

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

11 am - 6 pm on Saturday, May 4
Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

Longmont celebrates Cinco de Mayo! The celebration includes stages with live music and dance, vendor and information booths, free activities for kids, a car show, the “Mexican Standoff” break dance competition, and a huge variety of terrific food.

This event has a long history of being a healthy, family-oriented event through its alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and marijuana-free standard. We are also committed to becoming a zero-waste event. We are expecting more than 7,000 attendees and would love for you to join us! We celebrate rain or shine; make sure you are prepared.

Learn more at longmontcincodemayo.com.



Early childhood education resources, info now online

The City of Longmont’s Children, Youth and Families has launched a new website dedicated to early childhood education at longmontcolorado.gov/ece.

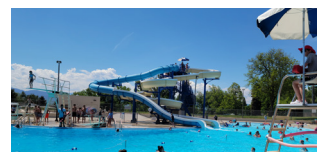
The site provides information and resources both for families seeking educational opportunities as well as for people exploring a career in early childhood education. A highlight is an interactive map which families and caregivers can use to locate early childhood providers in Longmont that meet specific criteria.

The site details the benefits of early childhood education, both to families and the community at-large, explains the different types of childcare, and lists ways families can find help in paying for early childhood education.

Information about careers and licensing in early childhood education resources are provided for both

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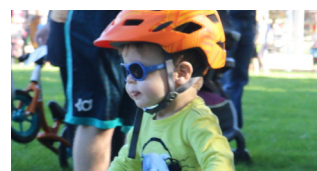


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Register your child for Star Wars-themed fun!

The Mayor's Column is now published quarterly.

Please check the website for City Council events and meet-ups!

longmontcolorado.gov/City_Council

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Find City Council meeting agendas and minutes at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

OUTDOOR SWIM AREAS

Summer fun in the sun!

bit.ly/longmontpools | 303-774-4700



SUNSET POOL

Sunset Pool, 1900 Longs Peak Ave, opens for the season on Thursday, May 23. This heated outdoor pool designed for the entire family features six lap lanes, a large wading area, diving boards and two fast and fun water slides. Private rentals are ideal for youth and church groups, birthday parties or family gatherings. Contact Joanna at 303-774-3510 for details. Don't wait – spots fill quickly!



UNION RESERVOIR SWIM BEACH

The Union Reservoir Swim Beach, 461 County Rd 26, opens on Saturday, May 25 with pre-season hours. For fees and hours, visit longmontcolorado.gov/unionres.



SPLASH PADS

Summertime splash pads at Stephen Day Park, 1340 Deerwood Drive, and Sandstone Ranch Park, 3001 E. Highway 119, are turned on Memorial Day weekend. Splash pads are open from 8 am to 8 pm daily through Labor Day.



HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

9-10 am April 27: Mayor Joan Peck and Council Member Sean McCoy at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road.

9-10 am May 18: Council Members Marcia Martin and Shiquita Yarbrough at the Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Ave.

9-10 am June 27: Mayor Joan Peck and Council Member Aren Rodriguez at Hearthstone at Hover Crossing, 1762 Cook Court.

View the 2024 schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

LANGUAGE LEARNING SERVICES AT THE LONGMONT LIBRARY

The Longmont Library has **FREE** resources for you to learn a new language! Grab your Library card and check out the following FREE resources the next time you get the inclination:

PRONUNCIATOR

Offering more than 80 languages, with more being added each year, Pronunciator is your pathway to explore new languages and cultures.

BLUEBIRD APP

Looking to learn a language while you're on the treadmill or running errands? The Bluebird app from Pronunciator is your ticket! Designed specifically for mobile devices, Bluebird offers 163 languages with 12.6 million interactive audio lessons, plus unlimited personalized courses.

THE GREAT COURSES

Partnering with prestigious organizations the series features engaging and understandable lectures by esteemed professors, professionals, and experts.

BORROW LANGUAGE-LEARNING CDS AND BOOKS

Check out language-learning CDs for every level of fluency; or browse grammar books, dictionaries, verb books and workbooks to assist you on your journey.

Want it curated for you? Check out our English Language-Learning Bags! They contain audiobooks, physical books, grammar sheets and more to help you learn.

PRACTICE YOUR SPANISH OR ENGLISH

¡Hablemos! Let's Talk! Spanish-English Conversation Group: 1-2 pm on Thursdays in the Unquiet Study Area upstairs

"Say Hello! English Conversation Group: 10:30-11:30 am on Saturdays in the Unquiet Study Area upstairs

See all the instructions and details at bit.ly/Lib4Language or call the Library at 303-651-8472.

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families and caregivers as well as detailed information about available careers and required licensing.

"We believe these resources are much needed and will be very welcome," said Longmont's Director of Human services Christina Pacheco. "The site provides a wide range of resources for people seeking employment and licensing in the field. It's exciting to launch this new resource and we look forward to improving it with the feedback that guests provide on it."

Visit longmontcolorado.gov/ece for details or contact Longmont Children, Youth and Families at 303-651-8580.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

Scammers use auto-dialers and spoofed area codes to trick people into picking up the phone. The scammers then try to obtain as much personal information from the call recipient as possible including names, birth dates, and credit card numbers. They also often attempt to get you to wire transfer to them. If you have any questions, please call Longmont Police at 303-651-8555.

To report a wire transfer scam or for additional tips, please visit www.reportwirefraud.com or reportfraud.ftc.gov.

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month!

Parkinson's is a movement disorder that impairs balance and coordination, slows movement and leads to tremors and stiffness of the limbs. It is caused by degeneration of dopamine producing cells in specific parts of the brain. There are many medications and treatments available, but the one thing proven to slow the progression of the disease is exercise.

Currently there are more than 1 million people in the U.S. diagnosed with Parkinson's and about 25,000 of those live in Colorado.

Parkinson Association of the Rockies (PAR) is an independent, local non-profit in Colorado whose mission is to connect and empower people with Parkinson's to thrive through educating, creating awareness, promoting research and supporting those with the disease, their families and the Colorado community.

PAR offers resources in Longmont including two support groups.

A general support group meets at 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and a Care Partner only support group at 11:30 am on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Longs Peak United Methodist Church, 1421 Elmhurst Drive in Longmont.

For more resources, please visit www.ParkinsonRockies.org.



FOLLOW THE 'GROUND RULES' AND CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

April's a popular time for digging into long-awaited outdoor projects, from minor landscaping work to major home improvements. But that work can turn dangerous fast 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 cut 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! This warns anyone who has an underground line in the area to mark it with paint or a flag, which is called "locating." You MUST contact 811 at least three business days in advance.
- If your electric meter is not attached to the house or if you have a pedestal light, you will need to hire a private locating company! It is your responsibility to call a private locating company and have that line marked before any work begins.
- These may not be your only private lines! Water, sewer, and storm sewer lines all have private components to them and will need to be privately located as well. If you have questions about this, please call 303-651-8416
- If you own an underground line in an easement or right-of-way, call 303-232-1991! This lets you register your line with the Utility Notification Center of Colorado so that anyone calling 811 knows your line is there. All lines in these areas must be registered. This costs \$25, plus a small charge for each notification.

If flags appear in your yard, please leave them there - they're keeping your lines safe. If the flags seem to have been out for a while, call 811 or 1-800-922-1987 to ask if it is safe to remove them.

Information can also be found online at longmontcolorado.gov and search "Before You Dig" or visit Colorado 811's website at www.co811.org.

LONGMONT HIGH SCHOOL MEGA III REUNION: SEPT. 7

4-9 pm on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Roosevelt Park Pavilion, 700 Longs Peak Ave.

RSVP at lhstrojanreunions.com for \$25 or at the "door"

Longmont High School Mega III Reunion celebrating graduates from all classes of Longmont High School! Come to Roosevelt Park on Sept. 7 for music and reminiscing! Water, tea and soda will be provided; food trucks, beer, wine and margaritas available for purchase.

Contact Tim Hipsher at 720-244-5887 with questions.

Recreation Events & Updates

Callahan House Open House

312 Terry St. | 303-776-5191

longmontcolorado.gov/Callahan

The Historic Callahan House & Garden is hosting an Open House with tours from 4:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, April 25. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Learn about local Longmont history! For more information about the Callahan House, including rental options for weddings, special events and parties, call or email callahan@longmontcolorado.gov.

Strider Glider Balance Bike Race

9:30 am, Saturday, May 4

Willow Farm Park, 901 S Fordham St.

303-774-4700 | rec.ci.longmont.co.us

(keyword strider)

Gear up your little Jedi for an epic adventure at the Strider Rough Rider Race. Let the Force guide them through this thrilling balance bike race, exclusively for kids aged 2-5. Join us for a Star Wars-themed event that promises out-of-this-world fun! Bring your balance bike and your helmet (required). \$20 per resident rider, no refunds. Limited spaces are available, so register early.



Spring at the Ranch

3001 Sandstone Drive | 303-651-8404

longmontcolorado.gov/SandstoneEvents

Discover the historic Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center where you can experience hands-on displays about environmental features of the area while learning about early Longmont history. A nature trail takes you past several historical buildings, near the sandstone bluffs, and includes a scenic overlook and beautiful views. Numerous species of wildlife and birds can be seen in the area.

Public Hours for All Ages

Drop in during open hours to explore a nature theme and walk at Sandstone. The House is open to the public from 10 am-2 pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Beginning Wednesday, May 1, the House is open every Wednesday (closed July 3) from 9 am-noon. Admission is free; donations and volunteers welcomed.