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LONGMONT KIDS ONLY TRIATHLON & TRY-A-TRI

longmontcolorado.gov/triathlon 303-774-4700 Saturday, August 24 Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road

The Longmont Kids Only Triathlon is a fun, safe race open to ages 6-17 to both experienced racers and first timers (kids must be able to swim unassisted).

The adult Try-A-Tri is a super sprint distance triathlon meant for first-timers, those getting back in racing shape, and athletes seeking a challenge. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere and make unforgettable memories!

For information about volunteering or hosting a vendor booth, call 303-774-4694.



Keep your home cool, save money without using AC

s temperatures soar during the summer months, finding ways to keep your home cool without relying solely on air conditioning can be both environmentally friendly and cost-effective. Fortunately, there are numerous ways to beat the heat and maintain a comfortable indoor environment. Here are some helpful tips to keep your home cooler:

1. Insulate and air seal your home: Many of the things that help keep your home warmer in the winter also help keep your home cooler in the summer. Visit energyoutreach.org/care or call 303-825-8750 to get a FREE energy assessment from Energy Outreach Colorado if your household makes less than \$93,440 (2 people). If your household makes more, you can get a low-cost assessment from Efficiency Works at efficiencyworks.org/homes or by calling 877-981-1888.

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



HAVE COFFEE WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

9-10 am July 27: Council Members Susie Hidalgo-Fahring and Diane Crist at the Longmont Fire Station #3, 1000 Pace St.

9-10 am Aug. 24: Council Members Sean McCoy and Shiquita Yarbrough at Lashley Street Station, 1200 Lashley St.

View the 2024 schedule at LongmontColorado.gov/City_Council.



CITY TO LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE IN AUGUST

The City of Longmont is preparing to launch a new website in August, restructuring its online presence at longmontcolorado.gov to be easier for visitors to use.

Among the many improvements, the site will allow users to:

- Find information more quickly through the use of a clearer layout
- Easily view and operate the website on a mobile device
- Have Spanish translations more readily available for important content
- Receive enhanced protection for customer and payment information
- Take advantage of an improved search engine to better locate what they need.

Once the upgrade is complete, the City will make an official announcement to the press and public. Keep watching longmontcolorado. gov and the official City social media pages on Facebook and Instagram for any updates.

As part of the new website, **the City will also be upgrading its online utility bill payment portal,** further enhancing the security of customers' information while still allowing them to conveniently access their account and pay their bill 24 hours a day. After the new site has launched, customers who have signed up for online billing will need to go to their payment portal and re-enter their payment information. Those who need further assistance should call Utility Billing at 303-651-8664.

LONGMONT LIBRARY END-OF-SUMMER MARIO KART PARTY FOR ALL AGES!

Come celebrate the end of summer with some friendly Mario Kart competition from 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, Aug. 8 at the Longmont Library, 409 4th Ave.!

Drop in and race in a round of Mario Kart on our Nintendo Switch (limited to 4 players at a time). All ages are encouraged to join in the fun. Winners of each round will receive a small prize. Refreshments and crafts will also be available.

View details at bit.ly/LibCalendar or call 303-651-8477.

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Visit new fire stations this summer and fall!

Meet your Longmont firefighters and tour the stations! Longmont Fire will host open houses this summer and fall. This is your opportunity to ask questions.

- 10 am-noon on Saturday, July 20: Longmont Fire Station 6, 501 S. Pratt Pkwy., Meet the Hazardous Materials team and learn more about severe weather.
- 10 am-noon on Saturday, Oct. 26: Longmont Fire Station 5, 617 Barberry Drive. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of Truck-or-Treat!

FREE WATERWISE YARD SEMINARS

The City of Longmont and Resource Central are hosting FREE Waterwise Yard Seminars this spring and summer! The virtual webinars will connect you with local sustainability professionals who'll share their tips for an easy transition to low-water landscapes. Ask questions, get advice, and create your low-water dream yard this summer! Register now at ResourceCentral.org/Seminars

JOIN THE SUSTAINABILITY COALITION!

Are you curious about the City of Longmont's sustainability and climate action priorities? Join the Longmont Sustainability Coalition! There is no commitment; simply sign up and attend as many meetings as you'd like.



The next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5:15-6:45 pm on Zoom.

To join the Longmont Sustainability Coalition, scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/CoLLSC or call 303-774-3553.

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- 2. Open your windows at night, if possible, when the air quality is **good:** Take advantage of cooler summer evenings and open your windows to promote a cross-breeze. Bonus: This can also help you sleep better! The cooler air will circulate all night, allowing you to start fresh with a cool home in the morning. You can also run your whole house fan in the evening or install window fans in the upper-level windows so they're blowing outward, pushing the rising warmer air out to cool down the house faster. Just be sure to check the air quality at airnow.gov to make sure you're not bringing polluted air into your home.
- **3. Fire up the grill!** If hot food is in order, fire up the grill instead of turning on the oven. Plan for grilled dishes and salads to avoid generating more heat in the house.
- 4. Set your ceiling fans to rotate counterclockwise: In the summer, the fan blades should rotate counterclockwise (as you look up at it) to push the air straight down. Increase the fan speed on the hottest days.
- 5. Use the cool air from your basement:
 One inventive way to cool a room
 with fans is to set a box fan near the
 foot of your basement steps and have
 it blow a cool breeze upstairs.
- 6. Make a DIY air conditioner: In a pinch, keeping a bowl of ice in front of a small fan is a great way to feed some cool air into a room. If you don't want to spill water after the ice melts, fill a few empty soda pop bottles with water and freeze them for a no-muss, no-fuss solution.

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Recreation Events & Updates

Register for Fall Activities in August

longmontcolorado.gov/recreation | 303-774-4700

Look for Recreation's Fall activities brochure online and in your Longmont mailbox early August. The Fall guide includes activities, fitness classes, programs and special events that occur between September and December. Sign up early for swim lessons as classes fill up fast! Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Adult Leagues & Youth Sports Programs longmontcolorado.gov/leagues | 303-774-3527

Register in early August for late summer/fall participation adult sports leagues in kickball, basketball, softball and pickle ball. Sign up as a team or as a free agent and we'll get you connected! Fall youth programs feature volleyball, cross country and middle school soccer at participating schools.

Recreation Facility Maintenance Closures longmontcolorado.gov/recreation | 303-774-4700

Every year, the City's recreation facilities close for maintenance on systems and equipment. Please visit our other facilities during the closure weeks.

- Memorial Building: Closed Aug. 5-10
- Recreation Center: Closed Aug. 25-Sept. 1

Free Community Night with Legendary Ladies

5:30-7:30 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 20

longmontcolorado.gov/SandstoneEvents 303-651-8404

Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center 3001 Sandstone Drive

The Legendary Ladies expound on the lives of fascinating women who became a part of the lore of the West, and enrich the audience through stories of perseverance, independence



and leadership. Please carpool, dress for the weather and park in the upper parking lot, taking the walking trail to the Visitors Center. Arrive at 5:30 pm, bring a picnic, chairs or blankets and enjoy the scenery before the featured event at 6:30 pm. No registration required.

The Sandstone Ranch Visitors & Learning Center

offers special events, workshops and programs designed for the whole family and is open to the public every Wednesday from 9 am-noon through August; and from 10 am-2 pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays through October.



ACTIVITY POOLS

Summer boredom busters for kids 10 years and younger

id you know that Longmont has not only one, but TWO activity pools designed for children 10 years and younger? Both pools are open 7 days a week through August 11 and offer zero depth entry, fun water features, and lots of space to splash and play. Each child 5 years and younger must be accompanied in the water by an adult who is at least 14 years old.

KANEMOTO ACTIVITY POOL

Kanemoto Pool, located at 1151 S. Pratt Pkwy., is open 10 am-5 pm and features a small water slide.

ROOSEVELT ACTIVITY POOL

Roosevelt Pool, 903 8th Ave., is open 10 am-4 pm, is often not as crowded as the Kanemoto Pool, and is especially well-suited for kids 5 years and younger.

DAILY FEES

- \$1, all visitors, younger than 12 months
- \$4, Longmont residents, 1 year and older (\$5 for non-residents)

Visit bit.ly/longmontpools for more information.

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

4-9 pm on Friday, Aug. 23 Downtown Longmont at 4th & Kimbark

There's something for everybody at Unity in the Community! An annual Longmont Chamber event, Unity is a celebration of Longmont — the people, the businesses, the arts and the culture of our city collide at this vibrant festival. This event is fun for the whole family! Unity in the Community is about creating community connection and sharing Longmonster pride. Unity in the Community, presented by High Plains Bank, is free to attend.

For more information, call 303-776-5295 or visit longmontchamber.org/unity.