

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON COMMUNITY SOLAR

The City of Longmont is exploring opportunities to expand the Illuminar Community Solar demonstration program and wants your feedback. Whether you're familiar with the program or hearing about it for the first time, your input will help guide future planning. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete. **Share your thoughts today at bit.ly/SolarSurvey2026 and help shape the future of clean energy in our community.**



Dia de Muertos Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 24

11 am- 3 pm

4th St & Kimbark St

Family-friendly celebration | FREE

Join us for Colorado's longest running Dia de Muertos celebration! Learn more at longmontcolorado.gov/day-of-the-dead.



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MAYOR'S COLUMN

with Mayor Susie Hidalgo-Fahring

I love celebrating our community and the people who serve it. This time, I'm especially proud to highlight the recent CALEA award presented to the fine men and women of Longmont Public Safety.



CALEA stands for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. A CALEA accreditation is considered the gold standard in public safety certification, an independent review that helps provide residents with what they want most from their police department. Fair and consistent service. Effective crime prevention. Responsible use of resources. And a commitment to building trust and community safety.

CALEA accreditation isn't handed out lightly - Longmont began the application process in 2022! We are fortunate to have a police department that is widely recognized for its professionalism, commitment, strong emergency response and innovative programs that connect residents with public safety services. And while it's a great achievement, it's also a beginning. Part of excellence is constant improvement, and I know that our police consider this milestone a building block to becoming better yet.

So when you see our officers in the community, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done. It's well earned, now and every day.

Susie Hidalgo-Fahring

LONGMONT LEGACY

with Longmont Museum Director Erik Mason

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 food production in Longmont.



Longmont's early industrial employers all produced food. A small flour mill opened just a year after Longmont's founding. Flour mills grew, switching from water power to steam to electricity, before larger mills in Denver took over the business. The Empson (later Kuner-Empson)...

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Photo description: Empson Cannery c. 1910



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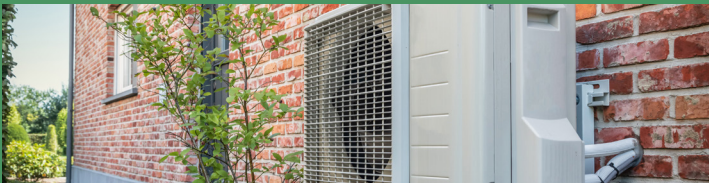


**Oct. 17
9 - 10 am
Civic Center
350 Kimbark St**

Electrify Longmont

Oct. 4 | 10 am – 2 pm | Boulder County Fairgrounds, North Parking Lot

Sustainable Resilient Longmont invites you to Electrify Longmont. Embark on a Longmont discovery adventure at this free, family-friendly event. Stroll through four themed areas exploring energy, agriculture, transportation, and home electrification. Test drive an EV or E-bike. Chat with Longmont Power & Communications staff about rebates and programs that can help you save. Visit the Halloween costume exchange, watch multi-cultural performances, enjoy live music, visit the food trucks and make discoveries at the educational exhibits. **You'll find expert advice, hands-on learning and plenty of inspiration! Learn more at bit.ly/ElectrifyLongmont.**



E-Powered Bikes: Shared Roads. Real Rules.

Longmont Public Safety is seeing an increase in complaints about e-bikes and e-motos. Regardless of the rider's age, these e-powered bikes are subject to traffic safety laws.

Facts:

- **E-bikes can/are being seized. Parents can face criminal charges for allowing, aiding, or encouraging a minor to operate an e-bike or e-moto illegally.**
- **Youth fleeing on e-powered bikes when officers arrive are being charged with eluding. This is dangerous for the rider and the community. We are identifying youth who flee officer contact.**
- **E-bikes over 750W are not legal in Colorado. Bikes 750-4,476W are classified as low-power electric vehicles and require a driver's license, insurance and registration**

Find out more at bit.ly/LongmontE-bikes.



Energy Affordability Resource Fair

Oct. 8 | 5:30 – 7 pm | OUR Center, 220 Collyer St.

Discover free resources to help pay utility bills and make your home safer, healthier and more comfortable at Sustainable Resilient Longmont's Energy Affordability Resource Fair. **Connect with local experts, learn about programs that can help with utility costs and home energy improvements and find out what assistance you may qualify for** - you might be surprised! Open to all Longmont residents, including renters. No registration necessary. **Get more information at energyaffordabilityfair.eventbrite.com.**

Claim Your FREE Shade Tree

Sign up now for Growing Shade – a new program that gives out FREE low-maintenance shade trees, tree care tools, and ongoing support to help your new tree thrive. **Visit playboulder.org/growingshadelanding-longmont to sign up for email updates from PLAY Boulder and see if your property qualifies.** Trees will be available for pickup on Oct. 3.



Become an Ambassador!

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- ☒ Experience new culture
- ☒ Make new friends

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longmontsistercities.com



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Cannery was one of Longmont's longest-lasting food producers, operating a vegetable cannery at 3rd and Martin St. from 1889 to 1970. The Great Western Sugar Factory dominated Longmont's economy and skyline from its opening in 1904, producing millions of sacks of sugar from locally grown sugar beets. Longmont Turkey Processors (later Longmont Foods and then Butterball) took turkeys from the egg



to the dinner table with a factory on Main Street. It closed in 2012. Today, Smuckers continues the food production tradition in Longmont, manufacturing Uncrustables at a plant on Hwy 119.

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



UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS

New Leisure Pool Play Feature

Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Rd.
bit.ly/longmontpools

A brand-new play area at the Recreation Center is coming soon with more ways to splash, slide, and play! New features include three water slides, spray and splash areas, interactive water tables and fun designed just for toddlers.

Note: All swimming pools at the Recreation Center are closed through Sept. 18 during the installation. Call 303-774-4700 with questions.

Annual Halloween Parade & Trick or Treat Street

Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave.
longmontcolorado.gov/Halloween | 303-651-8404

9:30 am line-up; 10am parade, Saturday, Oct. 31

Dress up in your costume, walk down Main Street, then visit participating Downtown businesses for Trick or Treat Street.

Ice Skating at the Longmont Ice Pavilion

Roosevelt Park, 725 8th Ave.
bit.ly/longmont-ice | 303-774-4700

The Longmont Ice Pavilion is a seasonal full service outdoor ice facility, offering public ice skating, hockey, skating lessons and party facilities from mid-November through early March. Book private rentals and sign up for ice programs, including skating lessons and youth hockey starting Wednesday, Sept. 30.



Discover More at the Longmont Museum as the Galleries Reopen

Grand Reopening Celebration Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 am – 5 pm; FREE

Celebrate a new chapter at the Longmont Museum! Join us for a free community celebration featuring the grand reopening of our expanded museum following our \$10.2 million capital campaign. Be among the first to explore stunning new galleries (including a Frida exhibit!), create and play in "DreamLab," enjoy special programs and tours and experience all the new ways to discover art, history, and hands-on fun. The festivities begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 am. Activities for all ages will take place throughout the day. Learn more at longmontmuseum.org or by calling 303-651-8374.

