

WATER IN COLORADO PRESENTATION

6:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, April 18
City Council Chambers, Civic Center,
350 Kimbark St.

**FREE to attend; Registration
required at bit.ly/LibAdults
or by calling 303-651-8472**

Russ Schumacher, Colorado State Climatologist, Colorado State University professor and director of the Colorado Climate Center, will discuss the impact of climate change on the state's water supply in a special presentation hosted by the Longmont Library. The presentation will be held in the City Council Chambers, Civic Center, 350 Kimbark St., and is free to attend.

STUDENTS FROM INNOVATION CENTER HELP WITH SUBMERSIBLE DRONE

City and St. Vrain Valley Schools partner for water quality monitoring

In an effort to pursue innovation to solve problems, the City of Longmont's Water Quality Lab pioneers the use of submersible drones for forebay water quality monitoring at the Longmont water treatment plant. The forebay is a 30-million-gallon reservoir that stores water before it is treated at the water treatment plant.

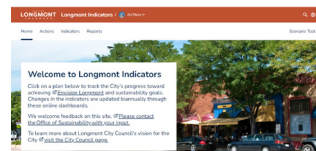
Recently, the City was experiencing issues with algae and aquatic plant growth in the forebay that would interfere with the treatment processes. Issues such as algae and plants commonly pose challenges in water treatment, and there are various solutions to mitigate the problem.

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HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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.

View the 2024 schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.

Plan helps identify hazards, develop risk reduction strategy

The City of Longmont is one of the communities within Boulder County that participates in the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP), which helps guide communities in identifying the types of hazards that threaten communities. The MHMP then provides a framework to help evaluate the risk from those potential hazards and outlines a strategy to reduce or eliminate that risk to both life and property.

This comprehensive plan is updated every five years, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and adopted by participating Boulder County Communities. The Longmont City Council adopted the MHMP on Jan. 23, 2023. The full plan can be found at bit.ly/BOCO-MHMP.

This MHMP ensures that Boulder County and the City of Longmont qualify for access to pre- and post-disaster federal grants. Four projects within the City of Longmont were listed among several others within Longmont in the latest update, which include ongoing fire mitigation at Button Rock Preserve, upgrading protection of the power system, modernizing the power grid and stormwater system improvements.

RALPH PRICE FISHING PERMITS ON SALE STARTING APRIL 1

bit.ly/ralph-price-res-fishing | 303-651-8416

On Monday, April 1 annual fishing permits for Ralph Price Reservoir will go on sale. A Colorado Parks & Wildlife fishing license is required at all City of Longmont fishing areas. An additional, special permit from the City of Longmont is required to fish at Ralph Price Reservoir inside Button Rock Preserve.

Follow City progress on Longmont Indicators

Are you interested in seeing how the City of Longmont is progressing toward Envision Longmont, sustainability and other important goals?



The new Longmont Indicators website, available in English and Spanish, shares this information in multiple ways, including annual Citywide indicators, action status updates and greenhouse modeling with the scenario tool. Summary reports are available on the Indicators landing page, and the next Sustainability and Climate Action annual report will be posted on the site by the end of March.

Find it all by scanning the QR code or at indicators.longmontcolorado.gov.



Another round of monitoring, collaboration set for April

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The City is operating the plant in an alternative mode until the algae and plant growth is addressed. Inspired by a presentation from the Innovation Center's robotics group, the Water Quality Lab explored the idea of using submersible drone technology as part of the inspection process for the forebay and collaborated with Nathan Wilcox, the Robotics Group instructor at the Innovation Center.

The successful deployment on Jan. 10 by the students' robotics team under their instructor's supervision and Water Quality Lab scientists resulted in a successful interdisciplinary collaboration between the City and St. Vrain Valley Schools. This partnership provided high school students the opportunity to engage in scientific experiments alongside City scientists, laying the groundwork for their future careers. Underwater exploration in the forebay focused on investigating sediment accumulation, algae and plant growth with the team resulting in the capture of high-quality video footage for valuable insights.

The successful outcome sets the stage for another round of monitoring using submersible drones in collaboration with the Innovation Center in April 2024.

This enduring partnership signifies a strategic alliance between the City of Longmont and the Innovation Center, showcasing innovative technology to address water quality challenges. City scientists are optimistic about the potential of these efforts to assist in managing Longmont's water quality, ensuring the health of our reservoirs, and establishing preemptive measures against future challenges.

DOCUPET NOW OFFICIAL PET LICENSING CENTER

DocuPet is now the official pet licensing center for the City of Longmont, as all dogs and cats must be yearly licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

The City believes proper identification is critical to safely getting pets home and reducing shelter intakes and associated fees. Of the 6.5 million pets that enter shelters, about 11 percent are reunited with their owners.

The new system provides:

- Online, by phone pet licensing through DocuPet.
- In-person pet licensing registration at Longmont Public Safety, 225 Kimbark St., during lobby hours.
- Online owner access to a dashboard for your pet's information on DocuPet.

Once you register, tags for your pet's official City of Longmont license will be mailed to you. The tags provide the pet's first name and coded number. If your pet is lost, and if someone locates the pet, the associated number on the tag will assist them in reuniting a lost pet through HomeSafe, a 24/7 service.

Visit longmontcolorado.gov and search "animals" for pet licensing and municipal code information.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP SERIES: SUSTAINABILITY CAFÉ

Join us for our upcoming Sustainability Café and learn about the City of Longmont's efforts to embed sustainability and resilience practices in our community. We will provide a short presentation on the basics of sustainability followed by a couple of round-table discussions on three of the City's sustainability topic areas. We will also have a resource table with information to continue engaging in the conversation and for you to learn how to become the Sustainability Neighborhood Leaders your community needs!

Sustainability Café

6:30-8:30 pm on April 10

Longmont Senior Center – Room A, 910 Longs Peak Ave.

Schedule subject to change. Visit: longmontcolorado.gov/nls for more information and register for classes.

Questions? Email cnr@longmontcolorado.gov or call 303-651-8556.

Recreation Events & Updates

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

bit.ly/longmontrecjobs

Are you or your teen age 15+ ready to expand your resume, earn money, and make a difference in our community? Recreation Services is now accepting applications for reliable day camp leaders (age 18+), lifeguards, pool managers, front desk help, swim instructors and more. Make friends and enjoy flexible hours, discount Recreation Center passes and a chance to build lifelong career skills. Aquatic certification and training classes are offered to get you ready to work at the pool!

Recreation Summer Activities Brochure

longmontcolorado.gov/rec

It's time to start planning for summer! Look for the Summer Recreation activities brochure in your mailbox early April. The summer edition covers activities, programs and special events that occur between May and August. Contracted camp registration is ongoing. Registration for other youth and adult summer classes begins Tuesday, March 26.

It's easy to make your park shelter reservation online

longmontcolorado.gov/park-shelters | 303-651-8404

Recreation Services is your one stop shop for reserving a park shelter in Longmont for birthday parties, graduations, family celebrations and summer picnics. Call 303-651-8443 for information about events with more than 100 people, alcohol or amplified sound. For an overview of Longmont trails, parks and their amenities, visit bit.ly/parkfinder.

Spring Swim Lessons

longmontcolorado.gov/swim | 303-774-4706

Make sure your child is comfortable in the water before summertime! Year-round swim classes are offered at Centennial Pool, 1201 Alpine St., and the Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road. Individual instruction is also available. Email swim@longmontcolorado.gov if you have questions regarding your child's swim level.



BOOK YOUR EVENT OR WEDDING AT HISTORIC CALLAHAN HOUSE

312 Terry St. | 303-776-5191

longmontcolorado.gov/Callahan

If you are looking for an intimate, historic backdrop for your wedding, meeting, company retreat, special party or event, Longmont's Historic Callahan House and Garden is the perfect place to create a memorable get together.

This historic Victorian home offers a warm and lovely backdrop for special events, and the Italian garden boasts a fountain, statues, large shade trees, and multiple flowerbeds. Indoor and outdoor rental options are available for small groups or gatherings up to 100 guests.

Contact us for a personal tour or attend one of our community events in 2024!

