and open to the public. No registration required.



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LONGMONT LEGACY

with Erik Mason,
Director of the Longmont Museum



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 water.

The availability of water has been an essential part of Longmont's success since its founding in 1871. Irrigation ditches from St. Vrain and Left Hand creeks watered the farm fields around Longmont, allowing farmers to grow vegetables, wheat and sugar beets in dry Colorado seasons.

Following a fire that destroyed many buildings in downtown in 1879, Longmont residents voted to build a pressurized domestic water system. It used underground pipes and a reservoir on Sunset Hill to bring fresh, clean water to Longmont homes starting in 1883.

Longmont was also a charter member of the massive Colorado-Big Thompson project, a Federally-funded system of tunnels, dams and reservoirs that brings water from the Western Slope to the Front Range.

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



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**July 18,
9 - 10 am
Lashley St
Station,
1200 Lashley St.**

Road Trip Season Is Here, Get Car Help with Your Library Card

Planning a road trip this summer? You probably know your Library card lets you check out books and audiobooks for every kind of listener in the car, but you may not know it also gives you access to premium resources that can help keep your vehicle in top shape at no cost.

The Library offers more than 20 online databases, including two specifically for car repair and maintenance:

- **AllData Repair:** Provides the latest, unedited manufacturer repair information for over 44,000 engine-specific vehicles. (Available only on Library computers or while connected to Library Wi-Fi.)
- **Auto Repair Source:** Covers repair and maintenance information for most domestic and imported vehicles.

You can also browse valuable resources like Consumer Reports, Gale Legal Forms, and get access to major publications such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. Start exploring these tools and more at: bit.ly/researchandlearn.

Make the most of the Library, before you hit the road!



WIFI? WHY NOT? GET SIX FREE MONTHS FROM NEXTLIGHT!

What makes great internet even better? Great WiFi, of course. And Longmont's own NextLight internet service has you covered – with six free months of WiFi for new customers!

NextLight's fiber-optic internet has been repeatedly praised as one of the best in the country, with fast and reliable service, local support, and no tricks, traps or hidden fees. And when you add in NextLight's high-powered WiFi, you can make sure that every device in your house is part of the fun. It's also an easy way to boost your network security, better organize your home network and eliminate those annoying coverage gaps that too many other routers leave.

Sign up by June 30 to try it out. And remember, we don't tie you down with contracts, so you only have to keep it as long as you want it. (And psst! If you're a current customer who's never tried our WiFi before, you can try out this deal too!)

Learn more at mynextlight.com/ offers or call 303-774-4494 to see what NextLight can do for you.



Where We Meet: Longmont's Elder Exchange Story

Last year, Longmont seniors participated in a historic cultural exchange with Northern Arapaho elders from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. **Where We Meet: Stories of Healing and Hope** is a short documentary that chronicles the adventure through stunning visuals, personal moments and shared experiences.

The exchange began in March 2025, when 16 Northern Arapaho elders traveled to Longmont which is built on land that was once inhabited by their ancestors. The following July, 20 Longmont seniors visited the Wind River Reservation to deepen the new friendships that were formed.

The video is available at bit.ly/elder-video.



UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

Summer is for outdoor swimming!

Find outdoor swimming options at bit.ly/longmontpools | 303-774-4700

Registration: bit.ly/recreationregistration

Sunset Pool, 1900 Longs Peak Ave., is a heated outdoor swimming pool offering lap lanes, diving boards, two fun water slides, and private rental options. Swim with us this summer and attend a special event for even more splashing fun.

- **Middle School Nights**
7-9 pm, Tuesdays, June 2 through August 4
Middle-schoolers and incoming freshmen ages 11-14 will float the night away with games and music at the pool. Cost is \$7/resident (no passes).
- **July 4th Aqua Zumba®**
10-11:30 am, Saturday, July 4
Party in the Pool with Recreation fitness instructors during a special holiday Aqua Zumba® class. General admittance fees apply, no registration needed.
- **Glow Swim**
7-10 pm, Saturday, July 25
Dive into a night of glowing fun under the stars with neon Aqua Zumba®, music, floaties, and glowing games. Advance tickets are \$10 or pay \$15 at the door.

July 4th Symphony Concert

longmontsymphony.org/july4-2026
303-772-5796

Thompson Park, 420 Bross St.

Returning to Thompson Park, the Longmont Symphony Orchestra presents their annual holiday concert from noon-3 pm on Saturday, July 4. Complete with patriotic music, a picnic contest with prizes, kids conducting the orchestra, and cannons for the 1812 Overture, this free performance can't be missed.



Mosquito Spraying in Longmont

The City of Longmont contracts with Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) to spray specific zones within Longmont neighborhoods to control the spread of West Nile Virus. This spraying is triggered – per zone – when traps in that area exceed 150 mosquitoes AND when mosquitoes with West Nile Virus are discovered in Larimer, Boulder or Weld Counties. While this had not yet occurred when this article went to print, you can find the latest info on the City of Longmont's Mosquito Control webpage, longmontcolorado.gov/mosquito.

When spraying is planned, notice is provided on this webpage. This typically happens on Tuesdays, indicating where spraying will occur later that week. Spraying usually begins Thursday nights, giving residents at least 48 hours' notice of any spraying. Notices are also published at LongmontColorado.gov/news. Residents can request email notifications prior to spraying and/or have sprayers turned off when trucks pass their residence. To sign up for either, complete the form at vdc.net/colorado or call 877-276-4306.

PLEASE NOTE: This year VDCI requires everyone interested in notification or shut off to submit a new request, even if they have done so in the past.

Previously, the City of Longmont published weekly reminders of spraying on social media. Because of changes in how, when and to whom social media companies share posts with their users, many community members reported that they did not see City mosquito posts or saw them too late. As a result, these weekly social posts will be discontinued.

Learn more about West Nile Virus, the City's integrated pest management program and how to protect yourself from West Nile Virus at longmontcolorado.gov/mosquito or by calling 303-651-8416.