

## WINDOWS TO WELLNESS HEALTH FAIR

9 am-2 pm Saturday, Feb. 10  
Longmont Senior Center,  
910 Longs Peak Ave.  
Free to attend; for ages 12+  
[bit.ly/windows2wellness](https://bit.ly/windows2wellness)  
303-774-4700

Define your wellness in the New Year! Meet and learn about health and wellness providers and practices in your community. Get a massage, meet a local chiropractor, try out a new fitness class, and experience yoga. Visit vendors, attend workshops, and sign up for sessions with practitioners and readers. Ten-minute sessions are offered for \$10 - cash only please.

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2024 RATES ALSO INCLUDE CHANGES FOR EVs

## New electric rates start this month

Longmont's utility rates have been updated for 2024, including new electric rates that were adopted by the Longmont City Council in October and increased support for income-qualified households through Longmont CAREs.

The revised rates remain comparable to other Front Range communities. For a typical household, this will mean an additional \$5.16 per month in electric costs, along with \$7.92 per month in other utility costs that were previously adopted in 2022 or earlier, such as the water rate. Residents will see the rate changes reflected in bills they receive this month for their January use, and in the seasonal electric rate this summer.

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**The Mayor's Column is now published quarterly.**

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

[longmontcolorado.gov/City\\_Council](https://longmontcolorado.gov/City_Council)

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Find City Council meeting agendas and minutes at [LongmontColorado.gov/City\\_Council](https://LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council).



### HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**9-10 am Feb. 24:** Council members Susie Hidalgo-Fahring and Shiquita Yarbrough at the Longmont Senior Center, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

**9-10 am March 16:** Council members Aren Rodriguez and Diane Crist at Lashley Street Station, 1200 Lashley St.

View the 2024 schedule at [LongmontColorado.gov/City\\_Council](https://LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council).

## Registration opens for summer camps in February



### Summer Day Camp and Specialty Camps [LongmontColorado.gov/summerdaycamp](https://LongmontColorado.gov/summerdaycamp) 303-774-4700

Registration for the City of Longmont's state-licensed summer day camp and expedition-based programming begins in February and is ongoing. Save money and register by April 15. Also offered throughout the summer is a wide variety of single and multi-day contracted camps with various themes. Registration for specialty camps begins Friday, March 1. View the winter/spring activities brochure at [longmontcolorado.gov/recreation](https://longmontcolorado.gov/recreation).



### Summer Camp at the Longmont Museum June - July, ages 5-13 [longmontmuseum.org](https://longmontmuseum.org) | 303-651-8374

Summer Camp at the Longmont Museum is filled with adventure and fun! Join us this summer to discover history, art, music, culture, science and more in these hands-on camps. Sign up for a half day program or stack two camps together with our free Lunch Bunch in between for a full day experience. Registration opens in February.





## Rebate programs available to offset increase costs

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The new electric rates will:

- Account for increasing wholesale electric costs, and as well as needed maintenance, operational, and improvement costs for the LPC electric grid.
- Help fund the continuing efforts of Longmont Power & Communications and Platte River Power Authority, our wholesale power provider, to progress toward the 100% renewable electric energy goal by 2030, as directed by the City Council.

### INCREASED REBATES OFFERED

To help offset the rate change, the City has also increased the rebates available through Longmont CAREs for qualifying residents. Find out more about the program and how to qualify at [longmontcolorado.gov/longmontcares](http://longmontcolorado.gov/longmontcares).

More information can be found at [LongmontColorado.gov/RateChanges](http://LongmontColorado.gov/RateChanges), along with information on Longmont CAREs and other options to help keep bills low, such as Efficiency Works and Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE).

## Attend free presentation about Agrivoltaics at Library

**6-7 pm on Monday, March 4**  
**Longmont Library Meeting Rooms**  
**FREE to attend; registration required at [bit.ly/LibAdults](http://bit.ly/LibAdults)**

**T**he Longmont Public Library is thrilled to announce an enlightening event featuring Byron Kominek, the visionary owner of Jack's Solar Farm, as he shares his expertise on Agrivoltaics. This exclusive session will delve into the innovative process of locally farming on a solar farm, exploring the synergy between agriculture and solar energy.



In Boulder County, off of North 95th Street, more than 3,200 solar panels creates a 1.2 MW community solar garden — enough to power more than 300 homes. Jack's Solar Garden is a national model for governments, solar developers, and farmers for how to produce renewable energy while continuing agricultural production via agrivoltaics.

For more information about the event and to reserve your spot (registration is required), please visit [bit.ly/LibAdults](http://bit.ly/LibAdults) or call the Library at 303-651-8472.



### 3RD ANNUAL LONGMONT LIBRARY GARDENING FAIR

**1-4 pm on Sunday, Feb. 25**  
**Longmont Library Meeting Rooms**

Come join us for the 3rd Annual Longmont Library Gardening Fair will be a wonderful time to connect with local organizations and businesses to learn more about gardening, ask questions and start planning your 2024 gardening season!

#### LONGMONT LIBRARY FREE SEED LIBRARY

Learn more about the Free Seed Library, where patrons can take up to 6 packets of seeds to grow at home. Program funded by the Friends of the Longmont Library. Visit [bit.ly/Get-Seeds](http://bit.ly/Get-Seeds).

## Recreation Events & Updates

### Work for Recreation Services

[bit.ly/longmontrecjobs](https://bit.ly/longmontrecjobs) | 303-774-4700

Climbing Wall \* Babysitting \* Day Camp \* Swim Teachers \* Lifeguards \* Front Desk/Building Supervisors \* Fitness Instructors \* Sports Officials \* More!

Recreation hires for both year-round and seasonal positions. With jobs available for individuals as young as 15 and for older adults in their retirement years, see current openings and apply at [bit.ly/longmontrecjobs](https://bit.ly/longmontrecjobs). Summer applications are accepted beginning late January with interviews on-going beginning in February.

### Longmont Swim School

[longmontcolorado.gov/swim](https://longmontcolorado.gov/swim) | 303-774-4706

The Longmont Swim School offers learn-to-swim classes for all ages and abilities. Swim lesson instructors receive specific training for each program they teach as well as attend regular, on-going staff training to ensure you receive the best possible instruction. Classes are offered 6 days a week with both morning and afternoon options. New Swim School sessions start each month, so there is always a perfect time to enroll!



### Youth & Adults Sports Fun

[longmontcolorado.gov/leagues](https://longmontcolorado.gov/leagues) | 303-774-4700

Recreation Services offers youth and adult lessons and clinics including preschool sports, youth badminton, tennis, youth fencing and pickleball. Spring youth programs and leagues include K-2 basketball, cross country, volleyball, middle school soccer and girls fast pitch softball. Adult team and free agent adult sports league registrations are now being accepted for spring softball, basketball, and kickball.

## STOP FLUSHING MONEY AWAY! BUY A WATERSENSE TOILET

Stop flushing away potential cash! According to the EPA, the average family can save 13,000 gallons of water by upgrading to WaterSense toilets. Upgrade your toilet today and receive a rebate! Restrictions apply, visit [bit.ly/water-rebates](https://bit.ly/water-rebates) for more information.



## SKATE NIGHT, DATE NIGHT

[longmontcolorado.gov/ice-pavilion](https://longmontcolorado.gov/ice-pavilion) | 303-774-4700

Bring your special plus-one (all ages welcome) for an evening of Valentine-themed ice skating from 7-9 pm on Friday, Feb. 9 at the Longmont Ice Pavilion, 725 8th Ave. Pre-register to save your spot. Fee is \$16 per couple and passes are not valid for this special event.

## Winter Walkabout Music Showcase returns Feb. 3!

Longmont's annual Winter Walkabout Music Showcase (WWMS) will take place throughout downtown Longmont from 2-9:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The WWMS consists of more than 50 music performances throughout 15 indoor venues – all within walking distance of each other in downtown Longmont's Certified Creative District. One all-inclusive ticket allows concert-goers access to every show.

For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit [www.downtownlongmont.com/WWMS](https://www.downtownlongmont.com/WWMS).

## UNIVERSAL RECYCLING AND PLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION

Longmont's Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO) and the State's Plastic Pollution Reduction Act (HB21-1162) have both started implementation on Jan. 1, 2024. The URO requires recycling collection services for commercial businesses and multifamily properties. Financial assistance is available to help both commercial and multifamily property owners comply. Also, the next phase of Colorado's Plastic Pollution Reduction Act has taken effect, banning single-use plastic bags at large grocery, convenience, and retail stores and banning polystyrene foam take-out containers and cups. For more information, visit [bit.ly/URO-Info](https://bit.ly/URO-Info) and [leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb21-1162](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb21-1162).