# CITY LINE

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## HOLIDAY SEASON COMES WITH ENOUGH SURPRISES. Don't let trash day be one.

There's a particular kind of chaos that only seems to hit around a holiday – wrapping paper underfoot, leftovers stacked three containers deep, and a trash can that's suddenly working overtime.

Before you haul everything to the curb, take a minute to make sure it all goes to the right place:

- Wrapping paper, along with bows and ribbons, goes in the trash.
- Flatten cardboard boxes and toss them in with your regular recycling.
- Keep your compost bin to food scraps only. Paper products go in the trash.

**Don't forget that your pickup day may also be changing.** If your normal pickup falls on or after a holiday, expect it a day later. Thanksgiving week runs on a compressed schedule, with all collection happening Monday through Wednesday. If your normal day is Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, set your carts out the day before and leave them out until they're emptied.



## Longmont Lights Holiday Weekends

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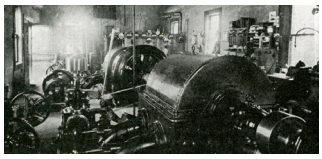
### Four Saturdays. One Holiday Experience.

Make a little time for holiday magic this season with Longmont Lights! This year, the celebration grows beyond the annual parade into four festive Saturdays filled with plenty of reasons to visit Roosevelt Park and Downtown Longmont.




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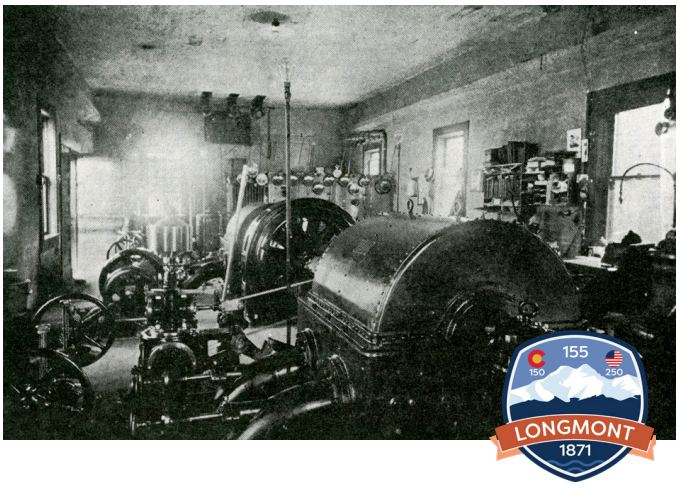
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# LONGMONT LEGACY

## 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 utilities.***




Longmont began providing utility service to its residents in 1883 with the completion of a reservoir on Sunset Hill and a network of underground pipes to provide fresh water to the town. In 1911, Longmont constructed a hydroelectric plant near Lyons and began offering municipally-owned power in 1912. The sanitary sewer system was built from 1904 to 1928, followed by trash collection starting in 1948. The most recent City utility, NextLight high-speed internet, began operation in 2014.

Very few cities provide all of these services to their residents. Longmont modernized its government structure in 1961, when a community-based committee drafted a Home Rule Charter. The new charter provided for a city manager - council form of government, which Longmont has had ever since.

Learn more about Longmont's history at LongmontColorado.gov/CO150 or in weekly historic posts on the City of Longmont's Facebook and Instagram pages.

[Photo Description: The power house at the Longmont hydropower plant in 1915]

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**LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.**

## Longmont Lights Holiday Weekends

**Saturday, November 21, 5pm – 8pm | Light Up Longmont**
Kick off the holiday season as Santa helps light up Longmont at St. Stephen's Plaza, 6th Avenue Plaza and Roosevelt Park.

**Saturday, November 28, 11 am - 4 pm**
**North Pole Small Business Saturday**
Visit Santa downtown, then meet his reindeer in Roosevelt Park. Explore local shops and restaurants while you celebrate the season.

**Saturday, December 5, 2 pm – 6 pm | Locally Made**
Build a toy downtown, then head to the Longmont Ice Pavilion for the annual Ice Show. Stick around afterward for the After Glow Open Skate.

**Saturday, December 12, 5 pm | Longmont Lights Parade**
Bring the whole family downtown for the grand finale of Longmont Lights as the annual parade makes its way through Downtown Longmont. Come early for the Shoes and Brews Fun Run.

## Light Up the Holidays Safely!

With the holidays coming soon, please remember these decorating safety tips:

- Lock your ladder in place, face it as you work, and follow any instructions from the manufacturer.
- Frayed wires start fires. Retire any worn-out decorations.
- Use indoor and outdoor extension cords in the right place, don't overload them, and don't pinch them in a door or window or under furniture. (And keep them away from standing water!)
- Don't plug your decorations into your porch light – they can burn out the small fuse.
- Keep your tree at least three feet away from space heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources.

**So have fun and dazzle your neighbors – safely!**



## Become a community leader by joining the Equitable Climate Action Team!

**The City's Office of Sustainability wants to increase representation from Longmont communities who are disproportionately impacted by climate change.** Apply to join the Equitable Climate Action Team today at longmontcolorado.gov/city-line . For more information, email sustainability@longmontcolorado.gov or call 303-774-3755.



## Make home energy savings easier with Efficiency Works rebates

Creating a more comfortable, energy-efficient home doesn't have to be complicated. **Efficiency Works offers rebates on a variety of energy-saving upgrades, including smart thermostats, induction cooktops, heat pump water heaters and more – helping you reduce energy use and lower costs.** Schedule a free session with an Efficiency Works energy adviser to learn which upgrades can deliver the greatest benefits for your home and budget. Visit EfficiencyWorks.org to explore rebates, get personalized guidance and start saving.








LONGMONT MUSEUM



## 11th Annual Longmont Museum Holiday Show!

The Longmont Museum's holiday tradition returns for its 11th year on Saturday, Dec. 5 at both 3 pm and 7 pm! Join us for classic songs of the season (with a twist) from some of the finest musicians in the region, including friends old and new. Featuring the Longmont All-Star Jazz Band, Sphere Ensemble and jazz vocalist and bassist Paloma Rose. Cash bar with signature holiday drink. Learn more and buy tickets at longmontmuseum.org or by calling 303-651-8374.

# RECREATION EVENTS



### Skate at the Longmont Ice Pavilion

**longmontcolorado.gov/city-line | 303-774-4777**

The outdoor Longmont Ice Pavilion at 725 8th Ave. opens November 20, weather permitting. Enjoy ice skating and playing hockey throughout the winter. Registration is ongoing for group lessons and private rentals until full.

### Winter/Spring 2027 Recreation Activities

**longmontcolorado.gov/city-line | 303-774-4700**

Make the most of the cold weather months! Registration for winter/spring activities, classes and special events begins Tuesday, Dec. 8. Printed brochures are mailed to Longmont residents, and an online version is available in late November at bit.ly/recreationbrochure.

### Holiday Guest Pass

**longmontcolorado.gov/city-line | 303-774-4700**

Stay active and engaged over the holidays! The Holiday Guest Pass is valid from mid-December through Jan. 4, 2027. Passes go on sale after Thanksgiving and are valid for admission at the Longmont Recreation Center, Centennial Pool, the St. Vrain Memorial Building, the Longmont Ice Pavilion, the Longmont Museum and for SilverSneakers® fitness classes at the Longmont Senior Center.

### Youth Basketball League

**longmontcolorado.gov/city-line | 303-774-4700**

The Jr. Nuggets youth basketball league for 3rd-8th graders and high school boys and girls (who are not playing on their high school team) emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, skill development and fun! Practices and games begin in January. This program depends on volunteer coaches - if you would like to volunteer, call 303-774-3527.

**This is | LONGMONT**

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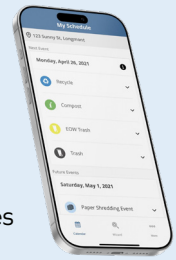
Sign up for **This is Longmont** and other newsletters to stay up-to-date effortlessly.

**longmontcolorado.gov/newsletters**

## Spend less time wondering what goes where and more time enjoying the season.

Download Longmont's Waste Services app today.

longmontcolorado.gov/waste-wizard






## Seniors: Consider Peer Support Services

Attention Seniors! Aging can be tough. You may be facing grief, loneliness, caregiver stress, anxiety or depression. Consider Peer Support Services.

**Peer Support is a FREE and confidential service offered at the Longmont Senior Center. You are matched with a trained senior – with shared life experiences – who can listen without judgement. It is a proven system of structured support.**

For more information, call 303-774-4497 or email Kayleigh.Schrenbeck@LongmontColorado.gov.