

KEEP COOL LONGMONT

FIVE EASY STEPS TO KEEP COOL, LONGMONT!

When temperatures soar, keeping your home cool can help you stay comfortable, sleep better, and lower energy costs. A few simple habits can make a big difference during a heat wave:

1. Block the Sun

Keep blinds, curtains, or shades closed during the day, especially on south- and west-facing windows.

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Longmont Museum 3rd Annual Sunset Soirée

Friday, Sept. 11, 6–9 pm

Join us as we celebrate and raise support for the Longmont Museum at the 3rd Annual Sunset Soirée gala! As the sun sets over Longs Peak, you'll enjoy an open bar with signature cocktails, a three-course meal, and live music. All funds raised will go toward supporting the major Museum expansion, including a new history gallery detailing 14,000 years of human history in St. Vrain Valley. Tickets go on sale July 20 at supportlongmontmuseum.org or by calling 303-774-4508.



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LONGMONT LEGACY

with Erik Mason, Director of the Longmont

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 transportation in Longmont.

Transportation has been an important part of Longmont's story since its beginning. What is now Hwy 287 began as the Cherokee Trail, linking routes from Arkansas and Oklahoma with the Oregon Trail through Wyoming.

By the time Longmont was founded, the Denver Pacific railroad line had cut the travel time between northern Colorado and the East and West Coasts to less than a week. The arrival of the Colorado Central Railroad in Longmont in 1873 was celebrated with champagne and helped to ensure Longmont's economic success.



Roads in Longmont began to be paved in the 1910s, and a paved highway to Denver opened in 1926. While small airstrips existed around Longmont since the 1920s, Longmont's Municipal Airport, now Vance Brand Airport, opened in October of 1945.

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

Photo description: Street paving on 2nd Ave around 1920



Five Ways to be "Air Aware"

Longmont's air quality impacts our health, our families, and the places we love. Visit bit.ly/LongmontAirAwareSummer to discover five simple steps you can take to protect yourself and help keep our air cleaner for everyone this summer. One of the simple steps could even save you over \$200!

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**COFFEE
WITH
COUNCIL**

**August 15
9 - 10 am
Longmont
Library,
355 Emery St**

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2. Use Fans Wisely

Ceiling fans should rotate counterclockwise in summer to push cool air down. Portable fans work best when placed near open windows in the early morning or evening to pull cooler air inside.

3. Avoid Extra Heat Indoors

Try to limit oven use during peak heat. Use an outdoor grill instead. Turning off unnecessary lights and electronics also helps reduce indoor heat while saving energy and money.

4. Replace or Clean Air Filters

Dirty air filters make air conditioners less efficient. Set a reminder on your phone to replace or clean air filters every few months.

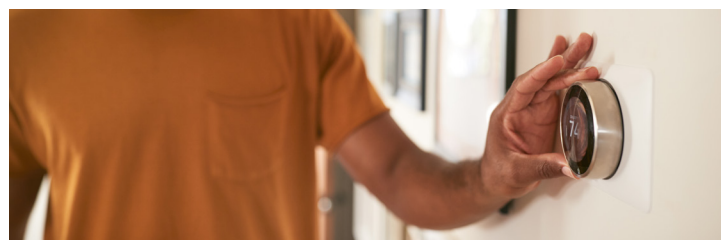
5. Get an Energy Audit

A professional energy audit can identify air leaks, poor insulation, and inefficient cooling systems that may be making your home hotter than it needs to be.

Find rebates for cellular blinds, sign up for a FREE or low-cost energy audit, and learn what the City is doing to keep Longmont cool at Longmontcolorado.gov/heat.

SAVE AND LEARN WITH EFFICIENCY WORKS

Lower energy bills, better efficiency and a home that produces less carbon - what's not to like? **Join us at the Longmont Public Library from 5:30-7 p.m. on Aug. 25 to find out how Efficiency Works can help you.** We'll introduce our new Flex offerings, featuring smart thermostats and electric vehicle charging. Find out how these can reduce Longmont's electric demand and support the shift to non-carbon energy sources. You'll also learn about valuable rebates, energy-saving upgrades and ways to make smarter energy choices for your home. To register for this event, visit bit.ly/LibAdults.



ATTENTION LONGMONT BUSINESSES:

Choose one free incentive — a smart thermostat, ultra-high-efficiency toilet, or HEPA air purifier

Earn this offer in just two simple steps:

- **Enroll your business in the Sustainable Business Program — registration is free.**
- **Get certified or recertified through the program by July 31, 2026.**

The total time commitment is 3-5 hours. Supplies are limited, and incentives are limited to one item per business, so apply today!

For more information, email sbp@longmontcolorado.gov or call 303-774-3567.



LONGMONT LOVE BRINGS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR NEXTLIGHT

When it comes to internet, Longmont gets only the best from NextLight. Our residents know it. And once again, they've told the entire country.

NextLight customers powered their favorite internet service to a Best Internet Service Provider award in this year's PC Magazine Readers' Choice Awards. NextLight also won for Best Municipal ISP, Best Value ISP, Most Highly Recommended ISP and Best ISP For Home Offices. Information for the awards comes from PC Mag reader surveys across the U.S.

Find out more about NextLight's community-owned high-speed fiber internet service at mynextlight.com or by calling 303-774-4494.

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

Register for Fall Activities in August

bit.ly/recreationbrochure | 303-774-4700

Look for Recreation's Fall activities brochure online and in your Longmont mailbox early August. The Fall guide includes activities, fitness classes, programs, and special events that occur between September and December. Registration begins Tuesday, August 11.

Recreation Facility Closures: Maintenance & New Water Feature Installation

bit.ly/longmontpools | 303-774-4700

At the end of summer, recreation facilities temporarily close for maintenance. The St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Ave., will be closed Aug. 10-15. The Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Rd., will be closed Aug. 29-Sept. 6.

The Longmont Recreation Center pools will be closed starting August 10 for about six weeks while a new, interactive water feature is installed. Please visit our other facilities during the closures.

End of Summer Dog Swims

After the outdoor activity pools close for the season, bring your socialized dog to Roosevelt or Kanemoto for a dip in the pool to paddle, fetch and play with their furry friends. Owners can soak up the sun while taking adorable pooch photos. The cost is \$5 per dog, and no people swimming please. Human swim passes are not valid for this event. Questions? Call 303-774-4700.

- **4-7 pm, Tuesday Aug. 11** – Roosevelt Activity Pool, 903 8th Ave.
- **10 am – noon and 4-7 pm, Wednesday, Aug. 12** – Kanemoto Activity Pool, 1151 S. Pratt Pkwy.



Know Your Flood Risk

Your property may be at risk of flooding, even if it has never flooded before. And if it does, your standard homeowners insurance will not cover the damage.

The City has worked for more than a decade to reduce flood risk along St. Vrain Creek and other local waterways. That work is making a difference, but flood risk doesn't disappear overnight. Make sure you're protected by:

- **Checking your address to see if you're in a flood zone.** Visit: bit.ly/Are-You-In-A-Floodplain
- **Getting flood insurance and save money doing it.** You don't need to be in a flood zone to get flood insurance – it's available to any Longmont property, and Longmont residents qualify for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums. Ask your agent about it!

The City of Longmont can provide several kinds of floodplain information, such as details on FEMA Flood Zones, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), City Mapped Floodplains (eg., Spring Gulch No. 2), flood insurance requirements, areas that were flooded in 2013, floodplain map updates, and copies of existing Elevation Certificates.

Still have questions or need assistance? Contact the City's Floodplain Manager, Monica Bortolini, at 303-651-8328 or email Monica.Bortolini@longmontcolorado.gov.

More flood resources: longmontcolorado.gov/flood-info